

CURRICULUM VITAE
SARA M. DYE

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in English, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2013-2020

Major Field: Rhetoric and Composition: Religious Rhetoric and Civic Engagement

Dissertation Title: Investigating the Relationship between Religious Motives and Rhetorical Activism: an Ethnographic Study of the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty

Dissertation Committee: Michael-John DePalma (Director), Kara Poe Alexander, T J Geiger II, Edward C. (“Clay”) Polson, Coretta Pittman

Preliminary Exams: Religious Rhetoric and Civic Engagement, Contemporary American Novels, Modern American Literature, Early American Literature

B.A., highest honors and thesis, University of Mobile, Mobile, AL, 2013

Major Fields: English and Humanities

Minor Fields: Philosophy and Psychology

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, Baylor University, Waco, TX, July 2020-present

Graduate Assistant to the Associate Dean of Engaged Learning, College of Arts and Sciences, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2019-2020

Academic Mentor, Academic Support Programs, Paul L. Foster Success Center, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2019-2020

Assistant Director of First-Year Writing, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2017-2019

Teacher of Record, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2014-2018

Assistant Grant Editor, Office of the Vice Provost for Research, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2016-2017

Writing Consultant, Athletic Writing Center, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2013-2014

Writing, Literature, and Psychology Tutor, Athletic Writing Center, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2013-2014

PUBLICATIONS

Dye, Sara M. and Michael-John DePalma. “Mobilizing Religious Rhetorics for Activist Ends.” In *New Directions in Rhetoric and Religion: Obstacles and Opportunities*. Jim Vining, Ed. Lanham: Lexington Books/Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming 2021. 25 manuscript pages.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“What is Our Discipline? Who Are We?": Exploration at the Intersections of Identity, Community, and Disciplinarity,” Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC), accepted, forthcoming April 2021

“The Paradox of the Hospitable Classroom: Writing and Sharing Diverse Identities at Religiously-Affiliated Institutions of Higher Education,” Rhetoric Society of America, accepted, May 2020 (conference cancelled due to COVID-19)

- “Articulating Religious Motives in Civic Activism: A Case Study of the Texas Hunger Initiative,”
Religious Rhetorics in the Twenty-first Century, October 5, 2018
- “Listening and Story-Telling: Creatively, Theoretically, and Pragmatically Reimagining Community-
Based Writing,” Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC), March
16, 2018
- “What We Say Matters: Responsible Rhetoric and Community Engagement,” No Need Among
You: Texas Christian Community Development Network Conference, October 6, 2016
- “The Place of the Incarnation: Wendell Berry’s Vision of Man’s Heavenly, Earthly Home,” South
Atlantic Modern Language Association (SAMLA) 86, November 8, 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Baylor University

Fall 2014-2018: Teacher of Record

ENG 3303: Advanced Argumentative and Persuasive Writing

ENG 1302: Thinking and Writing

ENG 1304: Thinking, Writing, and Research

FAS 1302: Special Topics—Thinking and Writing about Poverty and Social Justice

Observed and assisted Dr. Michael-John DePalma in his ENG 4375 Rhetoric, Religion, and Spiritual
Composition course for the duration of Spring 2016

Instructor, Baylor Lifelong Learning course: “A Literary Introduction to Social Justice,” November
7, 14, and 21, 2019

Instructor, Baylor Lifelong Learning course: “Shakespeare’s Comedies,” October 8, 15, and 22, 2018

Instructor, Baylor Lifelong Learning course: “Story-based Advocacy,” October 3, 10, 17, and 24,
2017

Instructor, Baylor Honors Colloquium: “For Those Seeking Sanity: Calmly and Intelligently
Navigating the Turbulence of Breaking News,” September 30, 2019

Instructor, Baylor Honors Colloquium: “(Re)Learning How to Play: An Exploration of Why We
Should All Play More,” upcoming, April 8, 2019

Instructor, Baylor Honors Colloquium: “On Trails,” September 10, 2018

Instructor, Baylor Honors Colloquium: “*Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close*: Trauma Theory &
Postmodern Experimentation,” January 29, 2018

Instructor, Baylor Honors Colloquium: “*The New Jim Crow*: The Role of Race and Racism in Mass
Incarceration in the United States,” November 6, 2017

Instructor, Baylor Honors Colloquium: “*Out of Sorts*: Wrestling with Faith, Doubt, and Spiritual
Writing,” October 24, 2016

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS

Recipient, Charles G. Smith Award for Outstanding Graduate Student, Baylor University English
Department, Waco, TX, 2020

Recipient, James E. Barcus Dissertation Fellowship, Baylor University English Department, Waco,
TX, 2018-2019

Recipient, Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Baylor University Graduate School,
Waco, TX, 2018

Recipient, Baylor Athletics Outstanding Professor Award, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2016

Nominee, Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Baylor University Graduate School,
Waco, TX, 2016

Recipient, Annie Boyd Parker Weaver Award, University of Mobile, Mobile, AL, 2013

Recipient, Humanities Area Award, University of Mobile, Mobile, AL, 2013

WORKSHOP AND TRAINING PRESENTATION

- Presenter, “Writing Assignments for the Literature Classroom,” Baylor English Department Teaching Literature Colloquium Series, September 26, 2019
- Presenter, “Preparing for Your Prelims and Prospectus,” English Graduate Student Association Professional Development, April 9, 2019
- Presenter, “Tutoring the Undergraduate Research Project,” Baylor University Writing Center, February 25, 2019
- Presenter, “Laying Our Stories Side by Side: Using Personal Narrative to Promote Cross-Cultural Communication,” Baylor Public Deliberation Initiative Civic Life Summit, October 12, 2018
- Planner and co-leader, Baylor First-Year Writing Program’s New Teacher of Record Orientation, August 13-17, 2018
- Planner and co-leader, Baylor First-Year Writing Program’s New Teacher of Record Orientation, August 14-18, 2017
- Presenter, “Unit Planning,” Baylor First-Year Writing Program’s New Teacher of Record Orientation, August 16, 2016
- Presenter, “Religious Rhetoric and Service,” Baylor Urban Missions Student Leader Training, January 2016
- Presenter, “Classroom Strategies and Activities,” Baylor First-Year Writing Program’s New Teacher of Record Orientation, August 19, 2015

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE, BAYLOR ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

- Co-organizer and committee member, Teaching Literature Colloquium Series, 2018-2020
- English Graduate Student Association (EGSA) Peer Advisor, 2018-2019
- Mentor to Teacher of Record Daniel Smith, 2018-2019
- English Graduate Student Association (EGSA) President, 2017-2018
- Mentor to Teacher of Record Jonathan Canary, 2017-2018
- Selected for Baylor English Department First-Year Writing Committee, 2015-2019
- English Graduate Student Association (EGSA) Vice-President (2016-2017)
- English Graduate Student Association (EGSA) Fundraising Committee, 2015, 2016, 2017
- Mentor to Teacher of Record Luke Mitchell, 2016-2017
- English Graduate Student Association (EGSA) Professional Development Coordinator, 2015-2016
- Mentor to Teacher of Record Alicia Constant, 2015-2016
- Selected for English Department Social Committee, 2014-2015
- Beall Poetry Committee Member, March 2014

UNIVERSITY SERVICE, BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

- Graduate Fellow, Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty Research Fellows, 2017-2020
- Graduate Student Associate, Baylor Public Deliberation Initiative, 2017-2020
- Selection Committee Member, Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Spring 2019
- Graduate Student Counseling Center Focus Group Participant, August 2017
- Leader, Story-Based Advocacy trip to Lubbock, TX, sponsored by Baylor Missions, March 2017

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Conferences Attended

- Lilly Evidence-Based Teaching Conference, Austin, TX, January 10-12, 2019
- Women in the Academy Conference, Baylor University, April 9, 2016

Courses, Programs, and Trainings

- Eli Review Workshop for Instructors, July 24-28, 2017

Conyers Scholars Program, Baylor University, 2015-2016
Baylor Graduate School Teacher of Record Orientation, Fall 2014
Baylor First-Year Writing Program's New Teaching Assistant Orientation, August 2014
Baylor University Seminars for Excellence in Teaching (SET)
"Creating an Effective Writing Group," November 16, 2016
"Questions over Answers: Remaining Unbiased in the Classroom," September 7, 2016
"Teaching Students through a Lens of Cultural Humility," April 7, 2016
"Contemplation in the Classroom," April 15, 2014
"Controversial Topics in the Classroom," November 15, 2013
"Drafting a Syllabus: More than Just Policies and Procedures," November 12, 2013
"No More Waiting in Silence," September 17, 2013
Baylor University Preparing Our Future Faculty (PROFF)
"Cover Letters and Curriculum Vitae Workshop," February 4, 2014
"Begin with the End in Mind," September 17, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT

Teacher, Afterschool Program Creative Writing Workshop, Brook Avenue Elementary School,
Waco ISD, Waco, TX, 2018-2019
Member, Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, TX, 2013-present
Teacher, 4th-6th grade Sunday School, August 2016-August 2020
Deacon, 2015-2018
Elected member of Pastor Search Committee, September 2016-May 2017
Leader, "Reading the Bible as Literature," four-week study, June 2017

REFERENCES

Dr. Michael-John DePalma, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Professional Writing and
Rhetoric, Baylor University, Waco, TX, office ph. (254) 710-6899, E-mail: Michael-
John_DePalma@baylor.edu
Dr. Danielle M. Williams, Lecturer and Interim Director of First-Year Writing, Baylor University,
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mail: Sarah_Ford@baylor.edu
Dr. Jon Singletary, Dean and Professor, Diana R. Garland School of Social Work, Baylor University,
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