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EDUCATION:

Ph.D.	The University of Southern Mississippi	2012-2015
M.A.	The University of Southern Mississippi	2009-2011
B.A.	Mississippi College	2005-2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Professor of English	East Texas Baptist University	2025-Present
Associate Professor of English	East Texas Baptist University	2020-2025
Assistant Professor of English	East Texas Baptist University	2016-2020
Instructor of English	The Univ. of Southern Miss.	2015-2016
Graduate Instructor	The Univ. of Southern Miss.	2012-2015

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

Bookseller	Lemuria Books	2012
Hands On	International Mission Board	2011
Bookseller	Lemuria Books	2008-2009

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCES:

Online Workshop with Poet Shuly Cawood		2023
Coordinated Lyceum (w/ Dr. Hoover) – Poet Tania Runyan		2023
Attended Poetry Reading – Phil Metres, LeTourneau University		2022
Read Poetry at Vigil, Michelson Museum of Art		2022
Baylor Symposium	Waco, TX	2019
Windhover Writer's Festival	Belton, TX	2018
AWP Conference	Boston, MA	2013
AWP Conference	Washington, D.C.	2011

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:

“One Thing I Took for Granted”	<i>The Louisville Review</i>	2026
“What is Left to Do”	<i>Thirteen Bridges Review</i>	2026
“Lewis Walker in the Church”	<i>Thirteen Bridges Review</i>	2026
“Girl Child”	<i>Salvation South</i>	2025
“Ars Poetica”	<i>Salvation South</i>	2025
“Sweep Her”	<i>Trampoline Poetry</i>	2025
“Safety in Dismay”	<i>Trampoline Poetry</i>	2025
“Brotherhood in a Dead King”	<i>Cottonwood</i>	2025

“The Shade of Them”	<i>Talking River Review</i>	2025
“Mother is the Name for God”	<i>Talking River Review</i>	2025
“Eden Held”	<i>San Pedro River Review</i>	2024
“Business Card as Acrostic”	<i>Puerto Del Sol</i>	2024
“Copiah”	<i>Ekstasis</i>	2024
“An End Near”	<i>Product Magazine</i>	2024
“Winter Leaving”	<i>jmww</i>	2024
“Nighthawk in Hand”	<i>Reformed Journal</i>	2023
“Kneeling Bedside”	<i>Heart of Flesh Lit. Journal</i>	2022
“Abandoned Church...”	<i>Heart of Flesh Lit. Journal</i>	2022
“Praise as Acrostic”	<i>Vita Poetica</i>	2022
“Durations”	<i>Riveted Literary Review</i>	2021
Two Poems	<i>Willows Wept Review</i>	2021
“Cardiomegaly”	<i>Red Rock Review</i>	2020
“With Our Time”	<i>The Penwood Review</i>	2019
“Drawing Their Days”	<i>Time of Singing</i>	2019
Review of <i>Southern Nights</i>	<i>The Clarion-Ledger</i>	2019
Review of <i>American Pop</i>	<i>The Clarion-Ledger</i>	2019
Review of <i>Conversations...</i>	<i>The Clarion-Ledger</i>	2019
“Out of the Way”	<i>Furtive Dalliance</i>	2018
Review of <i>Catfish Dream</i>	<i>The Clarion-Ledger</i>	2018
Review of <i>Anatomy...</i>	<i>The Clarion-Ledger</i>	2018
“Muscle to Bone”	<i>Freshwater Literary Review</i>	2018
“Thor’s Hammer in Hyper-Blue”	<i>Quarter After Eight</i>	2017
Review of <i>Hard Toward Home</i>	<i>The Clarion-Ledger</i>	2017
Review of <i>Maisie at 8000 Feet</i>	<i>The Clarion-Ledger</i>	2016
Review of <i>Scavengers</i>	<i>The Clarion-Ledger</i>	2016
Review of <i>Only Love Can...</i>	<i>The Clarion-Ledger</i>	2016
Review of <i>Crosscurrents</i>	<i>The Clarion-Ledger</i>	2015
Review of <i>I Was a Revolutionary</i>	<i>The Clarion-Ledger</i>	2015
Review of <i>Death Don’t Have...</i>	<i>The Clarion-Ledger</i>	2015
“Things You Can’t See”	<i>New World Writing</i>	2015
“Only God’s”	Southern Writers, Southern Writing	2015
Reading “Doubt Weighed In”	T-Bone’s Records	2014
“Doubt Weighed In”	<i>Product</i>	2014
“A Light on a Stand”	<i>Grasslimb</i>	2014
“First Aid”	<i>Fried Chicken and Coffee</i>	2012
“Come Together”	Faculty Grad. Research Colloquium	2010
“The Decline of the Big Woods”	Tougaloo College Research Symp.	2008

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Era Miller Poetry Judge, 2024, 2026

TLG Committee Member

2025-2026 (Dr. Melissa Reeves)

2024-2025 (Dr. Jennifer Gillaspie)

2021-2022 (Dr. David Collins, Dr. Terri Howe, Dr. Troy Ladine)

2018-2019 (Jeremy Greer, Dr. Jenny Hoover, Dr. David Splawn,
Dr. Jeanna White)

2017-2018 (Dr. Traci Ledford)

Thrive group leader, 2024-2025

General Education Committee Member, 2019-Present

Voiced “Your Marshall” Video for City of Marshall

Alpha Chi Honor Society Sponsor

Attend Bi-Weekly Poetry Writers Meeting in Longview

General Education Committee Member, Fall 2018-Present

Led *Cultivate* Book Study, Spring 2019

Promotions Committee Member, Fall 2017-Spring 2019

Theatre Department Hiring Committee Member, Spring 2018

Provided Devotional at Trustee’s Meeting, Feb. 3, 2017

Volunteer Work

Dayspring Equestrian Therapeutic Center, 2016

First Baptist Marshall

Nursery Volunteer

Youth Sunday School Teacher

Weekly In-Home Student Bible Study Leader