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## EDUCATION

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<b>Ph.D. English</b> , University of Texas at Austin	2014
<b>M.A. English</b> , Ohio University	2007
<b>B.A. English</b> , Emporia State University <i>Summa cum laude</i> , with honors	2004

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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Associate Professor, Department of English University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2022-present
Assistant Professor, Department of English University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2016-2022

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book Chapter

“Reading Refugitude: Critical Frameworks for Teaching Hmong American Literature.” *Race in the Multiethnic Literature Classroom*. Eds. Cristina Stanciu and Gary Totten. U of Illinois Press, 2024, pp. 68-88.

### Refereed Journal Articles

“Archiving the Door of No Return in Dionne Brand’s *At the Full and Change of the Moon*.” *Meridians: Feminism, Race, Transnationalism*. 13.2 (2016). 123-147. <https://doi.org/10.2979/meridians.13.2.07>.

“Nothing ever ends’: Archives of Written and Graphic Testimony in *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*.” *ARIEL: A Review of International English Literature*. 46.4 (2015): 123-153. <https://doi.org/10.1353/ari.2015.0031>

### Reference Entries

“Jamaica Kincaid’s ‘Girl.’” Gale Key Works Project, eds. Hollis Beach and Eric Barger. *Gale Literature Resource Center*. 2024.  
<https://login.ezproxy.uwsp.edu/login?url=https://go.gale.com/ps/renderSetDocument?searchType=TopicSearchForm&docId=TUGAYF874280621&p=LitRC&u=stevens&category=&sid=bookmark-LitRC>

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars Poster Presentation. Universities of Wisconsin Office of Professional Instruction and Development Spring Conference on Teaching and Learning: *The Joys of Teaching and Learning: Engaging Students*. Madison, WI. 2024.
- “Practicing Hope: Instructor Burnout as a Social Justice Issue.” Keynote co-presented with Laura Anderson-McIntyre, Valerie Barske, James Berry, Jess Bowers, Jodi Olmstead, Saemyi Park, and Erin Speetzen. UWSP Teaching Conference: *Teaching for Social Justice*. Stevens Point, WI. 2023.
- “De-Colonizing the Classroom: Designing Policies for Equity and Diversity.” Co-presented with Valerie Barske and Jess Bowers. UWSP Teaching Conference: *Teaching for Social Justice*. Stevens Point, WI. 2023.
- “Edwidge Danticat’s Refugeographies.” MMLA Convention: *Cultures of Collectivity*. Milwaukee, WI. 2021.
- “Graphic Anthologies as Anticolonial Resistance: Teaching *Deer Woman*.” MMLA Convention: *Cultures of Collectivity*. Milwaukee, WI. 2021.
- “Teaching Trauma and ‘Just Forgetting’ through the Works of Viet Thanh Nguyen,” Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies Annual Conference: *Trauma in Everyday Life: Trauma, Compassion, and Reconciliation*. Madison, WI. 2020. Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic.
- “‘Ethnic Literature’s Hot’: Reflecting on the Consumption of Multiethnic Literatures,” MMLA Convention: *Consuming Cultures*. Kansas City, MO. 2018.
- “Children of the Sea: Jason deCaires Taylor and Migrations of Cultural Memory,” Society for the Study of Multiethnic Literature of the United States Conference: *TransCulture*. Las Vegas, NV. 2018.

## INVITED TALKS

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- “Previous WTFs Participants.” Co-panelist with Cord Brundage and Rashiqa Kamal. Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars Summer Institute. Universities of Wisconsin Office of Professional and Instructional Development. Madison, WI. 2024.
- Keynote. Women in Natural Resources Annual Workshop: *It’s Complicated: Standing up for Yourself*.” University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. 2024.
- “Phantom Archaeologies: Colson Whitehead’s *The Nickel Boys* and the Dozier School for Boys.” College of Letters and Sciences Faculty Forum. University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. 2021.
- “Refugee Literature: Writing and Refugitude.” College of Letters and Sciences Community Lecture Series. University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. 2020.

## TEACHING DISTINCTIONS

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University Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2020-2021
Nominee, University Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2019, 2020

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## SERVICE DISTINCTIONS

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Alliance of Multicultural and Diversity Organizations Inclusive Excellence Award, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2019
University Leadership Mentor Award, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2019
Nominee, P.B. Poorman Award for Outstanding Achievement on Behalf of LGBTQ+ People, Universities of Wisconsin	2019

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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Scholar, Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars, Universities of Wisconsin Office of Professional and Instructional Development	2023-2024
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## EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

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Book Reviews Editor, <i>Borderlands: Texas Poetry Review</i>	2015-2016
Managing Editor, <i>GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies</i>	2010-2011

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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Coordinator, Women's and Gender Studies Minor, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2023-present
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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Online Video Creation Faculty Learning Community, Center for Inclusive Teaching and Learning, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2024-2025
Teaching with A.I. Online Course, Auburn University	2024
Center for Inclusive Teaching and Learning Course Design Short, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2024
Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars Winter Institute, Universities of Wisconsin Office of Professional and Instructional Development, Madison, WI	2024
"Integrating Generative AI into Your Teaching." Universities of Wisconsin Office of Professional and Instructional Development Webinar	2023
Wisconsin Dialogues Project, University of Wisconsin System, Office of Professional and Instructional Development Webinar	2023
Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars Summer Institute, Universities of Wisconsin Office of Professional and Instructional Development, Madison, WI	2023
Faculty College, Universities of Wisconsin Office of Professional and Instructional Development, Elkhart Lake, WI	2022-2023
Equity in the College Classroom: Educating Ourselves as Educators. Professional Development Conference for Wisconsin Faculty and Instructors Webinar	2021

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Working With Tribal Partners Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Webinar	2021
Center for Inclusive Teaching and Learning Online Course Development Institute, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2020
Faculty College, Universities of Wisconsin Office of Professional and Instructional Development, deferred due to family emergency	2019
Union Leadership Institute, American Federation of Teachers-Wisconsin, Weston, WI	2018, 2020

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**


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English Instructor, Upward Bound, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2018-present
Writing Instructor, Austin Pre-Freshman Engineering Program, Huston-Tillotson University, Austin, TX	2017

**TEACHING****University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point**


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Asian American Literature	Fall 2024
Major Authors of Ethnic Literature: Erdrich and Welch	Spring 2021
Postcolonial Literature in English	Fall 2020
Accelerated Reading, Writing, and Research	Spring 2020-present
Multiethnic Graphic Narratives	Spring 2020
Major Authors of Ethnic Literature: Kingston and Nguyen	Fall 2019
Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	2019-present
Gender and Sexuality in Multiethnic Literature	2019-present
Major Authors of Ethnic Literatures: Danticat and Díaz	Spring 2018
Women in Literature: Women's Graphic Narratives	Spring 2018-present
American Indian Literature	2017-present
Caribbean American Narratives	Spring 2017
Academic Writing and Research	2017-present
Introduction to Ethnic Literature of the United States	2016-present
Reading Fiction	Fall 2016
Academic Reading and Writing	2016-present

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION****Departmental:**


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Member, Assessment Committee	2022-present
Advising majors	2018-present
Chair, Awards Committee	2018-2024
Member, Curriculum Committee	2018-2023
Member, Composition Committee	2017-2019
Co-advisor, Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society	2016-present
Member, Ad hoc Student Recruitment and Retention Committee	2016-2019

**School of Humanities and Global Studies:**

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Member, Student Awards Planning Group	2020-2024
Member, Marketing and Recruitment Group	2019-2020

**College of Letters and Sciences:**

Co-Organizer, “Decolonize Your Syllabus Workshop,” sponsored by CITL and the Departments of History and Philosophy	Spring 2019
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**University:**

Co-President, Stevens Point Academic Representation Council	2023-present
Member, Native American and Indigenous Studies Advisory Board	2022-present
Member, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Policy Committee, Common Council	2021-present
Member, Ad Hoc Native American and Indigenous Studies Steering Committee	2021-2022
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Coordinator, Stevens Point Academic Representation Council	2020-2023
Supervisor, Women’s and Gender Studies Practicum: Cameron Ciezki	Spring 2020
Supervisor, Women’s and Gender Studies Practicum: Emily Dachyk	Fall 2019
Member, Diversity Council	2019-2021
Member, Advisory and Outreach Committee, Stevens Point Academic Representation Council	2019-2023
Chair, Nominations and Elections Subcommittee, Common Council	2018-2019
Member, Faculty and Staff Gender-Sexuality Alliance	2018-present
Panelist, Inclusivity Panel	Spring-Fall 2018
Panelist, Inclusivity and Diversity Panel	Fall 2017
Member, Stevens Point Academic Representation Council	2016-present
Member, Women’s and Gender Studies Advisory Committee	2016-present

**Universities of Wisconsin**

Member, Women’s and Gender Studies Consortium Advisory Committee	Fall 2023-present
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**National:**

Reviewer, <i>Crime Fiction Studies</i> special issue on Indigenous writing	2024
Reviewer, <i>SAIL: Studies in American Indian Literature</i>	2022
Delegate, American Federation of Teachers – Wisconsin Convention	2021, 2023
Reviewer, <i>Literatura: teoría, historia, crítica</i>	2021
Reviewer, <i>Meridians: Feminism, Race, Transnationalism</i>	2019
Panel Chair, Society for the Study of Multiethnic Literature of the United States Conference, Las Vegas, NV	2018

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**


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Modern Language Association  
 Midwest Modern Language Association  
 The Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States

**LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH**

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Spanish: Excellent reading skills, good speaking and writing skills.  
French: Good reading skills.

## REFERENCES

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