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Areas of Interest

Appalachian Studies, Appalachian Literature, Rhetoric and Composition, Linguistic Justice, Counternarrative, Critical Regionalism, Critical Pedagogy, Public Scholarship, Autoethnography, Appalachian Rhetorics

Education

University of Tennessee, Knoxville <i>Knoxville, TN</i> Ph.D. in English (Rhetoric, Writing, & Linguistics), GPA 4.0	Expected Diploma, May 2028
Marshall University <i>Huntington, WV</i> M.A. in English, GPA 3.8 <i>With Distinction</i>	April 2022
University of Charleston <i>Charleston, WV</i> B.A. in English, GPA 3.9 <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	May 2020
Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College <i>Charleston, WV</i> A.A., GPA 3.8 <i>With Honors</i>	May 2016

Teaching Experience

Roane State Community College <i>Harriman, TN</i> Adjunct Instructor in Humanities Department - ENGL 1020: English Composition II (Dual Enrollment – Anderson County Schools) Spring 2026 - ENGL 1010: English Composition I (Dual Enrollment – Anderson County Schools) Fall 2026	January 2026 – Present
Pellissippi State Community College <i>Knoxville, TN</i> Adjunct Instructor of English - COLL 1000: First Year Seminar Fall 2025 - ENGL 1010: English Composition I (Dual Enrollment – Knox County Schools) Spring 2025; Fall 2025; Spring 2026; Fall 2026	August 2024 – Present

- ENGL 1010: *English Composition I* | Fall 2024; Fall 2026
- ENGL 0900: *Composition Fundamentals*** | Fall 2026
- ENGL 2310: *Early World Literature* | Fall 2024

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

August 2023 – Present

Knoxville, TN

Graduate Teaching Associate

- ENGL 295: *Writing in the Workplace* | Fall 2026*^; Spring 2027*^
- ENGL 102: *English Composition II: Inquiry into Social Class* | Fall 2025*; Spring 2026; Summer 2026*
- ENGL 102: *English Composition II: Inquiry into Food* | Summer 2025*
- ENGL 102/132: *English Composition II/English Composition II for Non-Native Speakers of English: Inquiry into Food* | Fall 2024; Spring 2025
- ENGL 102: *English Composition II: Inquiry into the South* | Spring 2024
- ENGL 101: *English Composition* | Fall 2023; Summer 2024*

West Virginia State University

June 2023 – July 2023

Institute, WV

Upward Bound, Instructor of English

- Lead daily courses in English 9, 10, 11, and 12
- Submit weekly documentation of students' progress
- Chaperone the end-of-term field trip to Concord University

Huntington Junior College

January 2023 – September 2024

Huntington, WV

Adjunct Instructor of English

Director of Online Writing Lab

- EN 161: *English Composition I* | Winter 2023*; Spring 2023*; Summer 2023*; Fall 2023*; Winter 2024*; Spring 2024*; Summer 2024*
- EN 162: *English Composition II* | Winter 2023*; Spring 2023*; Summer 2023*; Fall 2023*; Winter 2024*; Spring 2024*; Summer 2024*
- Offer synchronous tutoring sessions to students through Zoom or asynchronous tutoring services to students via Canvas LMS

Marshall University

August 2022 – July 2023

Huntington, WV

Instructor of English

- ENG 203: *Appalachian Literature* | Spring 2023
- ENG 201: *Advanced Composition* | Fall 2022*; Spring 2023; Summer 2023*
- ENG 101P: *Beginning Composition Plus* | Fall 2022; Spring 2023

Marshall University

Huntington, WV

August 2021 – April 2022

Graduate Assistant/Instructor

- ENG 101: *Beginning Composition* | Spring 2022
- ENG 101P: *Beginning Composition Plus* | Fall 2021

*online asynchronous

***taught concurrently with ENGL 1010*
^served as a teaching assistant to primary instructor

Related Experience

Appalachian Justice Research Center

January 2025 – December 2025

Knoxville, TN

Research Assistant

- Collaborate with faculty members, undergraduate students, and graduate students from various departments in a transdisciplinary lab on rotating projects
 - *Amplifying Rural Voices: Cultivating Community Vibrancy in Morgan County* | Fall 2025
 - Assist Dr. Janine Al-Aseer and Dr. Megan Mundie, with support from the Morgan County Community Vibrancy Group, in conducting qualitative interviews, analyzing data, and assessing broader social and economic impacts on the community
 - *Heirs Property and the Power of Story: Oral Histories in Rural Appalachia* | Spring 2025
 - Assist Dr. Gabe Schwartzman and Prof. Katie Mahalic in traveling to rural communities in the Clearfork Valley in East Tennessee, conducting on-site interviews and gathering multimedia content, and editing audio narratives for a public exhibit and the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History at the University of Kentucky

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

January 2025 – May 2025

Knoxville, TN

Research Assistant

- Assist Dr. Thorsten Huth with curriculum development for a new LING 150 course to recruit incoming first-year students for the department major in linguistics

Read Aloud West Virginia

June 2022 – June 2023

Charleston, WV

Executive Assistant

- Assist Executive Director in administrative duties
- Write articles for the organization's quarterly newsletter
- Communicate with county chapter directors and other participants via email and telephone
- Assist in Summer Book Binge program at elementary school

Marshall University Writing Center

Huntington, WV

August 2020 – May 2021

Graduate Assistant/Tutor

- Assist students in various stages of the writing process
- Help students evaluate and find sources that are credible and appropriate for their assignments
- Work with students to identify patterns of error or weakness in a draft so that they can become more confident and independent writers
- Present "tutor talks" to various classes, promoting the Writing Center's services, showing students how to register and book appointments, and instructing students on various stages of the writing process and on ethical citation practices

Read Aloud West Virginia

January 2020 – May 2020

Charleston, WV

Intern

- Gather data on the organization's effects in West Virginia public schools and libraries
- Attend to certain communications (invitations and other mailing lists, etc.)
- Write for the organization's newsletter

University of Charleston

January 2019 – May 2020

Charleston, WV

Reporter

- Report and write for the university paper, *The Eagle*

Workshops & Invited Talks

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Panel: "Teaching at the University of Tennessee" | Office of Composition | August 2026

Panel: "Appalachian Works-in-Progress" | Appalachian Studies Group | November 2025

Panel: "Equitable Assessment Orientation" | Office of Composition | August 2025; August 2026

Panel: "Nuts and Bolts of Teaching FYC" | Office of Composition | August 2025

Panel: "Implementing Course Themes in ENGL 102" | Office of Composition | September 2024

Panel: "Teaching Online English" | Office of Composition | August 2024

Workshop: "Incorporating Narrative Freewriting into FYC" | STEER (formerly known as Pedagogy People Group) | April 2024

Guest Lecture: "Appalachian Culture" | ENGL 102: English Composition II | April 2024

Marshall University

Moderator: "Divided Lives Revisited: Stereotypes and the Appalachian Professional" | Appalachian Studies Association | March 2026

Panel: "Personal Statements & Other Professional Genres" | ENG 675: Professional Topics in Writing | October 2025

Moderator: "Identifying Men and Monsters in Literature" senior capstone panel | English Department | April 2022

Workshop: "Writing Personal Statements" | UNI 400: Graduate School Preparation | October 2021

Workshop: "Tutor Talk" for the Writing Center & APA Workshop | NUR 200: Intro to Professional Nursing | September 2020

Professional Memberships & Affiliations

Appalachian Studies Association

Membership | February 2022 – Present

CITI Program

Certification, Human Research, Behavior & Social Science Research | February 2022 – December 2027

Quality Matters

Certification, Applying the QM Rubric, Sixth Edition | August 2022

Publications

LeFevers, Kristen. "Class and Capital in LGBTQ Appalachian Literature." *Queer Ruralisms*, special issue of *American Literatures*, edited by Ralph Poole and Benjamin Robbins, vol. 4, no. 2, October 2024, pp. 45-60.

LeFevers, Kristen. "Home Is Where the Heart Is...Right?" *We Are Appalachia!*, edited by Brooke Hypes, Mountain State Press, April 2024.

LeFevers, Kristen. "Loyalty and Truth: Navigating Environmental Justice Conversations as a Coal Miner's Daughter." *Wide Branches, Deep Roots: How Appalachian Wisdom Can Help Us All in the Fight for a Sustainable Future*. West Virginia University Press, December 2026.

Conference Presentations

"'That Sounds Like Home': Reclaiming Accent to Redefine Professor Ethos." *Corridors*, Radford, VA, September 2026.

"'You're Very Well-Spoken, You Just Sound Country': Reclaiming Accent to Redefine Professor Ethos." *NEXUS Interdisciplinary Conference*, Knoxville, TN, April 2026.

"'Speak Like Scholars': A Critical Discourse Analysis of Comments Under the 1,500 Appalachian Accents Project." *Appalachian Studies Association*, Huntington, WV, March 2026.

"Cyber Possibilities: Making Higher Education Accessible for Rural Appalachia." *Appalachian Studies Association*, Cookeville, TN, March 2025.

"Engaging Students in Appalachian Literature: A Writing-Based Approach." *Pellissippi Academic Center for Excellence: Encore! Encore!*, Knoxville, TN, October 2024.

"Love Letters to the Jewel City." *NEXUS Interdisciplinary Conference*, Knoxville, TN, April 2024.

"Engaging Students in Appalachian Literature: A Writing-Based Approach." *Appalachian Studies Association*, Cullowhee, NC, March 2024.

"Engaging Students in Appalachian Literature: A Writing-Based Approach." *Appalachian Research Symposium and Arts Showcase*, Lexington, KY, March 2024.

“Rethinking Metronormativity in Julia Watts’s *Finding H.F.*” *Appalachian Studies Association*, Athens, OH, March 2023.

“Turning Implicit Instruction into Explicit Communication in the Appalachian Composition Classroom.” *Student Research & Creativity Symposium*, Huntington, WV, April 2022.

“Improving Communication in the Appalachian Composition Classroom.” *College of Liberal Arts Conference*, Huntington, WV, April 2022.

“Creating New Pathways to Clearer Communication in the Appalachian Composition Classroom.” *Appalachian Studies Association*, Morgantown, WV, March 2022.

“Class and Capital in LGBTQ Appalachian Literature.” *College of Liberal Arts Conference*, Huntington, WV, April 2021.

Education & Pedagogy Coursework

Language Ideologies and Educational (In)Justice (ENGL 680)

English Department, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2025

History of Writing Studies (ENGL 588)

English Department, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2024

Research Methods in Rhetoric, Writing, and Linguistics (ENGL 682)

English Department, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2023

Issues in Rhetoric, Writing, and Linguistics (ENGL 585)

English Department, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2023

Teaching Second Language Writing (ENGL 575)

English Department, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2023

Rhetorical Genre Theory (ENG 646)

English Department, Marshall University, 2022

Teaching College English (ENG 640)

English Department, Marshall University, 2021

Writing Center Theory (ENG 560)

English Department, Marshall University, 2020

Honors & Awards

Norman Sanders Dissertation Fellowship | 2026

Herman E. Spivey Humanities Graduate Fellowship | 2023

John C. Hodges Fellowship for New Graduate Students | 2023

Maier Award Nominee in Graduate Research | 2021

Most Determined Student in Humanities Program | 2019

Most Academically Gifted Student in Humanities Program | 2019