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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., English and Education, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 2017-2022

Dissertation: “An Examination of Nuance in Students’ Literary Interpretive Writing”

Committee: Anne Ruggles Gere (Co-Chair), Mary Schleppegrell (Co-Chair), Megan Sweeney, and John Whittier-Ferguson

M.A.T., Secondary English Education, Brown University, Providence, RI 2013-2014

Teacher Research Project: “Engaging Students in Shakespeare through Performance”

B.A., English (with Honors), Minor in Economics, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA 2009-2013

Thesis: “Revelatory Words and Images: William Blake and the Artist’s Book”

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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Assistant Professor of English, Alfaisal University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia 2022-Present

Graduate Student Instructor and Research Assistant, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 2017-2022

English Teacher, Archimedean Upper Conservatory, Miami, FL 2016-2017

English Teacher, InTech Collegiate High School, North Logan, UT 2014-2016

## ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATION

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Linguistic analysis of student writing about literature; literature and writing in the era of artificial intelligence; discourse analysis; writing pedagogy and assessment; the teaching of literature and creative writing

## SCHOLARLY HONORS

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Nominee, *Computers and Composition* Ellen Nold Article Award 2025  
 “A ‘Dance of Storytelling’: Dissonances between Substance and Style in Collaborative Storytelling with AI”

## TEACHING HONORS

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Nominee, David & Linda Moscow Prize for Excellence in Teaching Composition 2021

## FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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University of Michigan Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship	2021
University of Victoria Digital Humanities Summer Institute Tuition Scholarship (canceled due to covid)	2020
Computers and Composition Digital Press Digital Fellowship	2019-2020
University of Michigan Regents' Fellowship	2017
Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation	2013
Woodrow Wilson-Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellowship for Aspiring Teachers of Color	

## GRANTS

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Alfaisal University Professional Development Grant for travel to the Modern Language Association (MLA) Annual Convention in Philadelphia, PA	2023
Modern Language Association (MLA) Annual Convention Travel Grant	2020
University of Michigan Rackham Supplemental Block Grant for Curricular Development	2020
Computers and Writing Conference/Graduate Research Network Travel Grant	2018

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Journal Articles

"Embracing Multiple Perspectives': Dynamics of Harmony and Dissonance in English Classroom Discussions," co-written with Emily Wilson, <i>MENA Writing Studies</i> 1.1: 10-30: "On Our Own Terms."	2025
"Critiquing ChatGPT Compositions: Collaborative Annotation as an Approach to Enhancing Students' Metalinguistic Awareness of AI-Generated Writing," <i>Thresholds in Education</i> 48.1: 7-24, special issue: "Generative AI's Impact on Education: Writing, Collaboration, and Critical Assessment."	2025
"Beyond Surfaces and Depths: An SFL Analysis of Fine Gradations of Meaning in Undergraduates' Writing about Literature," <i>Written Communication</i> 42.1, 1-35.	2024
"A 'Dance of Storytelling': Dissonances between Substance and Style in Collaborative Storytelling with AI," <i>Computers and Composition</i> 71, special issue: "Composing with Generative AI." *nominated for the <i>Computers and Composition</i> Ellen Nold Article Award	2024
"Weaving Tales of Resilience': Cyborg Composing with AI," <i>English Teaching: Practice &amp; Critique</i> 23.1: 57-66, special issue: "Artificial Intelligence and Composing Just Education Futures."	2024
"Supporting Students to Craft Specific, Complex, and Nuanced Thesis Statements," <i>Journal of Response to Writing</i> 10.1, 78-83.	2024
"Response to Shawna Shapiro," co-written with Anne Gere et al., <i>College Composition and Communication</i> 74.2: 471-479.	2022

“Communal Justicing: Writing Assessment, Disciplinary Infrastructure, and the Case for Critical Language Awareness,” co-written with Anne Gere et al., *College Composition and Communication* 72.3: 384-412. 2021

“Visualizing Essay Elements: A Color-coding Approach to Teaching First-year Writing,” *Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy*. 2020

“Affordances and Limitations of the ACCUPLACER Automated Writing Placement Tool,” co-written with Sarah Hughes, Tools & Tech Forum, *Assessing Writing* 41: 72-75. 2019

### Chapters in Edited Collections

“Language Weaves its Tapestry’: Crafting Found Poetry Using AI Tools,” *Teaching and Generative AI: Pedagogical Possibilities and Productive Tensions*, 389-404, Beth Buyserie and Travis N. Thurston (Eds.), Utah State University Press. 2024

“Reflecting on Literacy Identities Through Writing Personal Narratives,” *Writing Spaces 7: Special Cluster on Writing in Global Spaces*, 1-13, Mary Stewart and Rachel Buck (Eds.), Parlor Press. 2024

### Submitted for Review

“Lingering on the ‘Edge’: Re-envisioning Poetic Form in the Era of Artificially Generated Poetry,” submitted to *CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture*, special issue: “AI and/as Form” (proposal accepted for inclusion in the upcoming special issue). -- -- --

### In Preparation

“Refracted Through a Prism of Language: Constellating Signification in the Miró and Chagall Museums,” in preparation for submission to *Rhetorical Museology: Subverting Meaning-Making in Museum Exhibitions* (proposal accepted for inclusion in the edited collection). -- -- --

“‘The Ebb and Flow of the In-Between’: Supporting Students’ Critical Engagements with Nuance and Subtlety in AI-Generated Poetry,” in preparation. -- -- --

### INVITED TALKS

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Invited speaker and author, *English Teaching: Practice & Critique* Journal Talks, hosted by the University of Missouri and Michigan State University, April (online). 2024

### RECENT AND UPCOMING CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Dynamics of Harmony and Dissonance in English Classroom Discussions,” International Researchers Consortium, Conference on College Composition and Communication, January (virtual conference). 2025

“Beyond Forms, Toward the Substance of Good Poetry’: Creative Expression in the Era of AI.” Modern Language Association Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA. January. 2024

- “Rendering Nuance Visible: A Linguistic Examination of First-year Students’ Writing about Literature.” International Online Systemic Functional Linguistics Interest Group Conference. November. 2023
- “‘At the Door’: Access and Gatekeeping in College Reading Pedagogies.” Conference on College Composition and Communication Annual Convention, Chicago, IL. March (virtual conference). 2022
- “Sharing and Analyzing Longitudinal Datasets on Student Writing Development and Implications for Teaching.” Engaged Learning Experience. Conference on College Composition and Communication Annual Convention, Spokane, WA. April (approximately 16.5%-19% acceptance rate). 2021

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### **WRITING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION/COURSE COORDINATION EXPERIENCE**

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- Course Coordinator, Alfaisal University English Department 2023-Present
- Develop curriculum and assessment materials for first-year and upper-level writing courses.
  - Support faculty colleagues with teaching first-year writing.
- Graduate Student Mentor, University of Michigan English Department Writing Program 2020-2021
- Design materials for a revised first-year writing curriculum focused on the analysis of writing.
  - Mentor first-time and returning graduate student instructors with teaching writing.

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### **COLLEGE COURSES TAUGHT**

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- Assistant Professor of English, Alfaisal University 2022-Present
- Communication in the Age of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Media
  - Introduction to Research Writing
  - University Writing
  - Mastering English Communication: Summer Enrichment Program
- Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan English Department Writing Program 2017-2022
- Academic Argumentation: Writing in Academic Disciplines
  - Writing and Academic Inquiry: Literacy and Technology
  - Academic Writing and Literature: Literature and the Arts

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### **HIGH SCHOOL COURSES TAUGHT**

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- English Teacher, Archimedean Upper Conservatory 2016-2017
- AP English Language & Composition
  - English 10
  - Honors English 11
  - Creative Writing
- English Teacher, InTech Collegiate High School 2014-2016
- English 9
  - English 10-11

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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Project Manager and Co-Lead, 1619 Digital Discourse Project	2022-Present
Research Assistant to Dr. Anne Ruggles Gere	2022
Research Assistant, University of Michigan Sweetland Center for Writing	2017-2018
Research Assistant, University of Michigan School of Information	2017

## **EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE**

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Editorial Assistant, <i>Research in the Teaching of English</i>	2021-2022
Digital Fellow, Computers and Composition Digital Press	2019-2020

## **INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE: HUMANITIES PROGRAMMING**

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Intern, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C.	Summer 2012
Intern, Smithsonian National Museum of American History, Washington, D.C.	Summer 2012
Intern, Eleanor Roosevelt Papers Project, GWU, Washington, D.C.	Summer 2011

## **SERVICE TO ALFAISAL UNIVERSITY**

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### **Committee Service**

Member, English Department Council	2022-Present
Member, English Department Curriculum Committee	2022-Present
Member, English Department Exam Committee	2022-Present

### **Workshop Facilitation**

Facilitator, Professional Development Seminar: Innovative Teaching Strategies for Student Engagement	2023
Facilitator, Graduate Course on Style and Clarity in Academic Writing	2023
Facilitator, Workshops for Personal Statements for Medical Residency Applications	2023-Present
Facilitator, Academic Success Center Peer Consultant Professional Development Workshops	2022
Facilitator, English Department Workshop Series for First-Year Students	2022

### **Advising**

Founding Advisor, <i>Voices of the Sand</i> Student Literary Journal	2024-Present
Advisor, Alfaisal University Student Literature Club	2024-Present
Co-Advisor and Editor, <i>Alfa Press</i> Student Newspaper	2022-Present
Advisor, Annual Research Day Student Poster Competition	2025-Present
Faculty Mentor, Student Internship in Journalism/Communications	2025-Present

## Professional Development

Participant, Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC) Fall Virtual Institute	2024
Participant, English Department Faculty Research Seminar	2024-Present

## MANUSCRIPT REVIEWING

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Reviewer for journals and collections including:

<i>Text &amp; Talk: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Language, Discourse &amp; Communication Studies</i>	2025
<i>Writing Spaces: Reading on Writing</i>	2025
<i>Computers and Composition</i>	2024
<i>Contemporary Issues in Teaching and Teacher Education (English Education)</i>	2024
<i>Ubiquity: The Journal of Literature, Literacy, and the Arts</i>	2023
<i>Composition Forum</i>	2022
<i>Michigan Reading Journal</i>	2019

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC)	2018-Present
National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)	2017-Present
Modern Language Association (MLA)	2019-Present
American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL)	2020-Present
North American Systemic Functional Linguistics Association (NASFLA)	2021-Present
Systemic Functional Linguistics Interest Group (SFLIG)	2023-Present

## LANGUAGES

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English: native	
Arabic: beginner	
Chinese: heritage language, fluent speaking and listening ability	
Spanish: advanced reading proficiency, University of Michigan	2017