

Robert P. Meister

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EDUCATION

MA, English, May 2001, Gannon University, Erie, PA

Concentrations: 20th-Century American Literature, Rhetoric and Composition

Thesis: Perceptions of College Students on Using Electronic Sources as Research Tools

BS, Secondary Education – English / Communications, 1999, The Pennsylvania State University, PA

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATIONS

Virginia Collegiate Professional Teaching Certificate in English, Math, and Communications

National Board Certified Teacher – English Language Arts / Adolescence and Young Adulthood

TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

English Adjunct, ECPI, Chesterfield, VA August 2019 – August 2020

Courses regularly taught:

- English 110 – College Composition II
- Capstone 480 – Research Writing and Capstone Project

English Adjunct, J Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, VA August 2003 – 2016

Courses regularly taught (1 to 2 sections per year):

- VCCS English 111 – College Composition I (7 sections)
- VCCS English 112 – College Composition II Research Writing (9 sections)
- VCCS English 242 – 20th-Century American Literature (6 sections)
- VCCS English 243 – Early British Literature (1 section)
- VCCS English 244 – Late British Literature (1 section)

English Instructor-Fellow, Gannon University, Erie, PA August 1999 – May 2001

Courses regularly taught:

- LE111 – College Composition I (5 sections)
- LE112 – College Composition II Research Writing (4 sections)

Additional co-curricular responsibilities:

- Tutor students at Gannon University Writing Lab

TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

English Teacher, Glen Allen High School, Henrico, VA, August 2016-Present

Courses regularly taught:

- AP Literature and Composition
- AP Research
- Honors English 12 – British Literature
- Honors English 11 – American Literature
- Foundations of Teaching Learning – Magnet School Elective

Additional co-curricular responsibilities

- Technology trainer for teachers in the English Department
- Technology trainer for teachers in World Languages Department
- Occasionally conduct wellness experiences for students through music

English Teacher, JR Tucker High School, Henrico, VA, August 2009-June 2016

Courses regularly taught:

- AP Literature and Composition
- AP Language and Composition
- English 12 College Prep
- Online English 12 College Prep
- VCCS English 111/112 dual enrollment College Composition and Research Writing
- VCCS English 243 and 244 dual-enrollment Early and Late British Literature
- VCCS English 242 dual-enrollment 20th-Century American Literature

Additional co-curricular responsibilities:

- Forensics Coach 2015-2016
- Young Women in STEM Club Sponsor 2014-2016
- Philosophy Club Sponsor 2014-2016
- Assistant Drama Director 2009-2013
- JV Boys Volleyball Coach 2010-2012
- Teacher Technology Trainer 2009-2016

Dual-Enrollment English and Math Teacher, Varina High School, Richmond, VA, August 2003 – June 2009

Courses regularly taught:

- VCCS English 111/112 dual enrollment College Composition and Research Writing
- English 10 College Prep
- Algebra II, Geometry, and Pre-Algebra I

Additional co-curricular responsibilities:

- Drama Department Director 2003-2008
- JV Boys Volleyball Coach 2007-2009

English Teacher, Falling Creek Middle School, Richmond, VA August 2001 – June 2003

Courses regularly taught:

- 7th-Grade Language Arts – Regular and Honors

Additional co-curricular responsibilities:

- Co-sponsor for the school newspaper
- Director of Student Improvisation and Comedy Club

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

National Board Certificate Pre-Candidacy Teacher Leader, October 2021-January 2022

Conduct 6 week virtual course for 30 teachers in Henrico County Public Schools seeking to obtain National Board Certification

Virginia State Lead AP Advocate, 2020-Present

Attend bi-annual meetings at the Virginia State Capitol to lobby and garner support from elected officials for College Board's diversity and inclusion initiatives to reach a more diverse population of AP students

VCU Clinical Faculty Level 2 – Center for Teacher Leadership, 2018-Present

Assess Richmond metro area teachers who participate in a program that prepares them to mentor practicum teachers from Virginia Commonwealth University

Trainer for Novice Teachers Teaching AP Literature, 2016-Present

Design and conduct training for new AP Literature teachers in Henrico County Public Schools during our annual staff development day for teachers of English

Presenter at New Horizons Community College Conference, April 2016

Presentation: Perspectives of Advance College Academy Students: Then and Now

Presenter at J Sargeant Reynolds Community College Faculty Symposium, April 2016

Presentation: Perspectives of Advance College Academy Students: Then and Now

New Teacher Mentor – VCU Clinical Faculty Level 1, 2015-Present

Mentor 1st year English teachers from Virginia Commonwealth University

Advance College Academy Instructional Leader, J Sargeant Reynolds Community College, 2013 – Present

Mentor teachers at high schools who are adopting ACA community college degree programs

Presenter at the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference, November 22, 2014

Presentation title: The Shifting Landscape of “First-Year College Writing”: Telling the Story of Concurrent Enrollment. This presentation focused on discussing the challenges and opportunities of dual-enrollment writing courses

Cooperating Teacher for University of Richmond, Virginia, Spring 2014

Mentor BA candidates during student-teaching practicum

Advisor for Metropolitan Educational Training Alliance, 2013-Present

Mentor and coach Richmond Metro Area teachers seeking National Board Certification who participated in a META program through the Center for Teacher Leadership in Richmond, VA

Virginia Advanced Study Strategies Consultant, August 2010 - 2012

Teach novice AP Literature instructors in Virginia best practices in AP pedagogy

Teach AP Literature students across the state of Virginia advanced reading and writing strategies to prepare for the AP Literature Exam

Presenter at Middle School Teachers Writing Conference, Gannon University, Erie, PA August 2001

Presented activities connecting newspapers and poetry for middle-school instructors

GRANTS, AWARDS, and HONORS

R.E.B. Award for Teaching Excellence, November 2018

Awarded \$10,000 grant from The Richmond Community Foundation to collaborate with international musicians in France, Portugal and San Francisco.

2015 Outstanding Teaching Award – Penn State University College of Education, October 2015

Recognized by the Penn State Alumni Society for distinguished advancement and excellence in teaching

Henrico 21 Technology in Education Award, May 2015

Recognized by Henrico County Public Schools for an instructional project in peer collaboration that digitally linked my classroom at JR Tucker High School to a colleague’s classroom at Douglass Freeman High School.

Henrico Citizen Top 20 Teachers in Henrico County, March 2014

Recognized by local newspaper, *The Henrico Citizen*, as one of Henrico County’s top twenty teachers

R.E.B. Award for Teaching Excellence, March 2012

Awarded \$10,000 grant from The Richmond Community Foundation (www.tcrichmond.org). Award used to fund a 10-day AP Literature Conference at University of Oxford and 20 days traveling to key UK locations (Lake District, Edinburgh, London) to enhance my teaching of British literature.

Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program October 2007

Selected by the Japanese government to participate in a three-week immersion program in Tokyo that focused on culture, society, the educational system, teacher preparedness programs, and arts.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCES IN ENGLISH

Reader for the National AP Literature Exam, 2021-Present

Read and assess AP Literature Exam essays written by students from across the United States

William and Mary AP Literature Summer Institute July 2019

Participated in week-long conference to explore and work with the new AP Literature standards that will take effect Fall of 2019.

University of Oxford, UK AP Literature Summer Institute July 2013

Participated in week-long conference with teachers around the United States and Canada designed to enable teachers to provide quality instruction to AP Literature students.

AP Oxford website: www.apoxfordacademy.org

Virginia Advanced Study Strategies August 2009 – 2012

Participated in week-long summer conferences and six weekend conferences over three years with teachers around the state of Virginia designed to enable teachers to provide quality instruction to AP Language and AP Literature students through the VASS AP STEM grant offered to English, science, and math teachers.

Northwest Pennsylvania Writing Project:

Summer Institute for the Teaching of Writing, Erie, PA, Instructor August 2001

Participated in a six-week comprehensive Writing Across the Curriculum course funded by the National Writing Project Designed for secondary and college teachers of writing.