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The Edith and Lewis White Distinguished Professor at Principia College, appointed for excellence in teaching and dedication to the mission of the College. I have taught at the university level for 20 years and have served in administrative positions such as Chair of the Curriculum Committee, Department Chair, Acting Division Head, and Interim Dean of Academics. My research has focused on William Wordsworth and his attitudes towards religion and poverty. Recently, my research has shifted to Dorothy Wordsworth and has included work on a project with the Wordsworth Trust to help make her later journals more accessible to the wider public.

**Education :**

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; PhD, English Literature, May 2008

Dissertation Title: *The Impact of Contemporary Theological Attitudes towards Poverty on William Wordsworth's Writing*

Bridgewater State College, Massachusetts (now Bridgewater State University); Master of Arts in English, May 2000

Thesis Title: *The Pastoral Sublime and The Prelude*

Principia College: Bachelor of Arts, English, June 1979; Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, June 1979

**Teaching and Academic Administrative Experience:**

2019 to present: returned to the classroom; appointed Edith and Lewis White Distinguished Professor

2018-2019: Interim Dean of Academics

2015 – present: Professor of English Literature, Principia College

2010 – 2015: Associate Professor of English Literature, Principia College

2002 – 2010: Assistant Professor of English Literature, Principia College

2000 – 2002 Instructor, Composition 101 and Composition 201, English Department, Bentley College, Waltham, MA, USA

1992 – 1996 Adult Educator, Writing and Science courses, Wellspring Adult Learning Center, Hull, MA, USA

**Publications:**

*William Wordsworth and the Theology of Poverty*. Ashgate [now carried by Routledge]. December 2013.

“Reconstructing the Poor.” *The Wordsworth Circle*. Spring 2011.

“William Wordsworth’s Definition of Poverty.” *RaVoN*. July 2010.

**Conference Papers:**

“‘This will never do’ or ‘A day in heaven!’” Wordsworth Conference, Summer 2014, Grasmere, England.

“Reconstructing the Poor.” Wordsworth Conference, Summer 2010, Grasmere, England.

“*Descriptive Sketches*: Pastoral Utilized and Rejected.” Wordsworth Conference, Summer 2002, Grasmere, England.

“Wordsworth: Sight and the Sublime.” Central New York Conference on Language and Literature, October 30, 2001.

**Public Lectures:**

“William Wordsworth” BBC Radio 4, *On Belief*, May 4, 2020.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000hvbc>

“Nature Then and Now.” Hosmer-Williams Lecture Series, Elsah, IL, May 19, 2016.

“Wordsworth’s *The Excursion*.” Principia College Colloquium. October 2014.

“Quaker Care for the Poor.” Quaker Library, London, September 20, 2011.

**Awards:**

2009 Dissertation nominated for Outstanding Dissertation of 2008, SIU, Carbondale

2008-2009 Teacher of the Year, Principia College

2007-2008 Humanities Teacher of the Year, Principia College

2007 Spring semester graduate student scholarship from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

2006 inducted into Southern Illinois University, Carbondale chapter of Phi Kappa Phi

1979 Robert J. Glenn Memorial Award for excellence in the field of religion and philosophy

**Courses taught at Principia College:**

Professors at Principia teach 3 to 4 seminar style classes per semester (two semesters a year) with anywhere between 3 to 20 students per class. I am known for a supportive yet challenging classroom environment. My early background in Adult Education has made me alert to differing learning styles in the classroom.

17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Century Literature

18<sup>th</sup> Century British Literature

Capstone Proposal Course (Senior Thesis Preparation class)

Capstone (Senior Thesis class)

Country Studies: England

Environmental Literature

History of the English Novel

History of English Drama

Introduction to the Major

Renaissance Literature (Freshman Year Experience course)

Romantic Literature

Scottish Literature

Shakespeare’s Histories and Comedies

Shakespeare’s Tragedies

Shakespeare I

Shakespeare II

Shakespeare in England

Single Author: Jane Austen

Single Author: Wordsworth

Understanding Poetry

Victorian Literature

Additionally, I have co-led five abroad programs to England focused on Shakespeare and one on Environmental Literature and Conservation in the Lake District.

**Other Relevant Employment:**

2000 – 2002 On call communications assistant to Walter Jones, CSB, Treasurer and Member of the Christian Science Board of Directors, World Headquarters, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, MA

1999 – 2000 On call Staff Editor, *Christian Science Sentinel*, Boston, MA

1998 – 1999 Staff Editor, *Christian Science Sentinel*, Boston, MA

1986 – 1991 On call Writer and Office Assistant, various offices, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, MA

1984 – 1986 Writer for the Clerk of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, MA

1983 – 1984 Writer’s assistant, Office of the Clerk of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston

1982 – 1983 Freelance writer