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EDUCATION

University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

Ph.D. English Education. Current GPA: 4.0, anticipated May 2025

Dissertation: *Understanding Student Experiences of High School Writing: A Qualitative Multiple Case Study*

Committee: Drs. Crag Hill (chair), Talisha Haltiwanger Morrison, Julianna Kershen, and Danielle M. Rylak

University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

M.Ed. Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum — English Education. Graduated with 4.0 GPA, December 2021

Thesis: *From Gatekeeper to Bridge Builder: A Teacher's Journey through Education at the Beginning of the 21st Century*

Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK

B.A. Journalism, May 1996

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Composition and introduction to writing, student writing experiences, writing program administration, writing center pedagogies, writing pedagogy, design-based research in teaching writing, instructional design and writing curriculum, high school writing centers, place-based pedagogies, rural student voices, teacher needs in writing instruction

PUBLICATIONS

- Hill, C., **Waters, M. B.** & Suico, T. (Submitted). The Audacious Dream of The ALAN Review: A Content Analysis of TAR 1974-2023. *The ALAN Review*.
- Waters, M.B. (forthcoming December 2024). Planting the Seeds of Confidence: Nurturing Student Writers through Imposter Syndrome. *Journal of Peer Tutoring in Secondary Schools: The Journal of the Secondary School Writing Centers Association*.
- **Waters, M. B.** & Unsicker-Durham, S. K. (2023, August 26). The hydra nature of book banning and censorship: A snapshot and two annotated bibliographies. *Study & Scrutiny: Research on Young Adult Literature*.
- Waters, M. B. (2016). Roadblocks to Authentic Learning in Secondary English Language Arts and How to Overcome Them with the New Oklahoma Academic Standards. *Oklahoma English Journal*, 29(2), 30-34.

- Waters, M. B. (2014) *Writing Modes: Journalism. Oklahoma State Department of Education & Lawton Public Schools Collaboration: Writing Guide*, 35-36.

WRITING CENTER EXPERIENCES

OU Writing Center, Norman, OK

- Assistant Director, August 2023 - present
- Graduate Writing Consultant, August 2022 - present

Resources Developed

- Supporting Writing Instruction in High Schools: A Needs Assessment of Teachers and Future Educators study, in development 2024
- "Tools to Try: Google Voice Typing" website resources video tutorial, 2024
- "Custom Page Numbers" website resources video tutorial, 2024
- Imposter Syndrome in the Writing Center, consultant self-study module, 2024
- Stasis Theory Matrix handout, 2024
- Writing Accountability Groups guide, 2023
- Video voice overs for "Parts of Speech: Adjectives and Adverbs" and "Parts of Speech: Prepositions" website resources, February 2023

Workshops Delivered

- Critical Reading Strategies Workshop, 2024
- Sooner Discovery "Telling Your Story" Workshop, 2024
- Camp Completion, 2023, 2024
- Camp Jumpstart, 2023, 2024
- Imposter Syndrome Writing Consultant Practicum, 2024
- Overcoming Imposter Syndrome for Writers Workshop, 2024
- Telling Your Research Story Workshop, 2024
- Norman High School Bridges Program "Telling Your Story" Workshop, 2023
- Revising and Editing Workshop, 2023
- APA Format Workshop, 2022

Presentations Delivered

- Literature Review presentations, 2023
- Peer Advisors for Veteran Education (PAVE) orientation speaker, 2023
- OU Writing Center Classroom Visits, 2022-2024

Events Worked

- Camp Crimson Involvement Fair, 2023, 2024
- Saturday Graduate Writing Retreats, 2022-2024
- First Year Composition (FYC) Write Nights, 2022-2024
- History Write Night, 2023
- Indigenous Preview Day, 2023

- "Gateway to Belonging" Write Night, 2023

SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Instructor. (Spring 2025). *The Rhetorics of Influencers*, Expository Writing Program, University of Oklahoma. Norman, OK.

Graduate Teaching Assistant. (Spring 2023). *Academic Writing for Multilingual Graduate Students*, Graduate College, University of Oklahoma. Norman, OK.

Middle and High School English Teacher and Writing Club Sponsor. (2015-2021). Wayne Public Schools, Wayne, OK

Guest Lecturer. (February 15, 2020). *Podcasting 1.0 for Educators*. For Jennifer Williams, EIPT 3043: Learning with Educational Technology. University of Oklahoma. Norman, OK.

Middle School English Teacher and Yearbook Advisor. (2012-2014). Del Crest Middle School, Del City, OK

Instructor. (Spring 2010). *Website Creation with WordPress*. Mid-America Technology Center. Wayne, OK.

Instructor. (Fall 2009). *Web Design Basics (With Expression Engine)*. Mid-America Technology Center. Wayne, OK.

MENTORSHIPS

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

- Elsa Berry, Student Intern, Spring 2024
- Lauryn Melchert, Student Intern, Spring 2024

University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

- Marissa McCarty, Student Teacher, Fall 2021
- Will Blair, Student Teacher, Fall 2017

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

- Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Crag Hill, January 2022 -present
 - Content analysis of international young adult literature scholarly publications and translated works
 - Content analysis, website design, and content curation for Oklahoma Manner, a curated resource of 100 years of Oklahoma literature
 - Content analysis of the first 50 years of *The ALAN Review*.

Oklahoma Writing Project, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

- Teacher Consultant, 2016-present

reThink ELA LLC (formerly Mrs. Waters' English LLC)

- Founder and Manager, 2012-present
- Podcast Host, 2018-present
- Curriculum Writer, 2014-present
- Blog Writer, 2012-present

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Waters, M. B. (forthcoming April 2025). *University Partnerships: Demystifying the High School Writing Center for Teachers and Administrators*. Southeastern Writing Center Association Webinar Series.

Johnson, B. M. & **Waters, M. B.** (November 2024). *Bridging Rural Landscapes and Student Voices: Place-Based and Writing Center Pedagogies*. Poster Session. National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference. Boston, MA.

Waters, M. B. (2024). *Planting the Seeds of Confidence: Nurturing Student Writers Through Imposter Syndrome*. Secondary Schools Writing Centers Association & Boston Writing Project Conference. Boston, MA.

Waters, M. B. (2023). *Bridging the Gap with Writing Center Pedagogies: Empowering Student Writers in Secondary School Writing Centers*. National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing Annual Conference. Pittsburg, PA

Waters, M. B. (2023). *Empowering Student Writers: The Collaborative Partnership Between High School English Teachers and Writing Centers*. International Writing Center Association Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD

Waters, M. B. & Gowell, J. (2023). *Writing Support: Writing Center at OU for Grad Students and ADRC Services*. JRCoE 2023 New Graduate Student Orientation, Invited Speaker. University of Oklahoma. Norman, OK.

Waters, M. B. (2023). *Intentional Bridgework: Fusing Professional Teaching and Collegiate Writing Center Experiences into Piloting a Secondary School Writing Center*. South Central Writing Center Association 2023 Conference. Lubbock, TX

Djuraeva, M., Benn, A., Chapman, C., Fike, J., Kim, S. G., Wu, K. & **Waters, M. B.** (2022) *Foregrounding students' multilingual repertoires through language and culture portraits.* JRCoE KEY Conference. University of Oklahoma. Norman, OK

Waters, M.B. (2021). *Respect: Featuring Anthologies by Saraciea J. Fennell, Cynthia Leitich Smith, & Laura Silverman.* Panel Session Moderator. Assembly on Literature for Adolescents.

Unsicker-Durham, S. K. & **Waters, M. B.** (2021). *Doing the Work: Unlearning Racism through Narrative Writing and Sharing Our Stories.* On demand virtual session with Shelly K. Unsicker-Durham. NCTE Annual Convention. November 2021.

Waters, M. B. & Williams, J. (2020). *reThink ELA: Diversifying Your Literary Canon.* EPS Diversity Workshop. Edmond Public Schools. Edmond, OK

GRANTS WRITTEN/AWARDED

- Secondary Schools Writing Center Association Presenter at Another Conference Grant, 2023, \$250
- National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing Travel Award, 2023, \$150
- JRCoE Research and Travel Award, 2023, \$534
- Donors Choose Project, "Help Us Build the Habits of Lifelong Readers!" 2018-2019, \$537
- Donors Choose Project, "Understanding Others Through *The Hate U Give*," \$544

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

- Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society (2024)
- Recipient, Katherine Elizabeth Lasseter Scholarship, 2022, \$1000
- Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society (2021-present)
- Teacher of a Janis Cramer Short Personal Narrative Winner, Oklahoma Writing Project, 2018
- The Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma Purcell Lodge 27 Teacher of Today, Wayne High School, 2017
- Teacher of 3 Winning Writers Winner, Oklahoma Writing Project, 2017
- Teacher Personal Narrative Winner, Oklahoma Writing Project, 2017
- Finalist, Best Ed Tech Resource Sharing Blog, EduBlog Awards, 2015
- Nominated for Teacher of the Year, Del Crest Middle School, 2014

SELECTED SERVICE

Del City High School

- High School Writing Center Director, 2023-2024

Graduate Student Senate of the University of Oklahoma

- Secretary, Academic Affairs Committee, 2024-25
- Senator, 2024-25

International Writing Centers Association

- Grant Reviewer, IWCA Summer Research Grant, 2023

National Council of Teachers of English

- Conference Proposal Coach, NCTE Annual Convention, 2024-25
- Conference Proposal Reviewer, NCTE Annual Convention, 2022-24
- Student Writing Contest Reviewer, National Writing Award: The Humanities and Freer Tomorrow, 2023
- Submission Reviewer, Achievement Awards in Writing, 2023

Oklahoma Council of Teachers of English

- Co-Editor, *Oklahoma English Journal*, 2020-2025
- Executive board member, 2020-present

University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

- Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council, College of Education, Spring 2023

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- International Writing Centers Association (IWCA), 2023-present
- Secondary School Writing Centers Association (SSWCA), 2023-present
- South Central Writing Centers Association (SCWCA), 2023-present
- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), 2016-present
- Oklahoma Council of Teachers of English (OKCTE), 2016-present
- Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of NCTE (ALAN), 2021-present
- National Writing Project (NWP), 2016-present
- Oklahoma Writing Project (OWP), 2016-present