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OBJECTIVE

To continue to improve as a professor and to guide teacher candidates to become excellent teachers.

EDUCATION

9/07-6/11 PhD, Literature for Children and Young Adults
School of Teaching and Learning
College of Education and Human Ecology
The Ohio State University
Cumulative GPA: 4.00

8/05-8/07 MFA, Creative Writing for Children Program
Chatham College, Pittsburgh, PA
Cumulative GPA: 3.95

7/02-8/05 BA, College of Arts and Letters
Michigan State University
Honors College
English Major with a Specialization in Creative Writing
Cognates in Spanish and Criminal Justice
Cumulative GPA: 3.931

8/98-5/02 Northview High School
Grand Rapids, MI
Cumulative GPA: 3.921

OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Assistant Professor of Education with a Dual Appointment in the English Department
Advising of Education Students (Fall 13-present)
Aim HEI 101 Freshman Guidance (Fall 13, Fall 14, Fall 15 "I Volunteer as Tribute: The Hunger Games section")
Aim HEI 102 Freshman Guidance (Spring 14, Spring 15)

Conversational English for Chinese English Teachers in
 Tianjin China (Summer 13, Summer 14)
 EDU 217 Children's Literature (Spring 17)
 EDU 218 Young Adult Literature (Fall 13, Fall 15)
 EDU 324 Teaching Written Composition K-12 (Fall 12,
 Fall 14, Fall 16)
 EDU 344 Reading to Learn Content/Early and observation
 of teacher candidates (Fall 13, Fall 14, Fall 15, Fall
 16)
 EDU 347 Reading to Learn Multi-Age (Fall 12, Fall 13,
 Fall 14, Fall 15, Fall 16)
 EDU 350 Reading to Learn Middle and AYA (Spring 13,
 Spring 14, Spring 17)
 EDU 360 Language Arts in Middle School and
 observation of teacher candidates (Spring 12, Spring
 14, Spring 15, Spring 16, Spring 17)
 EDU 366 Methods in English and observation of teacher
 candidates (Spring 12, Spring 14, Spring 15, Spring
 16, Spring 17)
 EDU 525 Multicultural Literature (Fall 12, Spring 14,
 Spring 15)
 EDU 527 Child and Adolescent Development (Spring 13)
 EIS 265 Diversity in Schools (Fall 13, Spring 14, Fall 14,
 Spring 15, Fall 15, Spring 16, Fall 16, Spring 17)
 ENG 101 Written Composition II (Fall 12)
 ENG 101 Written Composition II: Dual-Enrollment
 Section at Columbian High School (Spring 14)
 HNR 103 Myth and Narrative (Spring 16, Fall 16)
 Various Independent Study Arrangements (Spring 13, Fall
 13, Spring 14, Fall 14)
 Observation of teacher candidates in the field (Spring 13-
 Present)

Heidelberg University
 08/12-Present

Visiting Assistant Professor and English Education Coordinator
 Advising of English Education Students
 ENGL 467/567 Teaching of Writing (Fall 11, Spring 12)
 ENGL 468/564 Teaching of Literature (Fall 11, Spring 12)
 Student Teacher Observations (Spring 12)
 English 102 Proficiency Grading (Spring 12)
 Southeastern Louisiana University
 08/11-05/12

KP Tutor

Online English and Language Arts Tutor
Digital Network Group
06/11-8/11

Lecturer

EDU T&L 864 Multicultural Literature
The Ohio State University
06/11-07/11

Graduate Teaching Associate

EDU T&L 467 Introduction to Children's Literature
The Ohio State University
06/08-06/11

Graduate Research Associate

Reading Recovery
The Ohio State University
9/07-6/08

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES AND SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

Speaker on Banned Book Week at the Tiffin-Seneca Public
Library
9/26/16

Echo 2016 Writing Competition Judge
2/16-5/16

Assistant Director in "W;t" at the Ritz Theatre in Tiffin, OH
2/16

Contributor to Faculty Development Roundtable
"Charming the Dragon: Overcoming student resistance to
read"
1/16

Contributor to Faculty Development Session with Emily Isaacson
"Planning Scholarship"
1/16

Speaker on Banned Book Week at The Friends of Beeghly Library
Event
9/24/15

Echo 2015 Writing Competition Judge

2/15-5/15

Echo 2014 Writing Competition Judge

2/14-5/14

Speaker on “The Life of Roald Dahl” to the cast of *Willy Wonka Jr.* in Tiffin, OH

2/14

District Judge for Power of the Pen Competition at Tiffin Middle
2013 Power of the Pen Competition

1/14

Contributor to Faculty Development Panel with Carol Dusdieker
and Julie Green

“Engaging Students with Different Learning Styles”

1/14

First-Round Judge for Young Adult Fiction

2013 Cybils Children and Young Adult Bloggers’

Literary Award

10/13-12/13

Professional Development Lecturer on “Reading in the Content
Areas” at Columbian High School in Tiffin Public Schools

9/13-Present

Script Selection Committee Member for the 2014-2015 Season of
The Ritz Theater in Tiffin OH

9/13-11/13

Fiction Judge for Morpheus Literary Magazine

2013 Fall Issue

9/13

Volunteer Reading Tutor for 3rd-6th graders for ProjectMORE at
Fostoria Intermediate Elementary School

5/13-6/13

District Judge for Power of the Pen Competition at Tiffin Middle
2012 Power of the Pen Competition

1/13

Leader of Faculty Development Roundtable with Dr. W. Reyer
“Writing Assignments that Aren’t Term Papers: A

Roundtable”

1/13

Second-Round Judge for Young Adult Fiction
2012 Cybils Children and Young Adult Bloggers'
Literary Awards
12/12-2/13

Fiction Judge for Morpheus Literary Magazine
2012 Fall Issue
9/12

Second-Round Judge for Young Adult Fiction
2011 Cybils Children and Young Adult Bloggers'
Literary Awards
12/11-2/12

Member
Phi Beta Kappa Society
Michigan State University
4/05-Present

Member
Kiddie Literature Club
Michigan State University
9/04-5/05

La Casa Representative
McDonel Dorm Government
Michigan State University
8/03-5/04

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

2016-Present University Curriculum Committee (UCC)
Heidelberg University
Member

2015-2016 Faculty Development Committee (FDC)
Heidelberg University
Member

Math Education Assistant Professor Search Committee
Heidelberg University
Member

Innovative Teaching Award Selection Committee

Heidelberg University
Member

2014-2015 AICUO Committee Focused on Professional
Development: Mission Statement Sub-Committee
and Programming Sub-Committee
Heidelberg Representative

Aigler Summer Research Grant Committee
Heidelberg University
Member

Academic Enhancement Committee
Heidelberg University
Member

Assessment Sub-Committee for Accreditation IV
Heidelberg University
Chair

Faculty Development Committee (FDC)
Heidelberg University
Chair

G.E.R.M. Committee to
Oversee General Education Program
Heidelberg University
Member

2013-2014 Academic Enhancement Committee
Heidelberg University
Member

Assessment Sub-Committee for Accreditation IV
Heidelberg University
Chair

Faculty Development Committee (FDC)
Heidelberg University
Member

Title IX Committee
Heidelberg University
Member

2012-2013 The Search Committee for an Athletic

Trainer
Heidelberg University
Member

The Search Committee for the Coordinator
and Instructor of Education Technology
Heidelberg University
Member

2011-2012 Campus PARCC Leadership Team
Southeastern Louisiana University
Member

Council for Teacher Education
Southeastern Louisiana University
English Department Representative

Department Curriculum Committee
Southeastern Louisiana University
Member

English Department Coordinators Meetings
Southeastern Louisiana University
Member

Graduate Advising Committee
Southeastern Louisiana University
Member

Specialized Professional Associations (SPA)
Report Committee for NCATE Assessment
Southeastern Louisiana University
English Education Representative

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2016 National Council of Teachers of English
Atlanta, GA, 11/19/16
Teaching Critical Thinking in the
ELA Classroom

Children's Literature Association
Columbus, OH, 6/11/2016
Paper Reading:
"Better Nate in Stereo:
Engaging with Federle's Middle Grade

Nate Novels Through Narration
and Multi-Media Resources”

Heidelberg University Faculty Research Symposium
Tiffin, OH 2/11/2016

Title: “Teacher Attitudes towards Utilizing
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender,
Queer and Intersex (GLBTQI) Inclusive
Literature within the Classroom”

2015

Children’s Literature Association
Richmond, VA, 6/19/2015

Paper Reading:
“The Darkest Risk: An Intimate Investigation
of Death Through Killer Protagonists”
(Co-Presenter with Erin Reilly-Sanders)

Ohio Council of Teacher Educators
Columbus, OH, 3/5/2015
Roundtable Discussion:
“Preventing Teacher Candidate Resistance to
Create a Common Vision of Multiculturalism”

Ohio Council of Teaching of Language Arts
Columbus, OH, 2/28/2015
Session Presentation:
“Keeping the Audience In Mind:
Suggested Activities for the Teaching of Writing”

Heidelberg University Faculty Research Symposium
Tiffin, OH 2/5/2015
Presentation of Current Research:
“In the Gods We Trust:
Percy Jackson and Patriotism”

2014

National Council of Teachers of English
National Conference
Washington DC, 11/21/2014
Session Presentation:

Silenced Stories: Techniques for teaching teacher
candidates about censorship
Sponsor Presentation of my
EDU 360/366 Teacher Candidates:
Using Fanfiction in the Classroom.

Heidelberg University Faculty Research Symposium
Tiffin, OH 2/6/2014
Presentation of Current Research:
A metafictional Interrogation of Violence:
Killing, forgiveness, and a pushy narrator in
Adam Gidwitz's A Tale Dark & Grimm trilogy

2013 National Council of Teachers of English
National Conference
Boston, MA 11/21/2013
Poster Presentation: Finding
a future for risky texts in the classroom:
Reading young adult novels with killer protagonists

The Ohio Confederacy of Teacher Education
Organizations Spring Conference
Dublin, Oh 10/17/13
Title: Game On! Online games
student teachers should know

The Ohio Confederacy of Teacher Education
Organizations Spring Conference
Dublin, Oh 3/7/2013
Title: Dealing with a Threatening World: Using
children's books to help students make
meaning of violence and loss

Heidelberg University Faculty Research Symposium
Tiffin, OH 2/7/2013
Presentation of Current Research:
The Meaning of Death in Life

2012 Midwest Popular Culture Conference,
Columbus, OH 10/2012
Title: Killer Protagonists in Young Adult Literature

Popular Culture Association Annual Conference,

- Boston, MA, 4/2012
- Title: The Ideological Weight of Characters of
Myth in Rick Riordan's Children's Novels
- 2011 Digital Media in a Social World Conference,
Columbus, OH, 4/2011
- Title: I Push the Button! Children's literature
beyond the page
- African Literature Association Conference,
Athens, OH, 4/2011
- Title: Exclusion and Inclusion in Contemporary South
African Children's Literature
(Co-Presenter with Erin Reilly-Sanders)
- 2010 Southwest Texas Popular Culture and American Culture
Association, Albuquerque, NM, 2/2010
- Title: Sparkle Power: The significance of sparkling or
glowing characters in young adult, paranormal romances
(Power in Twilight Panel: Panel Chair)
- Ohio Council of Teachers of Language Arts (OCTELA)
Spring Conference, Worthington, OH, 3/2010
- Title: The American Dream in Coretta Scott Award
Winners.
(Co-Presenter with Dr. Linda T. Parsons)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Castleman, M.D. (Accepted, awaiting revision instructions).
"Writing in the Afterworlds."
*In Ideology and Identity in Young Adult Literature:
Connections to the Composition Classroom* edited by T.
Girardi and A. Scheg.

- Castleman, M.D., & Reilly Sanders, E. (2013). "Complicating Killing in Young Adult Fiction." *ALAN Review*, 40(2), (p. 53-59).
- Parsons, L.T, & Castleman, M.D. (2011). Daring to dream: Characters in Coretta Scott King author award-winning books and their pursuit of the American dream. In V. Yenika-Agbaw & M. Napoli (Eds.), *African American Children's and Adolescent Literature in the Classroom: A critical guide*, (unknown pagination). New York: Peter Lang Publishing Group.
- Parsons, L.T, & Castleman, M. (2011). I have a dream, too!: The American dream in Coretta Scott King Award-winning books. *Journal of Children's Literature*, 37, 1(p. 6-18).
- Castleman, M.D. (forthcoming). Review: Children's Folklore: A handbook by Elizabeth Tucker. *Children's Folklore Review*, 32, unknown pagination.
- Castleman, M.D. (2011). Alcatraz and Iser: Applying Wolfgang Iser's concepts of implied reader and implied author and reality to the metafictional Alcatraz Smedry series. *Children's Literature in Education*, 42 (1), pp. 19-32.
- Julian-Kessel, M.D. (2010). Profile: Philip Pullman. In Lehman, B.A., Freeman, E.B., & Scharer, P.L. *Reading globally, K-8: Connecting students to the world through literature* (p. 68). Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press.
- Shel. (2009). *The Hungry Readers Blog*. Retrieved from <http://www.thehungryreaders.blogspot.com>

CREATIVE WRITING PUBLICATIONS

- Kessel, S.J. (2009). "The Ghost in the Sandbox," *Jelly Bucket*.
- Kessel, S.J. (2007). "Blind Dog Detective." In C. Culbertson, V. Ng (Eds.), *Coach's Midnight Diner* (pp. 174-190). Crystal Lake, IL: ccPublishing.
- Castleman, M.D. (2005). "Sober Minority." *ROIAL* Lansing, MI: Michigan State University.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2010-2011

Martha King Scholarship Award
College of Education and Human Ecology
Ohio State University

TOPICS OF SPECIALIZATION

Child and Adolescent Development

Children's Literature

Children's Picture Books

Creative Nonfiction (with emphasis on travel and nature writing)

Creative Writing for Young Adults and Children

Education (with emphasis on implementing children's literature
and writing into K-12 classrooms)

Folklore with Specific Emphasis upon Theories of Myth

Reading in the Content Areas (Grades 2-16)

Multicultural Children's Literature

Multiculturalism in Education

Multi-Media Children's Literature

Middle Grade Literature

Teaching of Writing

Young Adult Literature