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## Education

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**University of Houston**, Houston, TX ■ 2006

**Ph.D.** in English with **Graduate Certificate** in Women's Studies

Dissertation: "*A Certain Measure of Achievement*": *Ellen Glasgow, Beyond the Story*

Committee Members: Linda A. Westervelt, W. Lawrence Hogue, Maria González, Roberta F. Weldon, Cynthia A. Freeland

**Wake Forest University**, Winston-Salem, NC ■ 2001

**M.A.** in English

Thesis: *Until Death: Faulkner's Depiction of Women Struggling Against Inertia*

Committee Members: Barry G. Maine, William Moss, James Hans

**College of William and Mary**, Williamsburg, VA ■ 1998

**B.A.** in English and Psychology

Independent Thesis: "*Frankly My Dear, I Don't Mind Very Much*": *The Evolution of the Southern "Lady" in Contemporary Southern Literature*

Adviser: Katherine Prawn

## Awards

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Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Outstanding Service Award  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2017

Outstanding Teaching Award, Daytona Beach Campus  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2011

Faculty Mentor of the Year, McNair Scholars Program  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2013

Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence Fellow  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2011

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Outstanding Teaching Award  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2012

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Outstanding Service Award  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2011

Marion L. Brittain Post-Doctoral Fellowship  
Georgia Institute of Technology ■ 2006-2007

Blanche Espy Chenoweth Graduate Fellowship in Women's Studies  
University of Houston ■ 2004-2005

James Monroe Scholar  
College of William and Mary ■ 1995-1998

## **Publications and Papers**

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“Building Intersections between Science Fiction and STEM”  
National Endowment for the Humanities – Connections Grant  
Applied Fall 2016

*Waiting for the Well to Fill: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Ellen Glasgow*  
Under contract with UP of Florida [Peer review completed and approved; awaiting publication  
schedule from UP Board meeting, August 2017]

“Book Review: *Composing Selves: Southern Women and Autobiography* by Peggy Prenshaw”  
*Ellen Glasgow Journal of Southern Women Writers*, 2012-2013, Volume 5.

“Virginia as a Response to Parental Influence”  
*Ellen Glasgow Journal of Southern Women Writers*, 2014-2015 (Vol. 6)

“Science and Science Fiction: Methods for Evaluating Interdisciplinary and Intermedia  
Assignments”  
*The College English Association Forum*, vol. 42, no.1, Winter/Spring 2013, pp. 99-126.

“A Letter and a Dream: The Literary Friendship of Ellen Glasgow and  
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings”  
*Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Journal of Florida Literature* April 2012

“Ellen Glasgow: The ‘feminine façade and the masculine mind’”  
*The Ellen Glasgow Journal of Southern Women Writers*, 2009 (Fall Vol.2)

“Making Dorothy Parker my MySpace Friend: A Classroom Application for Social Networks”  
*Writing (and) the Digital Generation*  
McFarland: Jefferson, NC 2010

Series of six critical character descriptions with annotations from the works of Ellen Glasgow for  
the *Student's Companion to American Literary Characters*  
Manly, Inc.: Columbia, SC ■ 2007

“And she says ...’: James Branch Cabell and Maxwell Perkins as Matchmakers between Ellen Glasgow and Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings”

Conference Presentation

28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on American Literature, May 2017

“Applications for Gaslighting in Reality Altering Works of Science Fiction”

Conference Presentation

Science Fiction Research Association, June 2016

“Oh, Brother!/: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Ellen Glasgow’s Lesser Known Brothers”

Conference Presentation

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Conference 2015

“Women of To-Morrow: The Socio-Political Activism of Ellen Glasgow and Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings”

Conference Presentation

American Literature Association Conference, 2014

“Uncovering the Connections Between Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Ellen Glasgow in the University of Florida’s Special and Area Studies Collection”

Conference Presentation

South Atlantic Modern Language Association Conference, 2014

“*Virginia* as a Response to Parental Influence”

Conference Presentation

American Literature Association Conference, 2013.

“*Blood of My Blood*: Parental Caricatures in the Works of Ellen Glasgow and Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings”

Conference Presentation

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Conference, 2013

“Tomorrow’s Woman: Differences in the Literary Careers of Ellen Glasgow and Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings”

Conference Presentation

American Literature Association Conference, 2012

“In Search of Truth, Not Sensation: Ellen Glasgow and Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings”

Conference Presentation

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Conference, 2012

“A Letter and a Dream”

Conference Presentation

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Conference, April 2011

“Teaching *Brave New World* to Tomorrow’s Pilots”

Conference Presentation on Panel:

*WAC Faculty Strike Back: Reasserting the Importance of the Humanities in Today's Vocationally-Oriented American University*

International Writing Across the Curriculum Conference ■ 2010

“Economic Crisis and Focalization in Ellen Glasgow’s *Vein of Iron*”

Conference Presentation on Panel:

*Focalization Patterns, Gender Performativity, and Transgressive Women*

International Conference on Narrative ■ 2010

“Narrative Unhinged: Dual Focalization in *Vein of Iron* and *The Sheltered Life*”

Chair and Presenter on Panel:

*“Speak I must . . . but how?”: Gender and Focalization in Novels by Women*

International Conference on Narrative ■ 2008

“Making Dorothy Parker my MySpace Friend: An Attempt to Socially Network Students with Writing and Literature”

South Atlantic Modern Language Association Conference ■ 2007

“Gendered Characters in Ellen Glasgow’s Work: A Feminist Narratological Approach”

Panel chair and presenter at National Women’s Studies Association Conference

New Orleans, LA ■ 2003

“Lena Grove: A Woman’s Struggle to Maintain Motion”

Paper presented and given third prize at Southern Writers, Southern Writing Conference

University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS ■ 2001

## **Teaching Experience**

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At **Embry Riddle Aeronautical University**, Daytona Beach, FL:

Associate Professor with tenure –HU 142 (Studies in Literature), COM 122 (Composition), HU 338 (Traversing the Borders: Science and Science Fiction) ■ 2007-present

Developed syllabus and overall course structure for Composition, Studies in Literature, and an interdisciplinary research course on connections between science and science fiction. Developed and delivered HU 142 as a Hybrid Course.

At **Georgia Institute of Technology**, Atlanta, GA:

Marion L. Brittain Post-Doctoral Fellow – English 1101, 1102 ■ 2006-2007

Developed syllabus and overall course structure for Composition I and II and administered all grades. Composition I at Georgia Tech relied heavily on electronic pedagogy and the use of technology within and outside the classroom. Composition II was an American Literature II survey course (instructor’s choice).

At the **University of Houston**, Houston, TX:

Teaching Fellow – English 1303, 1304, 2305, 2306 ■ 2001-2006

Developed syllabus and overall course structure for Composition I & II, Intro to Fiction, and

Intro to Poetry, and administered all grades. Taught several sections as hybrid or online classes through Distance Education and one linked course that included website development using Microsoft FrontPage.

At **Kingwood College**, Kingwood, TX:

Adjunct – English 1301, 2327, 2323 ■ 2004-2006

Developed syllabus and overall course structure for Composition I, Early American Literature, and British Literature II and administered all grades.

## **Professional Experience**

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### **Director of Research, McNair Scholar's Program**

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2011-2017-present

Oversaw student research plans with the McNair Scholar's Program, edited the McNair Scholars Journal, and worked with faculty mentors across the university to better assist students in their research projects.

### **Presidential Search Committee**

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2016-2017

Served at the behest of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees as the faculty representative to the committee to recommend candidates for the position of University President.

### **Speaker of the Faculty**

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2015-2017

Served from 2013-2015 as Vice Speaker before assuming the role of Speaker of the Faculty. Presided over all meetings of the faculty senate and executive committees. Developed and oversaw ad hoc committees to propose new workload policies, updated family leave policies, and digital submission software and training for electronic submissions of promotion and tenure and annual performance documents. Served during a presidential search and worked with executive committee to distribute and report faculty surveys that were used by all three campuses for feedback on the search process.

### **Joint Senate Coordinating Committee ■ 2015-2017**

Worked with Speakers and Vice Speakers from all three campuses of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to address issues affecting faculty, including workload, parental leave, and the Presidential search process.

### **President**

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society ■ 2015-present

Elected to preside over the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society, conduct all meetings of the society's board, and chair the annual conference.

### **Board of Trustees**

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society ■ 2012-present

Served as an elected representative and assisted in the planning and organization of society

events, including the annual Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society Conference.

**Editor**

*Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society Newsletter* ■ 2012-present

Selected content, wrote, and formatted newsletter for the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society.

**McNair Scholars Mentor**

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2008-present

Mentored first generation and under-represented students aspiring to achieve their doctoral degrees. Awarded Faculty Mentor of the Year in 2013. Of the three students I personally mentored in the program, one went on to achieve his law degree, another completed her Masters under my mentorship here at ERAU, and the third is working for NASA and enrolled in an engineering doctoral program supported by her position with NASA. The student working for NASA was also the winner of the ERAU Discovery Day poster presentation on her research in 2013.

**Outstanding Teaching Award Committee (Chair)**

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2012-2013

Appointed ten committee members, developed schedule, ran meetings, observed nominees courses being taught, reviewed portfolios, and conducted interviews with finalists to determine the Outstanding Teaching Award recipient.

**College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee (Chair)**

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2011-2013

Received and circulated proposals for changes to the curriculum within the College of Arts and Sciences. Considered commentary from committee members and submitted recommendations from the committee to the authors of the proposals for further review or implementation.

**Task Force on Innovation**, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2012-present

Served on committee to review and recommend technologically innovative teaching methods and university resources for implementation. Worked on sub-committee to author a report on current hybrid course offerings.

**Course Monitor HU 140s**, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2008-2015

Devised and implemented General Education Assessment tools and wrote annual report with assessment results and recommendations. Collected and reviewed course materials for all lower-level Humanities courses. Mentored specific faculty members to help improve course materials when necessary. Implemented the Ignite Quality Enhancement Program into HU 140s courses and associated assessment measures.

**Faculty Advisor**, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2008-present

Advised the Students for Social Justice, Leading Edge (dance club), Tennis Club, and Objects in Motion (juggling club). Currently serving as faculty advisor to Delta Upsilon.

**Amenities Committee**, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2008-2013

Organized and ran dinners and social gatherings for the Department of Humanities and Social

Sciences, including the end-of-year banquets.

**Faculty Senate (Executive Committee)**, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2008-2017  
Served on the Faculty Senate as a representative for the Department of Humanities from 2008-2009. Continued service on the Faculty Senate as the College of Arts and Sciences representative and member of the executive committee from 2009-2011. Worked on sub-committee to make recommendations on the implementation of hybrid and online learning models. Met every other week to discuss faculty concerns at the university and make recommendations to the administration. On off weeks, met with executive committee to determine meeting agendas and plan assemblies.

**Department Curriculum Committee**, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ■ 2007-2009  
Served on the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum committee. Considered, discussed, and voted on curricular changes at the department level.

**Certificate in Electronic Pedagogy**, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA ■ 2007  
Completed weekly course for certification in electronic pedagogy that include theoretical and practical readings, advanced work in WebCT and Dreamweaver, and a formal presentation of a self-designed assignment in which students created research projects on American writers and literary characters using social networking tools. Projects were linked using Dreamweaver and were proposed and developed in part on WebCT discussion boards.

**Faculty Advisor**, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA ■ 2007  
Served as the faculty advisor to the Georgia Tech Humanities club, an organization for undergraduate engineering students to pursue extra-curricular interests in the humanities.

**Textual Bibliographer**, Dr. Irving Rothman, Houston, TX ■ 2002-2003  
Collated and edited collations for a comparative project on the various editions of Daniel Defoe's *Adventures of Robinson Crusoe* and *Further Adventures of Robinson Crusoe* for a grant project set for publication in 2008.

**Writing Across the Curriculum**, University of Houston, Houston, TX ■ 2001-2004  
Served as graduate representative on the Writing Across the Curriculum Committee, now the Writing in the Disciplines Committee. Assisted in the development of the University of Houston's Writing Center and collaborated on curricula designed to encourage upper division writing instruction in a variety of academic disciplines. Developed and taught hybrid courses with the history department and educational technology.

**Graduate Studies Committee**, University of Houston, Houston ■ TX, 2003-2004  
Served as graduate representative on the faculty committee for graduate studies. Reviewed graduate student petitions, assisted in course scheduling, worked on changing the format for comprehensive examinations, and evaluated graduate applications to the M.A. and Ph.D. programs in English Literature.

## **Professional Memberships**

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Ellen Glasgow Society  
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society  
American Literature Association  
Science Fiction Research Association