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Degrees Earned

- 1982 Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Applied Linguistics
Dissertation: Individualized Writing Instruction in Southern West Virginia Colleges: A Study of the Acquisition of Writing Fluency. Unpublished doctoral dissertation. Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 1982. (Patrick M Hartwell, director)
- 1973 M. A. in Theoretical Linguistics
Thesis: Structure and Ambiguity in the English Transitive Sentence. Unpublished master's thesis. University of South Carolina, 1973. (Richard L. Gunter, director)
- 1970 B. A. in English Language and Literature (Bettie Rose Horne, major professor)

Higher Education Experience

- 2011 to present University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
- Fall 2014 Department of English
Teaching responsibilities—ENGL4005/6005, History of the English Language
 - Fall 2013 Department of English
Teaching responsibilities—ENGL/LING4005, History of the English Language
 - Fall 2012 Department of English
Teaching responsibilities—ENGL3600W, Advanced Composition
 - Summer 2012 College of Education
Teaching responsibilities—Writing Coach, Red Clay Writing Project
 - Fall 2011 Department of English
Teaching responsibilities—ENGL3590W, Technical and Professional Communication
- 2002 to 2005 Albany State University, Albany, Georgia
Professor of English and Chair, Department of English and Modern Languages
Teaching responsibilities— Undergraduate and graduate courses in composition, composition theory, and linguistics.
Major accomplishments—Created two computer-assisted writing classrooms; trained faculty in current methods of teaching writing; revised student advisement system for greater efficiency, faculty contact with students, and student retention rates; made the difficult decision to suspend the high-cost B.A. in French and the M.Ed. in English due to historically inadequate enrollment after convincing the department faculty and the university administration of the need to reduce costs; supervised the work of 20 fulltime and 4 part-time faculty, 2 instructional support staff, two fulltime secretaries, and 10 to 12 student assistants; established and supervised new high school student recruiting program; restructured the department to flatten the hierarchy and increase faculty participation in decisions; oversaw design of new, reliable course rotation scheme to ensure availability of required and elective courses when they are needed by students progressing toward graduation
- 1988 to 2002 Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama
Professor of Rhetoric and Linguistics
Director, University Writing Programs
Teaching responsibilities— Undergraduate and graduate courses in composition, composition theory, and linguistics; graduate courses in educational technology.
Major accomplishments—Established and directed comprehensive university-wide writing program; designed, developed, and published innovative software for writing classroom use; established and directed computer-mediated composition program; developed WebCT documentation for faculty; established and direct a National Writing Project site; established and direct the annual Winter Writing Workshop for teachers; published articles, chapters, and books; received \$158,148 in external grants and contracts; received early tenure.
- 1983 to 1988 University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
Associate Professor of English

Director of First Year Composition
Founding Director, South Mississippi Writing Project
Teaching responsibilities— Undergraduate and graduate courses in composition, composition theory, and linguistics.

Major accomplishments—Directed masters' theses and served on doctoral dissertation committees; established and directed Humanities Program writing intensive curriculum; established and directed annual Graduate Teaching Assistant workshop; established and directed student-centered freshman composition curriculum; developed coordinated undergraduate writing curriculum; conducted research on writing; directed all writing across the curriculum efforts; conducted faculty workshops in writing; supervised staff of 28 professional and clerical personnel; established and directed a National Writing Project site; established and directed computer-aided writing instruction; selected and installed hardware and software for writing lab; installed and modified 27 computers; selected and installed laser printers; selected and supervised installation of local area network; trained writing lab personnel; secured writing center funding; established and directed ENFI (Electronic Network for Interaction); won national research award; received \$169,338 in external grants and contracts; published articles and chapters; received early promotion to associate professor.

1978 to 1983 Bluefield State College, Bluefield, West Virginia

Assistant Professor of English
Director, McDowell County Center

Teaching responsibilities—Undergraduate courses in composition, technical writing, creative writing, composition theory, and linguistics.

Major accomplishments—Provided leadership for growing off-campus center, establishing orientation, counseling, advising, and financial services for students; initiated remote library services and designed a rotating curriculum; designed, developed, and implemented a writing center for all levels of writing courses; developed a career planning course for an innovative degree program; served as a special academic advisor; supervised writing center assistants; published articles; awarded certificate for exemplary media use; received institutional study grants for doctoral study.

1976 to 1978 Bluefield College, Bluefield, Virginia

Director of Public and Alumni Relations
Instructor in English

Teaching responsibilities—Courses in composition and linguistics.

Major accomplishments—Successfully supervised the total college relations program; edited all college publications, including the college catalog, alumni magazine, recruiting materials and development campaign materials; established and maintained effective media relations; produced a weekly radio program; wrote hundreds of published human interest and news items for local and national media; represented the college in public, radio, and television appearances; received national small college media relations award; initiated annual fund drive; introduced word processing technology to the college administrative offices; computerized college mailing lists; designed college logo for letterhead and other printed material; named honorary alumnus by Alumni Association.

Other Experience

1973 to 1976 Baptist Language Centre, Luanshya, Zambia

Field Linguist
Director, Bantu Language Studies

Teaching responsibilities—Post-graduate professional and certificate courses in theoretical linguistics, translation theory, and articulatory phonetics while on loan to the Toronto Institute of Linguistics (Toronto, Ontario) and the International Mission Board missionary training program (Pine Mountain, Georgia)

Major accomplishments—Established Bantu language study curricula based on developmental psycholinguistic principles for new missionaries in Zambia and Malawi; consulted

with Wycliffe on various Bible translation projects; initiated money-saving transportation plan for missionary personnel; negotiated agreement with Zambia National Mining Company for free use of their computing resources for analysis of human languages, conducted ethnological and linguistic research in Bantu villages; chaired committees overseeing major expansion of radio, television, and media work; worked with communications specialists in four African countries.

- 1972 to 1973 ICI America, Inc., Hopewell, Virginia
Senior Systems Analyst
Major accomplishments—Designed and implemented entire production and quality control IS systems for new polymer production plant; designed and programmed payroll, inventory control, and accounts payable systems; designed production planning system for polymer film plant; trained production planning personnel in modern, efficient planning techniques.
- 1970 to 1971 Wilson Hall High School, Sumter, South Carolina
High School English and Journalism Teacher
Teaching responsibilities—Courses in literature, journalism, and humanities; drama coach and yearbook advisor.
- 1965 to 1970 Abney Mills, Greenwood, South Carolina
Corporate Production Planner
Major accomplishments—Scheduled and coordinated all phase of production for nine textile mills; redesigned all production reporting forms, making them easier to prepare, reproduce, and read; devised innovative report production and distribution system; aided implementation of computer system for accounting department; aided smooth transition to new corporate headquarters by initiating efficient processes and training new personnel.

Publications

Books, Monographs, and Manuals Written

- Documentation for **Ophthalmology Residency Tracker**. Birmingham: Medical Data Corporation, 1992 [Scott Ribe and Gordon Smith co-authors].
- Instructor's Manual for **The Literature of Tomorrow**. Fort Worth: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1990.
- A Guide to Computer Aided Writing Instruction. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1989.
- First Lessons in Chichewa; A Study Guide. Blantyre, Malawi: Baptist Mission of Malawi, 1975 (mimeo).
- First Lessons in Bemba. Luanshya, Zambia: Baptist Language Center, 1974 (mimeo).

Articles and Chapters Written

- “Fishman and McCarthy’s Whose Goals? Whose Aspirations?: A Review Essay,” Composition Studies, 33, 1, Spring 2005 [online exclusive].
- “Glossary of Computer Terms,” in Carter, B., and C. Skates, The Rinehart Guide for Grammar and Usage, 4th Edition. Fort Worth: Harcourt Brace Company, 1995.
- “Computer Connections,” computer tips distributed throughout The Rinehart Guide for Grammar and Usage, 4th Edition. Harcourt Brace Company, 1995.
- “Guide to Writing with Computers,” in Kirsznner, L. G., and S. R. Mandell, The Holt Handbook, 4th Edition, pp. A10-A22. Fort Worth: Harcourt Brace College Publishers, 1995.
- “Linguistics, Grammatical Theory, and Semantics,” in 1993 CCCC Bibliography of Composition and Rhetoric. G. Hawisher and C. Selfe, Editors. Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1995, 90-101.
- “Three Areas of Parental Concern: A Letter to the Superintendent,” English Leadership Quarterly, 15, February 1993, 7-9.
- “Writing: A Process that Can Be Improved.” In J. W. Harris and J. M. Baggett (Eds.) Quality Quest in the Academic Process. Methuen, MA: Goal/QPC, 1992, 159-169.
- “Using *Conference Writer* as an Inexpensive, Effective Means of Fostering Collaborative Writing on Computers,” Composition Chronicle, December 1991, 7-8.
- “James Baldwin.” In P. Kolin (Ed.), American Playwrights Since 1945: A Research Survey of Scholarship, Criticism, and Performance. Westport, CN: Greenwood Press, 1989, 42-50.

- “Creating a Community of Writers,” CSSEDC Quarterly, 10, December 1988, 4-5.
- “A Study of Writing Center Effectiveness,” The Writing Center Journal, 9, Fall/Winter 1988, 53-60.
- “Good Ideas: More on Assigning Letter Grades”, Lotus, August 1988, 81.
- “New Directions for Teacher Training: Preparing Writing Teachers for Every Classroom,” Mississippi Council of Teachers of English Journal, 10, Spring 1988, 3-16.
- “You Can't Argue with a Sick Mind.” In T. Waldrep (Ed.), Writers on Writing, Volume 2. New York: Random House, 1988, 197-203.
- “Paradigms and Problems in Evaluating Writing Center Effectiveness,” In D. Roberts & W. Wolff (Eds.), Selected Papers of the Southeastern Writing Center Association. Boone, NC: Appalachian State University, 1986, 13-15.
- “Identity Crisis at the Writing Lab,” Southeastern Writing Center Association Newsletter, 6, March 1986, 2.
- “Mississippi's Living Room War on Illiteracy,” Mississippi Council of Teachers of English Journal, 8 (Fall 1985), 15-18.
- “Individualized Writing Instruction in America: Where Do We Go Now?” Journal of Research and Development in Education, 18 (Spring 1985), 37-43.
- “Perpetual Professional Certification: Responding to the Education Reform Act of 1982,” Mississippi Council of Teachers of English Journal, 7 (November 1984), 3-5.
- “Research Goals of the Southeastern Writing Center Association,” Southeastern Writing Center Association Newsletter, 4, October 1984, 3.
- “Basic Neurology for the Composition Teacher: A Selected Bibliography.” Crosscut, May 1983, 3-4 [K. James Strickland, co-author].
- “A Re-Affirmation of the For-Credit Writing Center,” in The Writing Center: Re-Affirming, Re-Assessing, Re-evaluating, edited by T. Waldrep. Columbia: University of South Carolina, 1983, 38-43.
- “Ian Ramsey's Concept of Religious Language,” Notes on Translation, 67 (December 1977), 31-34.
- “God Talk: Some Assets and Liabilities of Theological Language Games,” Bluefield College Press, 1 (May 1977), 38-39.
- “Sampling Hunger,” The Commission, 40 (April 1977), 26-27.
- “Bridging the Gap: Language Study Methods in East Africa,” Proceedings of the 1976 Meeting of the Language Association of East Africa, edited by L. Walusimbi and G. J. Wanjohi. Kampala, Uganda: Language Association of East Africa, 1976, 23-32.
- “A Note on Nell Nixon's Reading of Cummings' 'anyone lived in a pretty how town,’” The Language of Poems, 4, (January 1975), 22.
- “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead; or, A Round-Trip Journey with David Roberts and Rita Boxx at the Expense of William Shakespeare and Tom Stoppard,” Review '70 (May 1970), 32-36 [prize-winning essay; Rita Boxx, co-author].

Anthologies and Conference Proceedings Edited

- Impact '96. Birmingham, AL: Samford University Writing Project, 1996.
- Impact '95. Birmingham, AL: Samford University Writing Project, 1995.
- Impact '94. Birmingham, AL: Samford University Writing Project, 1994.
- Impact '92. Birmingham, AL: Samford University Writing Project, 1992.
- Impact '91. Birmingham, AL: Samford University Writing Project, 1991.
- Impact '90. Birmingham, AL: Samford University Writing Project, 1990.
- Tales from Tall Pines, Volume 3. Hattiesburg: South Mississippi Writing Project, 1988.
- Scribblings in the Pines. Hattiesburg: South Mississippi Writing Project, 1987.
- Tales from Tall Pines, Volume 1. Hattiesburg: South Mississippi Writing Project, 1986.
- Selected Papers of the Southeastern Writing Center Association, 1984-85. Boone, NC: Appalachian State University, 1986 [William C. Wolff, co-editor].

Papers Reproduced by ERIC Document Clearinghouses

- Building A Community of Writers for the 21st Century: A Compilation of the Teaching Demonstrations, Personal and Professional Writings, and Daily Activities of the Samford University Writing Project, 1991, ED 376 504 (1995). [Peggy A Swoger, co-editor].

Building A Community of Writers for the 21st Century: A Compilation of the Teaching Demonstrations, Personal and Professional Writings, and Daily Activities of the Samford University Writing Project, 1992, ED 376 505 (1995). [Peggy A Swoger, co-editor].

Building A Community of Writers for the 21st Century: A Compilation of the Teaching Demonstrations, Personal and Professional Writings, and Daily Activities of the Samford University Writing Project, 1994, ED 376 506 (1995). [Peggy A Swoger, co-editor].

Tales from Tall Pines: An Anthology of the Summer Institute for Public School Teachers, June 16-July 17, 1986, ED 376 507 (1995). [Jeanne Lebow, co-editor]

“The South Mississippi Writing Project: An Effective Staff Development Program for Fighting Illiteracy in Mississippi,” ED 308 521 (1989) [Hilda Wade, co-author].

“New Directions for Teacher Training: Preparing Writing Teachers for Every Classroom,” ED 296 313 (1988). Selected Papers of the Southeastern Writing Center Association, ED 272 926 (1986) [W. Wolff, co-editor].

“Individualized Writing Instruction: Where Do We Go Now?” EJ 317 610 (1985).

“Experimental Research in Written Composition: A Critical View,” ED 238 006 (1984).

“The SPICE Center at Bluefield State College: Final Report,” ED 239 253 (1984).

“Individualized Writing Instruction in America: A Review of Recent Literature,” ED 240 598 (1984).

“Basic Neurology for the English Teacher: A Selected Bibliography,” ED 214 180 (1983) [J. Strickland, co-author].

“Deschooling Language Study in East Africa: The Zambia Plan,” ED 223 074 (1983).

“Neurological Processes and Reading Pathology: Knowing About Children and Reading Dysfunction,” ED 218 600 (1982).

“The Physiology of Vision and the Process of Writing,” ED 218 656 (1982).

“Bridging the Gap: Language Study Methods Employed by Baptist Missions in East Africa,” ED 136 594 (1977).

Other Writings

Individualized Writing Instruction in Southern West Virginia Colleges: A Study of the Acquisition of Writing Fluency. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 1982.

Over 400 feature and news articles in newspapers, Baptist publications, alumni publications, and on the wire services, 1976-78.

Structure and Ambiguity in the English Transitive Sentence. Unpublished master's thesis, University of South Carolina, 1973.

Other Publications Edited

Bluefield College Catalog, 1979-80; Bluefield College Catalog, 1978-79; Bluefield College Catalog, 1977-78; Bluefield College Press, 1978; Review '70, 1970.

Educational Software Published

The McGraw-Hill Practice Guide, Macintosh Version. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1994.

The McGraw-Hill Practice Guide, DOS Version. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1994.

Grammar Online! Various versions published and distributed commercially by PC Productivity, Business and Education Technology, and TechSource (Time-Warner), 1994.

The Online Handbook for College Writers, Macintosh Version. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1992.

The Online Handbook for College Writers, MS-DOS Version. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1992.

The McGraw-Hill Online College Handbook. New York: McGraw-Hill, Inc., 1991.

The Borzoi Online Handbook for Writers. New York: McGraw-Hill, Inc., 1990.

Conference Writer, 1.6. Bedford, MA: St. Martin's Press, 1991.

Conference Writer, 1.5. Greenlawn, NY: Research Design Associates, 1990.

Process Writer. New York: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 1989. [Major project design consultant and manual writer.]

The Holt Writing Tutor, 1.0. New York: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 1988. [Prepared the final production version.]

Other Software Produced

Served as beta tester for Mustang Software's Off-Line Express for Windows, PKWare's data compression library and for The Forbin Project's Qmodem Pro. Developed and wrote more than two dozen shareware MS-DOS programs; designed and coded mainframe production reporting, quality control, payroll, and MIS programs and systems in textile and in polymer production industries; wrote MS-DOS utility and other programs for clients in Mississippi, Wisconsin, and Alabama.

External Grants and Contracts Received

- 1995 (\$34,666) \$18,000, The National Writing Project; \$16,666, The Alabama State Legislature.
- 1994 (\$41,600) \$18,000, The National Writing Project; \$3,600 Bibb County Schools; \$20,000 The Alabama State Legislature.
- 1993 (\$17,000) \$17,000 The National Writing Project, *with Commendation*.
- 1992 (\$14,216) \$10,616 The National Writing Project; \$1,800 Shelby County Schools; \$1,800, Birmingham Public Schools.
- 1991 (\$4,000) \$3,000 Tarrant School District; \$1,000 Apple Computer Corporation.
- 1990 (\$16,000) \$15,000 University of California; \$1,000 Apple Computer Corporation.
- 1988 (\$20,295) \$1,800 Hattiesburg Public School District; \$16,695 U. S. Education Department; \$1,800 Lillie Burnie Academic Magnet School.
- 1987 (\$61,969) \$3,040 Mason's Plywood, Paneling, and Lumber Company, Inc.; \$1,800 Collins High School; \$3,650 State Department of Education; \$1,800 Hazelhurst Public School District; \$6,250 The Phil Hardin Foundation; \$18,759 The Mississippi Power Foundation; \$29,710 U. S. Education Department.
- 1986 (\$75,174) \$2,000 The Phil Hardin Foundation; \$600 Random House Publishers; \$41,374 U. S. Education Department; \$15,000 University of California; \$15,000 The Mississippi Power Foundation; \$1,200 Pine Belt Schools Consortium.
- 1985 (\$8,250) \$3,472 The Phil Hardin Foundation; \$400 N. and R. Winterowd, Inc.; \$1,138 Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, Publishers; \$3,240 The Phil Hardin Foundation.
- 1984 (\$3,650) \$650 Oxford University Press; \$3,000 The Phil Hardin Foundation.

Professional Activities

Presentations at Professional Meetings

- "Dissertation Research on the National Writing Project: An Analysis," Central New York Conference on Language and Literature, Cortland, NY, October 1995.
- "Untangling the World Wide Web—And Other Mysteries of Teaching Writing On Computers," Keynote Address at the Annual High School Articulation Conference, Birmingham, AL, April 1995. [University of Alabama at Birmingham/Birmingham City Schools, co-sponsors].
- "Classroom Practices in the Teaching and Learning of Writing," Conference on College Composition and Communication, Washington, DC, March 1995. [pre-convention workshop presentation].
- "Perspectives in the Teaching and Learning of Writing," Conference on College Composition and Communication, Nashville, TN, March-April 1994. [pre-convention workshop presentation].
- "Frontiers in the Teaching and Learning of Writing," Conference on College Composition and Communication, San Diego, CA, March-April 1993. [pre-convention workshop presentation].
- "What Happens When Writing Programs Break with English Departments," Conference of Writing Program Administrators, Breckenridge, CO, July 1992.
- "Frontiers in the Teaching and Learning of Writing Revisited," Conference on College Composition and Communication, Cincinnati, OH, March 1992. [pre-convention workshop presentation].
- "The Quality Goes in Before the Title Page Goes On: Deming in the Writing Classroom," Southeastern Regional National Council of Teachers of English, Asheville, NC, October 1991.
- Demonstration of *Conference Writer*, at the request and expense of Apple Computer Corporation, Conference on College Composition and Communication, Boston, MA, March 1991.
- "Beyond the Cognitive Domain: Frontiers in the Teaching and Learning of Writing," Conference on College Composition and Communication, Boston, MA, March 1991.
- "QIP in the Writing Classroom," Writing Instruction Technology Conference, Jacksonville, AL, March 1991.
- Demonstration of *Conference Writer*, at the request and expense of Apple Computer Corporation, National Project on Computers and Writing, New York, June 1990.

- “Benefits of Collaborative Composing with *Conference Writer*,” National Project on Computers and Writing, New York, June 1990.
- “Collaborative Composing and the Politics of Community,” Southeastern Writing Center Association, Washington, DC, April 1990.
- “*Conference Writer*: A Classroom Aid to Collaborative Learning,” Alabama Council for Computer Education, Birmingham, AL, January 1990.
- “Collaborative Composing with *Conference Writer*,” Winter Writing Workshop, Birmingham, AL, January 1990.
- “Teaching with *Conference Writer*,” Southeastern Small College Computing Association, Birmingham, AL, November 1989.
- “Writing to Learn in Every Classroom,” Keynote Address at the Tennessee Community Colleges Association, Jackson, TN, April 1988.
- “ENFI at USM: A LAN for Teaching Writing,” Southeastern Writing Center Association, Charleston, SC, March 1988.
- “Ten Must-Have Computer Programs (for under \$800) for Writing Centers,” Conference on College Composition and Communication, St. Louis, March 1988. [pre-convention workshop presentation].
- “A Brief Look at Pair of Rhetorics: Current-Traditional and Contemporary Views of Writing,” Mississippi Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, Jackson, MS, April 1986.
- “Beyond Basic Writing: Helping Each Other Grow,” Presidential Address at the Southeastern Writing Center Association, Mobile, AL, April 1986.
- “America’s Living Room War on Illiteracy: Reading and Writing in a Democratic Society,” Conference on College Composition and Communication, New Orleans, March 1986.
- “Individualized Writing Instruction in West Virginia: Taking Writing Courses to the People,” National University Continuing Education Association Region III, Knoxville, TN, October 1985 [1985 NUCEA Research Award winner].
- “What’s Going on in There? Paradigms and Problems in Evaluating Writing Center Effectiveness,” Southeastern Writing Center Association, Columbia, SC, April 1984.
- “A Re-Affirmation of the For-Credit Writing Center,” Southeastern Writing Center Association, Columbia, SC, February 1983.
- “Individualized Writing Instruction at Bluefield State College: A Follow-Up Report on the SPICE Center,” West Virginia Association of College English Teachers, Jackson’s Mill, WV, October 1982.
- “Spicing Up the Curriculum with Self-Paced Instruction for Competence in English,” West Virginia Association of College English Teachers, Jackson’s Mill, WV, November 1979.
- “Deschooling Language Study in East Africa: The Zambia Plan,” Delaware Symposium on Language Study, Newark, DE, October 1979.
- “Bridging the Gap: Language Study Methods Employed in East Africa,” Language Association of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, August 1976.
- “I Always Wanted to Be a Naval Surgeon: An Analysis of Syntactic Ambiguity in English and Swahili,” Toronto Institute of Linguistics, Toronto, Ontario, June 1974.

Other Program Responsibilities at Professional Meetings

- Chair, “Conflicting Forces in Writing Program Development: Cultural Critique, Technology, and Visual Rhetoric,” Conference on College Composition and Communication, Minneapolis, April 2000.
- Presider, Opening General Session, Gulf Coast Conference on the Teaching of Writing, Point Clear, AL, August 1994.
- Chair, “Punctuation Alert—Punctuation Alert,” Gulf Coast Conference on the Teaching of Writing, Point Clear, AL, August 1994.
- Chair, “Placing Technical Writing within the Rhetorical Tradition,” National Council of Teachers of English, Pittsburgh, November 1993.
- Chair, “Students Responding to Portfolios,” Conference on College Composition and Communication, San Diego, March-April 1993.
- Chair, “Writing as a Reader,” Keynote Speech by Donald M. Murray, Gulf Coast Conference in the Teaching of Writing, Point Clear, AL, August 1992.

Chair, "Using Portfolios: A Workshop with Mary Ann Smith," Gulf Coast Conference on Teaching Writing, Point Clear, AL, August, 1991.

Chair, "With a Little Help from My Friends: Improving Student Writing through Peer Evaluation," Gulf Coast Conference on Teaching Writing, Point Clear, AL, August, 1991.

Conference Co-director, Eleventh Annual Southeastern Writing Center Association, Birmingham, AL, April 1991. Conference Theme: "Writing Beyond the Curriculum: Approaching the 21st Century."

Chair, "Computers and the Writing Center," Southeastern Writing Center Association, Birmingham, AL, April 1991.

Panelist, "The Alabama Writing Project Network," Alabama Council of Teachers of English, Huntsville, AL, November 1991.

Panelist, "Writing Workshop," Gulf Coast Conference on the Teaching of Writing, Point Clear, AL, June 1990.

Organizer and Director, "Workshop and Demonstration of Computer-Aided Writing Instruction," Birmingham, AL, February 1989.

Panelist, "Writing Projects in Mississippi," Mississippi Association of College English Teachers, Wesson, MS, February 1988.

Organizer and Chair, "Write to Be Free," Conference on College Composition and Communication, Atlanta, March 1987. (Speakers: Don Murray, Tilly Warnock, Ross Winterowd)

Panelist, "Writing for Thinking: A Significant Learning Tool for Every Classroom," Mississippi Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, Jackson, MS, April 1986.

Recorder, "Writers on Writing," Conference on College Composition and Communication, New Orleans, March 1986.

Chair, "Organization and Funding of Writing Centers," Southeastern Writing Center Association, Atlanta, April 1985.

Associate Chair, "Computers: The Other C in CCCC," Conference on College Composition and Communication, Minneapolis, March 1985.

Chair, "Utilizing the CCCC Composition Instruction Evaluation Instrument," National Council of Teachers of English, Detroit, November 1984.

Recorder, "Teaching Composition to ESL Students," Conference on College Composition and Communication, New York, March 1983.

Panelist, "Acquiring Meaning in a Second Culture," Georgetown University Roundtable on Languages and Linguistics, Washington, DC, March 1976.

Professional Service

Board Memberships

Alliance for Computers and Writing, 1994; Advisory Board, Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education, 1989-present; Editorial Board, *Focuses*, 1986-present; Editorial Advisory Board, *The Birmingham News*, 1989-90; Board of Directors, Office Technology Academy, Milwaukee, WI, 1987-1990; Board of Directors, Hattiesburg Education Literacy Program, 1987-88; Executive Board, Mississippi Writing/Thinking Institute, 1987-88; Writing Advisory Board, Southeastern Educational Improvement Lab, Research Triangle Park, NC, 1986-88; Founding Board, Mississippi Writing/Thinking Project, 1984-87; Editorial Board, *The Writing Center Journal*, 1986-89.

Other Service

Editorial Board, *Focuses*. Journal of the Southeastern Writing Centers Association.

Instructional Technology Consultant, Harcourt Brace Company.

Focus Group Leader, "Use and Misuse of Rhetorics in Composition Programs," Conference on College Composition and Communication, Nashville, TN: March-April 1994. Sponsored by Harcourt Brace Company.

Writing Improvement Consultant, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, MS.

Writing Improvement Consultant, Bibb County Schools, Scottsboro Schools, Albertville Schools.

Board of Associate Directors, Alliance for Computers and Writing.

Regional co-director, Southeastern Region of Alliance for Computers and Writing.

Program Planning Committee, Gulf Coast Conference on Teaching Writing, Point Clear, AL, August 1994.

Co-Sponsor, Gulf Coast Conference on Teaching Writing, Point Clear, AL, August 1994.

Beta version software tester, PKWare, Inc. (Wisconsin), 1991; The Forbin Project, Inc. (Iowa), 1991;

Planning Committee, Gulf Coast Conference on Teaching Writing, Point Clear, AL, 1990-present;
 Coordinating Committee, 1989 Gulf Coast Conference on Teaching Writing, Point Clear, AL;
 Founding Director, Samford University Summer Writing Camp, 1991;
 Founding Director, Samford University Writing Project, 1990-present;
 Founding Director, Samford University Winter Writing Workshop, 1988-present;
 Curriculum Consultant, Office Technology Academy, Milwaukee, WI, 1987-90;
 Consultant, Mississippi State Department of Education Remediation Curriculum Board, 1987-88;
 Keynote Speaker, Murrah High School Advanced Placement Honors Banquet, April 1985;
 Founding Director, South Mississippi Writing Project, 1984-88;
 Co-founder and Steering Committee Member, Mississippi Writing/Thinking Institute, 1984-87;
 Manuscript reviewer, The Writing Center Journal, 1986-90; Manuscript reviewer, College English, 1985-86;
 Computer systems consultant in business and education, 1984-present;
 Writing Research Consultant, Southeastern Region Council for Educational Improvement, Research Triangle Park, NC, 1984-85;
 Technical manual editorial consultant, Hercules, Inc., Hattiesburg, MS, 1985;
 Editorial and software consultant (Harper-Collins; D. C. Heath; Holt, Rinehart and Winston; W. W. Norton; Harcourt Brace Jovanovich; Scott Foresman; Random House; Wadsworth; McGraw Hill; Macmillan; Allyn Bacon) 1983-present;
 Talent File, Conference of Secondary School English Department Chairpersons, 1982-85;
 Writing workshop leader in schools, colleges, and universities, 1980-present;
 Commencement Speaker, McDowell County LPN Program, Welch, WV, 1980;
 Creative Consultant, Mountain Arts, Inc., Welch, WV, 1979-1983;
 Speaker, West Virginia Association for the Humanities Speakers' Bureau, 1979-81;
 Consultant and staff development leader for West Virginia school districts 1978-83;
 Curriculum consultant, West Virginia State Department of Education, 1978-83;
 Bantu languages consultant to clients five nations in Africa, 1973-1975;
 Consultant, Toronto Institute of Linguistics, 1973.

Community Service

Expert Witness (linguistics) Farnell v The State of Alabama, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court, Montgomery, Alabama, December 1994. (CV-94-2263-G)
 Association for Social Services for Autism in the State of Alabama (ASSASA), editorial consultant for legislative proposal. John Langlow, MD, ASSASA President, 1994-95;
 Mountain Brook Board of Education, Language Arts Curriculum Renewal Committee, 1994-95;
 Miles College, Computer-mediated composition consultant, 1994;
 Avondale Elementary School, Authors' Jamboree speaker, 1994;
 Speaker, Phi Delta Kappa, Birmingham, AL, January 1994;
 Multidisciplinary Panel, Putnam Middle School/EPIC II, Birmingham Public Schools, 1992-93;
 Speaker, Society for Technical Communications, Birmingham, AL, November 1993;
 Inaugural Speaker, Vivian Brown Lecture Series, Jasper, AL, July 1992;
 Keynote Speaker, Alabama Penman Creative Writing Contest Awards Banquet, Birmingham, May 1992;
 Pronouncer (1993) and Judge (1991, 1992), Jefferson County Spelling Bee.

Selected Samford University Service

Ad hoc Internet, WWW, and computer use advisor and consultant, 1988-present; Freshman Class Mentor. 1994-95; Personal cash and in-kind gifts to the University totaling more than \$10,000, 1988-present; Member, Howard College of Arts and Sciences Promotion and Tenure Review Committee, 1993-94; Chair, University Communications Committee, 1993-94; Author, English Department "Critical Processes Statement," adopted Fall 1992; Author, English Department Grade Appeals Policy, adopted Fall 1992; Member, School of Education Dean Search Committee, 1991-92; Member, University Academic Computing Services Committee, 1990-92; Speaker, University Relations Update Weekend, 1991; Chair, Writing Across the Curriculum Director Search Committee, 1990; Chair, University Writing Center Director Search Committee, 1990; Founder and Director, University Writing Programs, 1988-1994; various other departmental, college, and university *ad hoc* and standing committees, 1988-present.

Professional Memberships

National Council of Teachers of English; Conference on College Composition and Communication; Alabama Council of Teachers of English; Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, American Association of University Professors.

Offices in Professional Organizations

Executive Committee member, Southeastern Writing Center Association, 1984-1991; President, Southeastern Writing Center Association, 1985-86, 1986-87; Executive Committee member, National Writing Center Association, 1985-1987; Vice President, Southeastern Writing Center Association, 1984-85.

Honors and Awards

Who's Who in America, Golden Anniversary Edition, 1996; Who's Who in American Education, 5th Edition, 1996-97; International Dictionary of Biography, 24th Edition, 1995; Who's Who in America, 49th Edition, 1995, Who's Who in America, 48th Edition, 1994; Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 24th Edition, 1994, Who's Who in American Education, 4th Edition, 1994-95, Who's Who in America, 47th Edition, 1992-93; Men of Achievement, 1992; Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 23rd Edition, 1992; Who's Who in American Education, 3rd Edition, 1991-92; Honorary Alumnus, The Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, 1991; The Honor Society Phi Kappa Phi, 1990-present; Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 22nd Edition, 1990; Who's Who in American Education, 2nd Edition, 1989-90; Research Award, National University Continuing Education Association, 1985; Faculty Research Grant, University of Southern Mississippi, 1984-85; sixteen other honors and awards, 1970-1985.

Private Business

President, Roberts & Richards Associates, Inc., 1989-present.

The corporation provides educational and computer consulting services to clients nationwide, develops educational software, tests beta versions of externally-developed software, and conducts pre-publication evaluations of computer programs for educational and commercial distributors. The firm also provides software support to customers nationwide.

Sole Proprietor, Business and Education Computer Support, Hattiesburg, MS, 1985-1988.

Provided computer consulting on hardware and software configurations; procurement, installation and training for hardware and software systems; maintained and modified hardware and software to meet clients' needs for clients in Mississippi, Wisconsin, Alabama; developed software currently in use across the country.

Other Experience (Part-time)

2008-2010	Pastor, Graves United Methodist Church, Dawson, Georgia.
2006-2008	Chaplain Associate, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Albany, Georgia.
2004-2006	Pastor, Westtown United Methodist Church, Albany, Georgia.
1980-1981	Interim Pastor, Boissevain Baptist Church, Boissevain, Virginia
1979	Interim Pastor, Memorial Baptist Church, Bluefield, Virginia
1978-1979	Interim Pastor, Boissevain Baptist Church, Boissevain, Virginia
1976-1978	Interim Pastor, Parkview Baptist Church, Bluefield, Virginia.