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EDUCATION

M.A. Southern Illinois University (SIU) at Carbondale, English

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EXPERIENCE

English Instructor, Miami Dade College (MDC)

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I teach freshman composition, advanced composition, and technical writing courses for transfer credit. I also teach developmental composition.

Consultant, Educational Testing Service (ETS): 1996, 2001 - 2004: Evaluated essay responses for the Advanced Placement (AP) English Language Test. Table leader, 2004.

College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST), State of Florida: 1990 - 1998: Evaluated student essays that satisfy the writing component of CLAST, a state-wide competency exam for college graduates.

Technical Writer, IBM Corporation, Boca Raton, Florida: 1985 - 1990: Wrote, tested, revised, and edited IBM internal and external documents in hardware, telecommunications, and software.

Dept. of English, Florida International University (FIU): 1984 - 1989: Taught technical writing as an adjunct instructor while working full-time at IBM.