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Education

M.A. English, December 2013, Ball State University, Muncie, IN

B.A. English/Writing, May 1980, Houghton College, Houghton, NY

Teaching Experience

Taylor University, Upland, IN, Professional Writing Department
Instructor, beginning January 2015 (classroom load and online courses)
Adjunct Instructor, 2010–2014

Houghton College, Houghton, NY, Creative Writing Department
Three-week course, “From Manuscript to Book: How It Happens,” May 2009

Employment

Editorial Director, Livingstone
Carol Stream, IL, 1988–present

Assistant to the Director, Publishing Division, Youth for Christ/USA
Carol Stream, IL, 1983–1988

Editorial Assistant, Evangelical Training Association
Wheaton, IL, 1981–1983

Writing Conference Presentations

“Basic Grammar and Punctuation Review” Indiana Faith and Writing Conference,
October 2014

“Secrets to Successful Freelancing” Indiana Faith and Writing Conference, October 2014

“Literary Citizenship 101” Midwest Writers Workshop, July 2014

“Creating a Concept that Connects: How to Get Your Words Heard” Northwest Ohio
Christian Writers Conference, October 2013

“Secrets to Successful Freelancing” Northwest Ohio Christian Writers Conference,
October 2013

“Writing Short: How to Say a Lot in a Few Words” Northwest Ohio Christian Writers Conference, October 2013

“Basic Grammar and Punctuation Review” Northwest Ohio Christian Writers Conference, October 2013

“Why Writers Write: A Bird’s Eye View of the Publishing World” St. David’s Christian Writers Conference, June 2010

“From Manuscript to Book: How It Happens (Sessions 1 & 2)” St. David’s Christian Writers Conference, June 2010

“Writing Short: How to Say a Lot in a Few Words” Write to Publish, May 2010

“Writing for Feature Bibles” Write to Publish, May 2010

“Creating a Concept that Connects: How to Get Your Words Heard” Indy Christian Writers Conference, November 2009

“Secrets to Successful Freelancing” Write to Publish, May 2009

“Behind the Scenes in a Publishing House” Houghton College Writing Festival, April 2009

“Creating a Concept that Connects: How to Get Your Words Heard” Indy Christian Writers Conference, November 2008

“Devotional Writing 101” Indy Christian Writers Conference, November 2008

“You Want Me to Say All that in 200 Words?” Indy Christian Writers Conference, November 2008

“Making Microsoft Word Work 4U” Indy Christian Writers Conference, November 2008

“Writing for Study Bibles” Write to Publish Conference, May 2008

“Trends in Christian Publishing” Indy Christian Writers Conference, November 2007

“Cracking the Bible Note Code” Indy Christian Writers Conference, November 2007

“The 4-1-1 on Book Packagers” Indy Christian Writers Conference, November 2007

“Cracking the Bible Note Code” Glorieta Christian Writers Conference, October 2006

“Successful Project Management” Evangelical Christian Publishers Association Annual Conference, November 2004

Academic Conference Presentations

“Helping Students Excel: The Value of Training in Proofreading,” SUNY Council on Writing, Amherst, NY, March 2013

Publications

BOOKS AUTHORED:

Praying God's Promises for My Child (Tyndale House Publishers, 2002)

Does God Care If I Can't Pay My Bills? (Tyndale House Publishers, 1995)

BOOKS AND PROJECTS CO-AUTHORED:

Once-a-Day Bible Promises Devotional (Zondervan, 2012)

Household Money Organizer (Revell Books, 2010)

Saints & Scoundrels of the Bible (Howard Books, 2008)

Desperate Houselies (Multnomah Books, 2006)

Touchpoints for Troubled Times (Tyndale House Publishers, 2003)

Glorious Refrains (Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2002)

40 Unforgettable Dates with Your Mate (Tyndale House Publishers, 2002)

Tyndale Handbook of Bible Charts and Maps (Tyndale House Publishers, 2002)

Life Application New Testament Commentary (Tyndale House Publishers, 2001)

Life Application Commentary Series (17 vols.) (Tyndale House Publishers, 1992–2000)

Life Application Study Bible (Tyndale House Publishers, 1990)

CONTRIBUTOR:

Everyday Matters Bible for Women (Hendrickson Publishers, 2012)

Living the Gospel Life, April–June 2012 (Creative Communications, 2012)

Heaven Calling (Worthy Media, 2010)

Take My Heart Oh God (Worthy Media, 2010)

ONLINE:

“We Like Pieces that Force Readers to Think a Bit about What’s Serious and What’s Not.” An Interview with Jonathan Weisberg and Christopher Wachlin—Editors of *The Stoneslide Corrective*. (Posted 1/19/15 on “The Review Review,” www.thereviewreview.net)

Research

(1) Master's Research Paper: "Literary Citizenship: The Case for Building Literary Citizens in Our Creative Writing Programs." This study describes the importance of creative writing programs incorporating training in literary citizenship into their curricula. I lay out the practical reasoning for training in literary citizenship by examining the history of the creative writing discipline, the changes in the publishing world, and the influence of social media. I suggest several key components in this training, why each is important, and practical ways to incorporate that training into the classroom.

(2) "Student Proofreading: What Will Make It Better?" is a research project on the importance of training students to create polished writing. Composition instructors discuss papers with their students, going over what in publishing we call the "editing" and "copyediting," but as an afterthought add, "Don't forget to proofread." That's simply not enough, as my research shows. Instructors should add proofreading training into their curriculum because all of their students will enter jobs where the ability to communicate without distracting errors will be a matter of survival.

Memberships

Midwest Writers Workshop, Muncie, IN, Board member, 2012–present

Houghton College, Houghton, NY, President's Advisory Board member, 2006–2011

Houghton College, Houghton, NY, Parents' Council member, 2008–2010

Houghton College, Houghton, NY, Alumni Board of Directors member, 2001–2004

Honor and Awards

Ball State University, Muncie, IN, Certificate of Achievement in Recognition of Significant Accomplishments at the Graduate Level, 2013

Houghton College, Houghton, NY, *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, 1979

References

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