

Faculty Bio. Information

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Academic Credentials:

M.A. Institution and year: MA in English from The University of Texas at Tyler, 2001

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Course Teachings: Teaching English 1301 for Fall 2006

Number of Years at TJC: 1 year full time, 2 years part time

Other Institutions and Number of Years: UT Tyler part time 3 years, Miami-Dade College 1 year

Teaching Philosophy: To me, English is not a stand-up-and-lecture-all-the-time subject. To learn it, you have to do it. The more you do it, the better you understand it, and the better you understand it, the more comfortable you will be regardless of what you will have to write in the future.

Greeting to Students: Welcome to my class! Hopefully after completing my course you will feel more comfortable about writing and English in general. Like most classes, though, the amount of benefit you derive from the class is related directly to the amount of effort put into the class. If you are serious about the class, I will help all I can. I would much rather have students pass than fail. If you encounter problems during the semester (we

all have lives outside the classroom, right?) let me know and we'll see what we can do to work around them. I hope you enjoy the class!

Statement of usual method of evaluation of students (number of tests, essay paper, book reviews, etc.): There will be 3 exams this semester (2 during the semester and 1 final exam), 4 major out-of-class papers, a writing notebook, and a lot of group work (and it is graded). Homework is not accepted late. If you are absent, find a way to get it here. Attendance also factors into your final grade. Check your syllabus for the details.

Professional Associations: member of TCCTA

Any other Information you would like to supply for the website: Make sure that you get handouts and notes if you are absent. It is your responsibility.