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## Teaching Experience

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**Professor**, Johnson County Community College, English, Jan. 1996-present.

Introduction to Writing, Composition I, Composition I Online, Composition II, Composition II Online, Technical Writing, Introduction to Literature, Introduction to Literature Online, Introduction to Fiction, Introduction to Fiction Online, British Writers, British Writers Online.

**Distance Learning Coordinator/Mentor**, Johnson County Community College, Aug. 2002-May 2004.

**Adjunct Instructor**, Kansas City Kansas Community College, English, Jan. 1995-Dec. 1995.

Pre-Composition, Composition.

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, University of Kansas, English, Aug. 1991-May 1996.

Composition, Composition and Literature, Introduction to Fiction, Technical Writing.

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, University of Missouri-Columbia, English, Aug. 1989-May 1991.

Exposition and Argumentation.

## Education

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**Ph.D.**, English, University of Kansas, May 1999. Dissertation: *Writing and Reading the Individual: The Development of Personal Narrative in the Works of Defoe, Richardson and Boswell*

**M.A.**, English, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1991

**A.B.**, English, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1989

**B.J.**, Magazine Journalism, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1989

## Professional and Academic Growth

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**Workshop.** "Creating the Effective Online Course." Donnelly College In-Service, Kansas City, KS, January 2006

**Presentation.** "Creating a Presence: The Instructor's Role in an Online Classroom Community." Colleague to Colleague Fall Forum, Kansas City Kansas Community College, Kansas City, KS, October 2005.

**Workshop.** "Advanced Distance Education Workshop." Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges, Little Rock, AR, June 2005.

**Workshop.** "Creating the Effective Online Course." Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges, Little Rock, AR, June 2004.

**Presentation.** "Creating a Classroom Community: Developing an Independent, Interactive Online Course." KC REACHE Teaching Symposium for Online Faculty: University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, MO, April 2004.

**Publication.** "Summer Upgrade Makes WebCT More User Friendly." *JCCC Centerpiece*. May 2004.

**Presentation.** "Expectations for Distance Learning Faculty." Summer Institute on Distance Learning: Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, KS, July 2003.

- Presentation.** “Transforming the Literature Student to the Writing Instructor: Mentoring New Two-Year College Faculty.” Conference on College Composition and Communication: New York, NY, March 2003.
- Presentation.** “Discussing Literature Online.” KU Conference on New Literacies: University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, February, 2003.
- Presentation.** “Using Technology to Improve Online Retention.” KCPDC Tech Expo: Kansas City Kansas Community College, Kansas City, KS , February 2003.
- Publication.** “Creating Community With Technology.” *JCCC Centerpiece*. January 2003.
- Presentation.** “Creating a Community: Effectively Using Online Discussion and Presentation Tools.” WebCT User Conference: Boston, MA, July 2002.
- Publication.** Companion Website for the fourth edition of *Technical Writing: Process and Product*, Prentice Hall publishers, 2002.
- Presentations.** “Personalizing the Disembodied Student: Techniques for Achieving Dialogue in Distance Learning Classes.” Kansas City Professional Development Council Tech Expo: Penn Valley Community College, Kansas City, MO, January 2001. Spring 2001 Heartland Alliance Faculty Forum: Wichita State University, Wichita, KS, April 2001. Heartland Alliance Colleague to Colleague Summer Institute: Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, KS, July 2001.
- Presentation.** “Teaching *Heart of Darkness* and Africa in a British Literature Survey Course.” Conference on Composition and Literature: University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, October 2000
- Presentation.** “The Paperless English Course: Online Distance Learning and Student Web Pages.” Conference on Composition and Literature: University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, October 1999.
- Presentation.** “Exploring the Network Neighborhood.” Two-Year College English Association, Midwest Conference: Kansas City, MO, October 1999.
- Presentation.** “Studying Cooperative Composition Online: Making Students Visible to Other Students.” Conference on College Composition and Communication: Atlanta, GA, March 1999.
- Session chair.** “Classrooms and Color Lines: Teaching/Learning Skills in ‘Meaningful Contexts.’” Conference on College Composition and Communication: Chicago, IL, April 1998.
- Session chair.** “Old Favorites, New Treasures, and the Survey Course: Approaches to Eighteenth-Century Literature.” South Central Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies: San Antonio, TX, February 1998.
- Presentation.** “Supplementing—Not Substituting—the Paper Texts in the Eighteenth-Century Literature Course.” South Central Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies: San Antonio, TX, February 1998.
- Presentation.** “Neighborhoods: Argumentation and Research.” Conference on Composition and Literature: University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, October 1997.
- Publication.** “Building Connections on Day One.” *Innovation Abstracts*. September 5, 1997 Vol. XIX, No. 17.
- Panel participant.** “Where in the World Can You Get a Job—and How—Teaching English.” University of Kansas: April 1997.
- Presentation.** “Factual and Fictional Influences in Boswell’s *Tour of the Hebrides*.” South Central Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies: University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK, February 1997.
- Presentation.** “Private Lives Made Public: Eighteenth-Century Published Diaries.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies: Austin, TX, March 1996.
- Presentation.** “Low-Life Characters and Satire: Can We Have ‘Jolly Beggars’ in the 1990s?” A Literary Conference: Satire, Humor, Wit and Irony: Kansas City Kansas Community College, Kansas City, KS, March 1995.

**Presentation.** “Diary Writing and the Early Eighteenth-Century Novel, or a Better Way to Approach *Moll Flanders*.” South Central Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies: University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, March 1995.

**Reader.** The Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, July 1995. Researched diaries and journals published during the eighteenth century; supported by the KU Graduate School Summer Honors Fellowship.

**Presentation.** “The Debts of a First Feminist: Mary Astell and her Seventeenth-Century Predecessors.” Aphra Behn Society: Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, October 1994.

## **Collegial and Divisional Service at JCCC**

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### **Course Development:**

- Created complete content for the Internet distance-learning Composition II course
- Developed Internet distance-learning courses for Composition I, Introduction to Literature, Introduction to Fiction, and British Writers.
- Maintain web pages for my on-campus and distance-learning courses

### **Presentations for Faculty:**

- “WebCT 4.1 Preview.” Technology Brown Bags. March-April 2004.
- “Using WebCT for Departments and Faculty Groups.” Technology Brown Bag. Feb. 2003
- “Using WebCT in On-Campus Classes.” Faculty In-Service. Jan. 2003.
- “How (and Why) Do I Want to Use WebCT in my Class?” Adjunct Semester Refresher. Jan. 2003
- “Online Student Retention.” Center for Teaching and Learning. Oct. 2002.
- “Building Content Modules.” WebCT User’s Group. Sept. 2002. Jan. 2003
- “Using the Discussion Tool Effectively.” WebCT User’s Group. Sept. 2002. Jan. 2003
- “Creating a Classroom Community with WebCT.” Center for Teaching and Learning. Sept. 2002.
- “Technology Tips.” Faculty In-Service. August 2002.
- LENS presentation, April 2002
- New Faculty presentation, April 2002
- “The Online Student Community: How to Enhance Participation in Distance Learning Classes.” Faculty In-Service. August 2001.

### **Committee Work:**

- Member, Information Services Steering Committee, 2005-present
- Associate Chair, Baldrige Process Management Committee, 2003-present
- Member, Baldrige Award Steering Committee, 2003-present
- Member, Strategic Planning Council, 2003-present
- Member, Director of Student Development hiring committee, 2003
- Member, New Technology Innovation committee, 2002-present
- Member, Instruction Banner committee, 2002-2003
- Associate, Center for Teaching and Learning, 2002-2004
- Member, Kansas Award for Excellence committee, 2002-2003
- Member, Administrative Information Management committee, 2002-present
- Member, Sabbatical committee, 2002-2003
- Member, Distance Learning Coordinating Council, 2002-2004
- Member, English Department Asst. Professor hiring committee, 2002
- Chair, Peer Review Council, 2001-2002
- Member, Peer Review Council, 2000-2003
- Member, General Education Learning Outcomes Assessment, 2000-present

- Member, English Department program chair hiring committee, 2000
- Member, Liberal Arts Division curriculum committee, 1999-2001
- Chair, English Department Composition I textbook selection committee, 1999-2000
- Member, English Department textbook selection committees, 1997-2002
- Mentor, Peer Review committees for English and Humanities departments, 1999-present
- Member, English Program Guide revision committee, 1998
- Member, Staff picnic committee, 1998
- Member, Extra Efforts awards committee, 1998
- Member, Staff Development committee, 1997-1999

#### **Miscellaneous Academic Work:**

- Editor, *DL Delivery*, (a monthly 4-page newsletter), 2003-2004
- KC Reache Faculty Advisory Committee, 2003-present
- KCPDC Tech Expo Program Committee, 2002-2003
- Webmaster, Center for Teaching and Learning, 2002-2003
- Webmaster, Peer Review Council, 2002-2003
- Representative, Heartland Alliance of English Departments, 1997-2001
- Tutor, Writing Center, 1996-1997
- Judge, Optimist International Essay Contest, 1997
- Portfolio evaluator, Introduction to Writing, 1997
- Reviewer, CLEP essays for English Department, 1996-2000

#### **Academic Honors and Awards**

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Sabbatical, Spring 2006

JCCC Distinguished Service Recipient, 2003-2004, 2001-2002

AACC/Microsoft David R. Pearce Faculty Technology Award nominee, 2002

JCCC Extra Efforts Award for Online English Student Orientation, 2002

JCCC Innovation of the Year recipient, 2001

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Faculty Achievement Award nominee, 2000

JCCC Innovation of the Year nominee, 1999

Graduate School Summer Honors Fellowship, 1995

The Edwin M. Hopkins Award for Graduate Student Achievement, 1995

#### **Community Service**

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Assistant Youth Baseball Coach, Nall Hills Baseball, Overland Park, KS, 2006

Assistant Youth Soccer Coach, Northeast United Soccer Club, Shawnee-Mission, KS, 2001-2002 and 2004-present.

Assistant Youth Baseball Coach, 3 and 2 Baseball organization, Johnson County, KS, 2002-2005

Reading Tutor, Troost Academy Elementary, Kansas City, MO, 2001-2002: tutored once a week at public elementary school as part of Second Presbyterian Church local mission project.

Nursery Volunteer, Second Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO, 1999-present.

Volunteer, re-Start, Inc. Family Emergency Shelter, Kansas City, MO, December 2000: one-day volunteer project with staff from JCCC Writing Center. Served lunch, helped organize Christmas presents for homeless families.

JCCC Staff Picnic Volunteer, 1998, 2000.

Member, Community Concern Committee, Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS 1997.

## **Professional Affiliations**

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Modern Language Association  
National Council of Teachers of English  
College Composition and Communication Conference  
Two-Year College English Association

## **References**

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**John Thomson**, Academic Director, Johnson County Community College  
**Bill Lamb**, Dean of Liberal Arts, Johnson County Community College  
**Joel J. Gold**, Professor emeritus of English, University of Kansas  
**Richard Eversole**, Associate Professor of English, University of Kansas