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Education:

Ph.D, Rhetoric and Writing
Recipient, Cunningham Graduate Fellowship
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, expected Spring 2014

M.A., Digital Rhetoric and Professional Writing
Michigan State University, Summer 2010
Thesis: "Nonsense Comix Presents: The Cultural Rhetoric of Comics"

B.A. with High Honor, Social Relations, James Madison College
Michigan State University, 2006

Academic Publications:

"Imagining a Multiplicity of Visual Rhetorical Traditions: Comics Lessons from Rhetoric Histories." [ImageText: Interdisciplinary Comics Studies. 5.3 \(2010\)](http://www.english.ufl.edu/imagetext/archives/v5_3/howes/). Dept of English, University of Florida. 6 Oct 2010. <http://www.english.ufl.edu/imagetext/archives/v5_3/howes/>.

Conference Presentations:

"Oh Shit, I'm In Grad School: The Webcomic." Digital installation at Computers and Writing, Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 2011 (forthcoming).

"Pulling Panels: Contesting the Boundaries of Rhetoric Through Comix." Conference on College Composition and Communication, Atlanta, Georgia, April 2011.

"The Comic Book as Literacy Technology: Revising and Rethinking Multimodality and Visual Rhetoric." Conference on College Composition and Communication, Louisville, Kentucky, March 2010.

“Wimmen’s Rhetorix: Memory and Materiality in Feminist Underground and Alternative Comix.” *Feminisms and Rhetorics*, East Lansing, Michigan, October 2009.

“The Edge of the Panel, the Edge of the Page.” Panel with Katie Livingston, Casey Miles, and Donnie Sackey. *EDGES*, East Lansing, Michigan, March 2009.

“Imagining a Global Visual Rhetorical Tradition.” University of Florida Conference on Comics and Graphic Novels, Gainesville, Florida, March 2009.

“Anarchy and Disability in Revolution.” Queerfest, Lansing, Michigan, July 2007.

“Decolonizing Comics: Codex Legacies and Detribalized Native Rhetorics in Two Comic Books.” *Popular Culture Associations of the South*, Savannah, Georgia, October 2006.

Academic Service:

MA Student Representative, Rhetoric and Writing Graduate Advisory Committee.
Michigan State University, 2009-2010.

Organizing committee member, 2009 *Feminisms and Rhetorics Conference*, Michigan State University.

Graduate Student Chair of “Community Involvement” subcommittee.

Teaching Experience:

Teaching Assistant, Department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures, Michigan State University, 2008-present.

Courses taught include:

WRA 1004/WRA 0102, Preparation for College Writing, Fall 2008 and Spring 2009

WRA 110, Writing: Science and Technology, Fall 2009

WRA 104, Women in America, Spring 2010 (appointed)

Graduate Writing Group Coordinator, Digital Evolution Laboratory, Michigan State University, 2009.

Community Organizing and Nonprofit Experience:

Steward, Graduate Employees Union, 2008-2009

Representative of teaching assistants in the MSU Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and American Culture

AmeriCorps*VISTA Volunteer, 2006-2008
Allen Neighborhood Center, Lansing, MI
National service spent at Lansing nonprofit, working in Outreach, Engagement, and Communications program area

Cristo Rey Counseling Center Intern, 2005
Cristo Rey Community Center, Lansing, MI
Grant writing and research internship

Editor-in-Chief, Q*News, 2002-2004
Michigan State University
Undergraduate queer magazine, oversaw publication of nine issues

Zine and Comix Publications:

Wimmen's Rhetorix ("Oh Shit, I'm in Grad School" #4). Produced for Feminisms and Rhetorics, in conjunction with paper presentation, October 2009.

Oh Shit, I'm in Grad School #3. Produced for Summer Seminar in Rhetoric and Composition, Michigan State University, May 2009.

Edge of the Panel, Edge of the Page. Collaboration with Katie Livingston, Casey Miles, and Donnie Sackey. Produced for the EDGES conference in conjunction with panel presentation, March 2009.

Nonsense Comix #7 ("Oh Shit, I'm in Grad School" #1). Created for AL 805, December 2008.

Scholarships and Awards:

Cunningham Doctoral Fellowship, Virginia Tech, 2010.

Phi Beta Kappa, Michigan State University chapter, 2006.

University Distinguished Scholarship, Michigan State University, 2002.

Professional Memberships:

NCTE

CCCC

Skills and Qualifications:

Skilled in Microsoft Office Suite, Microsoft Publisher, Adobe Photoshop, and Dreamweaver.

Proficient in standards-compliant XHTML, CSS, PHP, and MySQL programming and design.

Basic proficiency in Python programming

Fluent in Spanish