



Ericka Russell, MFA

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Full-Time Instructor, English

Education

Western Kentucky University

May 2023

Master of Fine Arts

Major: Creative Writing: Fiction

Secondary Concentration: Composition & Rhetoric

Thesis: *Dopamine*: Essay, Short Story, and Poetry Collection

GPA: 3.85

Ohio University

May 2018

Bachelor of Arts

Creative Writing: Fiction

GPA: 3.88, Magna Cum Laude

James A. Rhodes State College

May 2014

Post-Secondary Coursework

English Composition & Literature

GPA: 3.85

Teaching Experience

Midwestern State University

Full-Time Faculty

2026 – Present

ENGL 1143: Intro to Critical Reading & Academic Writing (4 sections)

ENGL 0043: Integrated Reading and Writing (4 sections)

Western Kentucky University

Full-Time Faculty

2025 – 2026

ENG 100E: Intro. to College Writing (4 sections)

ENG 105: Supplemental Writing Lab (4 sections)

ENG 300: Writing Across the Disciplines (1 section)

ENG 311: Creative Nonfiction Writing (1 section)

Part-Time Instructor

2023 – 2025

ENG 100: Intro. to College Writing (5 sections)

ENG 200: Intro. to Literature (4 sections)

ENG 300: Writing in the Disciplines (3 sections)

Graduate Teaching Associate

2021 – 2023

ENG 100: Intro. to College Writing (5 sections)

ENG 200: Intro. to Literature (2 sections)

ENG 203: Intro. to Creative Writing (1 section)

Graduate Teaching Assistant ENG 105: Supplemental Writing Lab – Embedded Tutor (4 sections)	2020 – 2021
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Professional Development

Coalition of Feminist Scholars in the History of Rhetoric and Composition’s Mentoring Program	2024 – Present
Pacific, Ancient, and Modern Language Association Conferences	2024 & 2025

Western Kentucky University

Center for Innovative Teaching & Learning Professional Development Day	2025 & 2026
Center for Innovative Teaching & Learning Book Club: <i>The Opposite of Cheating: Teaching for Integrity in the Age of AI</i>	Fall 2025
Navigating AI in the Humanities Workshop	Oct. 2024
English Department Professional Development Workshops (3)	2023 – 2024

Awards

Western Kentucky University

University Faculty Part-Time Teaching Award	Spring 2025
Potter College of Arts and Letters Excellence in Part-Time Teaching	Fall 2024
Center for Innovative Teaching & Learning Teaching Honor Nomination	Spring 2024
Center for Innovative Teaching & Learning Teaching Honor Nomination	Fall 2024
Center for Innovative Teaching & Learning Teaching Development Grant \$1,500	Fall 2024
Gender & Women’s Studies Writing Contest “Intake Specialist” (Essay)	Spring 2023

Ohio University

Outstanding Achievement Award for Graduating Senior	Spring 2018
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Blufton University

Leader of Tomorrow Nomination	Spring 2014
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Publications

Creative Essays

“Controlled Substance” <i>Iron Oak Editions</i> Creative Nonfiction Anthology: <i>A Brand New Word in the End Drops Out:</i>	April 2026
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Personal Stories of Mental Health and Mental Well-Being

“Controlled Substance”

West Trade Review, Spring 2026, Vol. 17

April 2026

“Burning Alfalfa Fields”

Open: Journal of Arts and Letters

July 2023

Critical Essays

“The Race to Acceptance: Harlan Brown's Passivity and Identity
in *The Front Runner* and *Harlan's Race*.”

Patricia Nell Warren and The Front Runner Fifty Years Later

Forthcoming

“Fighting the Lone Writer in the Night”

Writing on the Edge, Vol 32.2

Spring 2024

Short Stories

“Suicide Simulation”

Knee Brace Press

Jan. 2024

Poems

“Sleep”

The Voices Project

Nov. 2019

“Compulsive Thoughts”/ “Sertraline Withdrawal”

Asylum Magazine; Vol. 28; No. 2 / 3

2021

“Dragonflies Fly All the Way Away”

Feminine Collective

April 2024

“...A Tornado Warning at the Taco Bell Drive-Thru?”

Penned to Pin on Bowling Green

Mar. 2024

Other

Gestural Listening: In and Beyond the Classroom by Laura Feibush
Developing Editor

Forthcoming

Review of The Devoted by Blair Hurley

Bridge Eight Press

Spring 2020

Interview: Students of WKU English

Spring 2021

Guest Editor

Fleas on the Dog

Spring 2021

Conference Presentations

“Rethinking Academic Integrity in the Age of AI and Finding Moments to Foster Student’s Self-Efficacy” AI Conference <i>Western Kentucky University</i>	March 2026
“From Leviticus to a Jehovah Witness Recruitment Letter: Questioning and Queering Biblical Literature through Erasure Palimpsests” Pacific, Ancient, and Modern Language Association Conference <i>San Francisco, California</i>	Nov. 2025
Chair of Queer Palimpsests II at the Pacific, Ancient, and Modern Language Association Conference <i>San Francisco, California</i>	Nov. 2025
“Before You Jump In: AI’s Ethical Concerns and Student Considerations” AI Conference <i>Western Kentucky University</i>	April 2025
“Harlan Brown’s Passivity and Sexuality in <i>The Front Runner</i> ” Pacific, Ancient, and Modern Language Association Conference <i>Palm Springs, California</i>	Nov. 2024

Invited Talks/Readings

“Academic Integrity in the Age of AI” Panelist Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, <i>Western Kentucky University</i>	Nov. 2025
“here, take all my places” Reading - First Things First: Sexual Assault Prevention Month Event Hope Harbor, <i>Bowling Green Kentucky</i>	April 2025
Graduate Professional Development Workshop: Conferencing 101 Guest Speaker English Department, <i>Western Kentucky University</i>	Nov. 2024
“The Glass Ceiling Was Never Glass” Reading - First Things First: Sexual Assault Prevention Month Event Hope Harbor, <i>Bowling Green Kentucky</i>	April 2023

Academic Service

Midwestern State University

Composition and Developmental Writing Committee	2026 - 2027
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Western Kentucky University

The Annual Gender and Women's Studies Writing Contest Host and Organizer	2025 and 2026
University Committee for Faculty Awards	Spring 2026
New Faculty Social Coordinator	2025 - Present
Pedagogy Chats Host	2024 – 2025
The Barbara Ann Williford Memorial HS Creative Writing Contest Judge	Spring 2025
<i>Ashen Egg</i> Editorial Board & Copy Editor	Spring 2024
Undergraduate Conference on Literature, Language, and Culture Board Member & Moderator	Fall 2022
Writing Center Tutor and Receptionist	2020 – 2021

Community Engagement and Service

Judge for the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for Kentucky <i>Warren County Public Library</i>	Jan. 2026
Editor and Content Writer <i>Mass Media Designs</i>	2021
Senior Teaching Aide <i>Haugland Learning Center</i>	2016 – 2020
Contributor <i>Pashionistas</i>	2015 – 2016

Memberships

Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association
The National Society of Collegiate Scholars
The National Society of Leadership and Success
The Phi Beta Kapa Academic Honor Society