

Midland College Faculty Vitae

Name:

Melissa Boyce

Names of all higher education institutions attended, with degrees earned:

Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, M.A. in Rhetoric and Composition, June 2012

- Upon transfer from Purdue, I continued earning credit for my Masters in English Composition and Rhetoric track.
- Graduate Teaching Assistant Instructor for Freshman Composition and Rhetoric

Purdue University, Hammond, Indiana, M.A.-seeking; earned 30 credit hours

- Graduate Teaching Assistant for Freshman Composition
- Assistant to the Coordinator for the Northwest Indiana Writing Project Author of chapters on analysis, synthesis, and argumentation for Purdue University Freshman Composition textbook

Valparaiso University School of Law, Valparaiso, Indiana, J.D. specializing in criminal law and ethics, 2006

- Pro Bono Criminal Law Clinic, 2005-2006
- Honors Award for Professional Achievement and Excellence in clinical practice

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, B.A., Anthropology and Sociology, December 2001

- Dean's List, 1998-2001
- McNair Scholars Program Award for Academic Excellence and Leadership

All previous teaching positions, including the names of the institutions, the position, and beginning and ending dates of employment:

Midland College, Midland, Texas

Assistant Professor of English Rhetoric and Composition, August 2015 - Present

- Provide students with the ability to learn critical skills with writing. Students are challenged to complete research, presentations, collaborative projects, and adopt a scholarly persona in order to become part of the academic and civic communities
- Mentoring students in the Honors Program
- Supporting new faculty as a mentor.

University of Alaska-Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska

Full-time Instructor of Rhetoric and Composition, August 2012 - August 2015

- Instruct first-year students on how to apply both hard and soft skill sets toward adopting conscious critical thinking in the academic environment and applying persuasive theories in their professional writing. There is a strong emphasis the on analysis of existing interdisciplinary scholarship and gaining expertise in primary sources, field research, and persuasive techniques in rhetoric.

Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama

Graduate Teaching Assistant, August 2011 - June 2012

- Continued as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in Rhetoric and Composition upon transfer from Purdue University

Columbus State University, Columbus, Georgia Freshman
Composition Instructor, 2011 - 2012

- Instructed new scholars on the elements of the writing process, composition theory, and rhetoric

Georgia Military College, Columbus, Georgia
Freshman Composition Instructor, 2011

Purdue University, Hammond, Indiana
Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2009 – 2010

- Wrote three chapters for the First Year Composition (FYC) Rhetoric and Composition Handbook for Graduate Assistants in conjunction with the FYC Director.

ITT Technical Institute, Burr Ridge and Orland Park, Illinois
Adjunct Instructor, Ethics and Criminal Law, 2007 – 2008

- Research-driven seminar on federal and state jurisprudence, the fundamentals of criminal law (both case law and statutory law), and ethics with a focus on the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy and concepts from Locke, Smith, Hume, and Hobbes, and Aristotle. This class was designed to give first-year students in the Criminal Justice track a well-rounded foundation in how and why the American legal practice evolved and the principles and values it represents.

Departmental, Community and Professional Service Activities::

Faculty Senate President-Elect, 2019

Mentor, Faculty Mentoring Program, 2018 - Present

Mentor, Student Honors Program, 2015 – Present

Presenter at PEAKS Conference, 2019

Accessibility Committee, 2015 - Present

Quality Matters Certified, 2015 – Present

Chair of New Curriculum and Textbooks Committee, 2016 – 2017

Intellectual Property Committee, 2016 – 2017

Member of the Rhetoric Society of America, 2014 – 2016

Member of the Alaska State Literacy Association, 2015

Alaska Center for the Book Secretary, 2013 – 2015

Member of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric Judge, Pacific Rim Conference Dru Whitaker Prize, 2015

Pacific Rim Conference on Literature and Rhetoric Moderator, 2015

Pacific Rim Conference on Literature and Rhetoric Silent Auction Co-Coordinator, 2014