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BA-English, Carson-Newman College

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She worked as an editor for the *Journal of Sports Literature*, and was integral in designing a Native American Studies Minor at East Tennessee State University.

Her Master's Thesis "Imprisoned and Empowered: The Women of Edith Wharton's Supernatural Fiction" was designated by East Tennessee State University as one of the best Theses of 2003, and has been noted as one of the first works of Feminist Criticism on Wharton's Supernatural pieces by The Edith Wharton Society.

She taught at the College and University levels for 9 years and has taught AP Literature and Composition for the last 6 years.

By having experience in both the High School and College, she has the ability to integrate not only the material as needed for great success in AP Literature but also to prepare the students to be successful in college.