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**Houston Community College**

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**Education**

**M.A. in English and American Literature** *May 2013*  
**University of Houston, Main Campus**  
GPA: 3.9

**B.A. in English and American Literature** *August 2008*  
**University of Houston, Main Campus**  
Transfer Scholarship and Texas Grant Recipient, and National  
Hispanic Scholar

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**Teaching Experience**

**Adjunct Instructor, Department of English** *January*  
**Houston Community College** *2013-*  
•Fundamentals of Grammar and Composition I, II *Present*  
•Composition I, II

**Associate Teacher** *2009-2010*  
**Houston Independent School District**  
•Preparing and administering lesson plans from grades PK-12  
throughout H.I.S.D. to fill in for regular classroom teachers as needed

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**Conference Presentations**

“In Fincher We Trust: an Analysis of Myth in the Film Version of Fight Club” *April 2013*  
*Coastal Plains Graduate Conference on Language and Literature*  
University of Houston

“Elements of Folklore in Christina Rossetti’s ‘The Prince’s Progress’” *March 2012*  
*Graduate English Society Literature Conference*  
University of Houston

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## Projects

Co-editor, The Augusta Webster Archive. A digital scholarly edition	<i>Current</i>
Co-editor, <i>Plaza: Dialogues in Language and Literature</i> English Graduate Student Journal, University of Houston	<i>2011- Present</i>
Co-planner, <i>Coastal Plains Graduate Conference on Language and Literature</i> University of Houston	<i>2013</i>
Co-planner, "Reviving and Re/Visioning Work" <i>Graduate English Society Literature Conference</i> University of Houston	<i>2012</i>

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## Training/Professionalization

<b>Texas Teachers ACP Training – English Language Arts 8-12</b> ·Pre-certified in English Language and Reading 8-12 ·TeXes score: 278/300	<i>2008</i>
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## Non-academic Professional Work Experience

<b>Business Consultant</b> <b>Airtastic Compressor Technologies</b> ·Liaison between billing, financial and field representatives ·Upgrading and standardizing inventory and invoice systems	<i>2011-2012</i>
<b>Interim Store Manager/Assistant Manager</b> <b>Parker School Uniforms</b> ·Training and supervising employees ·Scheduling, payroll, inventory management, customer service, and IT	<i>2000-2012</i>
<b>Apple Inc.</b> <b>Mac Specialist</b> ·Teaching One to One classes and Workshops	<i>2009-2010</i>
<b>River Oaks Baptist School</b> ·Tutoring children ages five through seven in after school program ·Co-planning and directing Christmas Caroling Program	<i>2004-2006</i>

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