

# **Timothy Kirk**

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## **EDUCATION**

**Ph.D. Candidate in Literature and Criticism**, Indiana University of Pennsylvania.  
Specialization in Nineteenth Century American Literature. Dissertation proposal: “*The Blithedale Romance*: America’s Imaginative Crisis and Hawthorne’s Pre-Civil War Epistolary.”

**M.A. in English**, University of Dallas, 1997.

**Certificate of Graduate Studies**, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1994.

**B.A. in English**, Missouri State University, 1992.

## **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Professor of English**, Southeastern University, Lakeland, Florida, 2006-2012.

- Courses regularly taught:
  - Composition I and II
  - Introduction to Literature
  - Honors Speaking and Writing
  - American Literature
  - Modern Christian Writers
  - African American Literature
  - Middle Eastern Literature
  - Christ, Culture, and the University
- Served in the following capacities:
  - Online and Evening Coordinator for the Department of English and Foreign Languages. Supervised adjuncts, developed curriculum for traditional and adult education, and taught courses.
  - Honors Program Council Member. Developed a communications course titled COMM 2443: Honors Speaking and Writing and helped to develop a cross-disciplinary English course titled ENGL 2443: The Yellow Brick Road: A Literary and Historical Analysis of the 1890s.
  - Introduced the university to a new technology platform (Turnitin.com) that was adopted campus-wide in 2009.

- Department innovator: developed course rationales and rubrics, core benchmarks, program assessments, and a new course titled Middle Eastern Literature.
- Department coordinator: organized multiple off-campus activities, including field trips to see Billy Collins, Derek Walcott, Stephen Dunn, Miroslav Volf, and others.

**Assistant Professor of English**, Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, PA, 2001-2004.

- Courses regularly taught:
  - Composition I and II
  - Advanced Grammar
  - American Literature
  - Introduction to Poetry
  - Studies in Shakespeare
- Served in the following capacities:
  - Honors Core Director/Instructor. In a collaborative effort with two colleagues, developed and supervised BBC's first honors program.
  - Developed course rubrics, college-level curriculum generally, and American literature curriculum specifically.
  - Instituted regular poetry readings and academic film events on campus and created opportunities for broader community engagement.

## **OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2012-2013     All Saints' Academy, Winter Haven, Florida.  
1996-2001     Wentzville Holt High School, Wentzville, Missouri.  
1994-1996     Thomas Jefferson High School, Dallas, Texas.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Currently seeking publication of "The Double Front of Uncle Tomism: The Christ Complex and Commodification of Uncle Tom."

Symposium: Presentation: "Film as Text for Visual Storytelling: Missional Opportunities," 180 Film Festival, Southeastern University, November, 2011.

Lecture: "On Being a 'Quester': The Promotion of Scholarship, Character, and a Pursuit of the Good." Alpha Chi Induction Ceremony, Southeastern University, November, 2011.

Presentation: "Information Literacy in the Digital Classroom," Florida Library Association, Orlando, Florida, May, 2011.

Published: Symposium: Presentation: *The Logic of Chaos in The Oresteia: Making Peace with the Furies*, The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture, Dallas, Texas, January, 2011.

Presentation: "The Thesis-Driven Essay: Problems and Possibilities," Association of Christian Schools International (ASCI) Convention, Orlando, Florida, October, 2010.

Published: Symposium: Presentation: *Much Ado About Nothing: The Employment of the 'Poneros' in the Terrain of Comedy*, The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture, Dallas, Texas, 2009.

Scorer: Florida Teacher Certification Exam (FTCE), Tampa, Florida, 2008-2011.

Conference: The Annual Conference on College Composition and Communication, New York City, New York, March, 2007.

Conference: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Literary Scholar, Critics, and Writers, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November, 2005.

Conference: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Literary Scholar, Critics, and Writers, Washington, D.C., October, 2002.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE AND AWARDS**

Southeastern University and Lakeland Community

- Christ, Culture, and the University (CCU) Council, Southeastern University, 2011-2012.
- Faculty Development and Empowerment Subcommittee, Southeastern University, 2011-2012.
- Public poetry reading, First Friday "Downtown Loves the Arts," February, 2012.
- Chapel speaker: "Big Heads, Little Hearts," Southeastern University, October, 2011.
- Public reading of Jonathan Edwards' *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*, Lakeland Christian High School, October, 2011.
- Faculty devotional: "Private Virtue and Relational Justice: Reflections on James 1:26-27," Southeastern University, November, 2010.
- 2009-2010 Excellence in Information Literacy Award.
- Public lecture following a production of C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, Theatre Winter Haven, November, 2008.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

National Council of Teachers of English  
The Association of Literary Scholars, Critics, and Writers

## **REFERENCES**

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