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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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2015 - present  
Assistant Professor of English, Department of English, University of  
Massachusetts, Boston, MA

2012 - 2015  
Assistant Professor and Director of Composition, Department of Humanities,  
Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI

## EDUCATION

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PhD in English with a Concentration in Writing Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-  
Champaign, 2012

MA in English, University of Maine, 2006

BA in English, University of Maine, 2004

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Refereed Articles & Chapters

Bowen, Lauren Marshall. "The Limits of Hacking Composition Pedagogy." *Computers and Composition*. Forthcoming 2017.

Bowen, Lauren Marshall, Kirsti Arko, Joel Beatty, Cynthia Delaney, Isidore Dorpenyo, Laura Moeller, Elsa Roberts, and John Velat. "Community Engagement in a Graduate-Level Community Literacy Course." *Community Literacy Journal* 9.1 (2014): 20-40.

Bowen, Lauren Marshall. "The Literacy Narrative of Chadwick's *The First Grader*." *Age, Culture, Humanities* 1.1 (2014): 63-95.

Rumsey, Suzanne Kesler, Ruth E. Ray, Lauren Marshall Bowen, and Donora Hillard. "The 'New Discourse City' of Older Writers: Aging and Disability as Assets to Collaborative Learning." *Service-Learning and Writing: Paving the Way for Literacy(ies) Through Community Engagement*. Ed. Isabel Baca. Boston: Brill, 2012. 219-240.

Bowen, Lauren Marshall. "Beyond Repair: Literacy, Technology, and a Curriculum of Aging." *College English* 74.5 (2012): 437-57.

Bowen, Lauren Marshall. "Resisting Age Bias in Digital Literacy Research." *College Composition and Communication* 62.4 (2011): 586-607.

### **Other Publications**

(Book Review) *Senior Citizens Writing*, edited by W. Ross Winterowd and *Senior Citizens Writing II*, edited by Bill Reid. *Community Literacy Journal* 5.1 (2010): 191-194.

(e-textbook) Catherine Prendergast, Richard L. Nardi, and Cory Holding; with Sarah Alexander, Lauren Marshall Bowen, Michael Burns, and Jonathan Stone. *Writing @ the University of Illinois*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Urbana, IL: College of ACES, 2010.

### **In Progress**

*Curriculum of Aging: Literacy and Technology in Later Life*. (book manuscript)

### **AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS**

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Creative Canvas Course Competition (C-4), Winner, Michigan Technological University, 2014.

Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Advanced Collaboratory (HASTAC) Scholar, University of Illinois. 2011.

List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students, University of Illinois, 2009; 2011.

Distinction in Special Field Exam, University of Illinois, 2010.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

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#### **Selected National and International Meetings**

"Transfer for Teaching: The Possibilities of Program Assessment for the Development of Faculty Expertise." Council of Writing Program Administrators. Raleigh, NC. July 2016.

"Multimodal + Composition: Searching for the Fit, Not the Fix." Conference on College

- Composition and Communication. Houston, TX. April 2016.
- "Against Obsolescence: Pink-Collar Knowledges in Digital Environments." *Feminisms & Rhetorics*. Tempe, AZ. October 2015.
- "Help Wanted: The Complexity of Technological Literacy in the Unemployment System." With Charles Wallace. *Computers & Writing*. Stout, WI. May 2015.
- "Sister Seminars: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Digital Literacy and Design." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Indianapolis, IN. March 2014.
- "Literacy Tours: A Spatialized Approach to Literacy Research." *Writing Research Across Borders III*. Paris, France. February 2014.
- "Lifelong Literacy: A Case for Intergenerational Literacy Classrooms." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Las Vegas, NV. March 2013.
- "From Typewriters to Tweeters: Women, Aging, and Technological Literacy." Modern Language Association Annual Convention. Boston, MA. January 2013.
- "Back to School: The Successful Failure of a University Affiliated Retirement Community." Thomas R. Watson Conference on Rhetoric and Composition. Louisville, KY. October 2012.
- "Unlearning Old Age: What Can Older Adults Teach Us About Digital Literacy?" *Computers and Writing*. Raleigh, NC. May 2012.
- "Writing a Life: Cross-Generational Collaboration in Community-Based Research and Writing." Conference on College Composition and Communication. St. Louis, MO. March 2012.
- "Embodied Histories of Literacy: The Literate Lives of Elders." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Atlanta, GA. April 2011.
- "Eldergeeks: Contrasting Practices of Digital Literacy and Learning for Aging Adults." *Computers and Writing*. Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. May 2010.
- "Aging Bodies, Ageist Rhetoric: AARP's Absent Presence." Rhetoric Society of America. Minneapolis, MN. May 2010.
- "Invisible Signs of Aging: The Embodied Literacies of Elders in the Digital Age." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Louisville, KY. March 2010.
- "Complicating Gerontechnologies: The Rhetoric of the Aging Body in an Online Community." *Feminisms & Rhetorics*. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. October 2009.
- "Old Habits and New Media: Intermediating Text and Identity." *Computers and Writing*. University of California, Davis. June 2009.
- "'We Rule the Net': A Qualitative Approach to Aging Adults and Technological Literacy." *Expanding Literacy Studies: An International, Interdisciplinary Conference for Graduate Students*. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. April 2009.

## **TEACHING**

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### **University of Massachusetts Boston**

#### *Undergraduate Courses*

ENGL 101: Composition

ENGL 101/102: Composition (Honors College)

ENGL 102: Composition II

#### *Graduate Courses*

ENGL 610: The Teaching of Composition

ENGL 667: Seminar for Tutors

#### *Graduate Committees*

Reader: Sarah Kinne (in progress); Theresa Dietrich (in progress); Timothy Connors (2016)

### **Michigan Technological University**

#### *Graduate Committees*

Doctoral: Kirsti Arko, committee (in progress); Keshab Acharya, committee (in progress);  
Shreya Kumar, committee (2016)

Master's: Carole Reynolds, committee (2013); Laura Möller, chair (2014); Elsa Roberts,  
committee (2015); Cynthia Delaney, committee (2015).

#### *Graduate Courses*

HU 5931: Oral, Written, and Visual Communication Pedagogy

HU 6000: Special Topics in Literacy: Community Literacy

#### *Undergraduate Courses*

HU 2130: Introduction to Rhetoric

HU 3150: Topics in Literacy Studies (formerly "Reading and Writing")

HU 3151: Rhetoric of Everyday Texts

UN 1001: Perspectives on Inquiry (Topic: Meanings of Disability)

UN 1015: Composition

### **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Rhetoric 233: Principles of Composition: Life Story Writing and Research

Rhetoric 105: Principles of Composition

Writers' Workshop, consultant

Summer Bridge Program, composition tutor

### **University of Maine**

Honors 391: Introduction to Thesis Research, Fall 2006 - Spring 2007

English 101: College Composition, Fall 2004 - Summer 2006

Classic Upward Bound: Student Opportunities for Advanced Research, Summer 2006

Writing Center, Fall 2002 - Spring 2005

## **ADMINISTRATION and SERVICE**

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### **Discipline (National)**

Modern Language Association Delegate Assembly for Special-Interest Group: Composition, Rhetoric, and Writing (elected 2014-2017).

Journal Referee, *Age, Culture, Humanities; Composition Studies*

Consortium of Doctoral Programs in Rhetoric and Composition, Representative of Michigan Tech, PhD in Rhetoric and Technical Communication, 2013 - 2015.

### **University & Departmental (Selected)**

Director of Composition Program, University of Massachusetts Department of English, 2016 - present.

Co-coordinator of the English Composition Tutoring Program, University of Massachusetts Boston Department of English, 2016 - present.

Director of Composition, Humanities Department, Michigan Technological University, 2014 - 2015.

Assistant Director of Undergraduate Rhetoric Program, University of Illinois. Fall 2009 - Fall 2010.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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Breaking Digital Barriers—free technology tutoring for elder learners (volunteer instructor & co-coordinator); Portage Lake District Public Library, Houghton, MI. 2012 - 2015.

Telling a Life from Different Perspectives (course instructor); Illinois Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Champaign, IL. 2011.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Coalition of Women Scholars in the History of Rhetoric and Composition, Conference on College Composition and Communication, Council of Writing Program Administrators, Modern Language Association, National Council of Teachers of English, North American Network in Aging Studies