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**Degrees**

• Doctor of Philosophy in English Literature**,** (May, 2019) Arizona State University

Committee: Simon Ortiz (Chair), James Blasingame, Ron Broglio

Dissertation: ***From Coyote to Food: The Transmergent Materiality Embedded in Southwestern Pueblo* *Literature***

This dissertation synthesizes the biological, mythical, and iconic representations the coyote figure embodied in Southwestern Pueblo literature using material ecocriticism and posthumanistic approaches to analyze the infinite natural elements present but not always recognized as it defines the coyote/nature/food matrix.

• Bachelor of Arts in English Literature (August 2009) Arizona State University

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Pueblo and Indigenous American Literatures • Southwestern Indigenous American Oral Histories • Animal Studies • Southwestern Indigenous Anthropology • Aquaculture, Aquaponics and Sustainable Food Production, Food Systems

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Works Submitted** (peer-reviewed)

**“**Light’s Memory: The Indigenous Elements in Linda Hogan’s *People of the Whale.”*

**Creative Writing**

Poetry

"An Oranged Grove Fireplace", "My Father's Hands", "Chicken Coup Meadow.” ***Merge,*** 9, (October, 2005).

"Steel Waves" ***Merge,*** 10, (November, 2005).

"Hour Glass" ***Merge,*** 11, (December, 2005).

“An Oranged Grove Fireplace", "My Father's Hands", "Chicken Coup Meadow." Phoenix Public Library Exhibit, Central Gallery, Burton Barr Central Library, Phoenix Arizona, 2000.

**TEACHING INTERESTS**

Native American Literature and Culture • English Literature • Food Systems • Closed System Aquaculture • Aquaponics

**TEACHING**

**Faculty Associate** • Arizona State University • English Department

*2020-Present*

English Composition, Literature, Native American Literature Courses

**Adjunct English Instructor**, Language Arts Department, South Mountain Community College, 2011-2020:

Developmental English, Composition, English Humanities, Native American Literature courses

**Academic Mentor and Tutor** • Arizona State University • Department of Intercollegiate

Athletics, *2009-11*

Interaction, development, and monitoring of student athletes • Created individualized study plans and development of academic skills to improve and maintain each students entire course load • Identification of student’s problematic tendencies then formulating a corrective action plan with student and academic support staff • Monitoring NCAA and ASU compliance regulations; create and maintain documentation of mentoring periods and progress reports

**Teaching Assistant**, **School of Sustainable Engineering and the Built Environment,**

Arizona State University, 2011, CEE 300 Engineering Business Practices (Composition and Communication Skills Instruction)

**Invited Class Lectures**

Endangered Fish Species and Habitats in Arizona, Arizona State University, Spring 2013

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**President,** Green on Purpose Inc.; Phoenix, Arizona, 2011-Present

Exclusively Local Food Hub Operation, Community Educational Outreach promoting

local agriculture, nutrition, and food system knowledge, Agriculture and Aquaculture

Technical Support, Mentor and Job Skills Acquisition and Self Reliance Training for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

**Food Safety Programs Coordinator,** Arizona Department of Agriculture, Phoenix, AZ, 2022-Present

Food Safety Instruction and Technical Support of Food Safety Programs directly to individual farms, Develop and Update Food Safety Educational Programs materials for U.S. Department of Agriculture and Food and Drug Administration for local agriculture operations

**Archivist,** Labriola National American Indian Data Center, Hayden Library at

Arizona State University, 2012-2014

**Research Assistant,** for Elizabeth A. Brandt - School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University, 2012-2013

**Technical Advisor & Instructor in Sustainable Food Production, Fish Biology and Vocational Agriculture,** High schools, Missouri and Arizona High Schools, *1982-96* • South Mountain Community College, *2011-2015*

Develop and teaching curriculum for: principles of water chemistry, fish biology, aquaculture, aquaponics, and product marketing • Design and construction of high-density controlled environment aquaculture/aquaponic systems • Management and operational methodologies used in hatcheries and high-density pond culture • Fish holding, transport, processing, marketing

**Research and Features Editor,** *The Sustainability Review*, Arizona State University, 2011-2012

Editing of submittals for digital journal publication; Marketing and administrative

duties for journal operations

**Lead Student Instructor** • Occidental College • *1976-80*

Instruction of fish biology, oceanography, and environmental studies on a sea-going research vessel—*RV Vantuna*

**Management and Instruction •** Airline Industry • *1996-2009*

Management and training of new employees for job-specific skills, government regulation compliance, and HR policies • Creation and implementation of new policy training for federal, state, and local regulations • Recurrent and remedial instruction

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Web Based Teaching and Learning Course, Mesa CC, Fall 2013

Teaching Composition at the Two Year College Course, SMCC, Spring 2013

Journal Publishing Course, Arizona State University, Spring 2012

Teaching & Learning at the Community College, EDU 250, Spring 2012, SMCC

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Academic**

**“**The Hybridized Voices Heard in the Literary Language of Gerald Vizenor.”Southwest English Symposium, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, February 2014.

**“**Games of Chance: The Animated Words/Worlds in Gerald Vizenor’s Voice.” Western

Literature Association 2013 Annual Conference, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, October 2013.

**“**Elemental Flow: The Footprint of Environmental Change and Cultural Transformations Living Inside Pueblo Literature.” Association for the Study of Literature and Environment 2013 Biennial Conference**,** University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, May/June, 2013.

**“**For Whom Does the Coyote Speak? Pueblo Voices Heard Coming From the Highlands of New Mexico.” Western Literature Association 2012 Annual Conference, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, November 2012.

“Oral Memory in a Written World: The Indigenous Words of Leslie Marmon Silko and Simon J. Ortiz. 32nd Annual American Indian Workshop, University of Graz Center for the Study of the Americas; Graz, Austria, March 2011.

**“**Light’s Elemental Memory: The Environmental Gist of Linda Hogan’s People of the Whale.” Western Literature Association 2010 Annual Conference, Prescott, AZ, October 2010.

"Old Borders, New Lands: The Indigenous Voice of Simon Ortiz and Wendy Rose." Southwest English Graduate Symposium, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, February 2010.

"Threads within the Cloth." Peaks Conference, Organization of Graduate Students of English, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ, February 2010.

# "Blurred Words: The Cultural Confusion Created in the Fictional Works of Sherman Alexie." Southwest English Graduate Symposium, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, February 2009.

**Creative Writing**

**Poetry**

"Carbon Dating", "Discordance", "History's Fault", "Old Wallpaper." Monsoon Voices, Phoenix, Arizona, April 2009.

"An Oranged Grove Fireplace", "Soiled Feathers", "Steel Waves." Merge Poetry Series, Phoenix, Arizona, April 2008.

"Darkened Bright", "Flow." Featured Poet, Caffeine Corridor Poetry Series, Phoenix, AZ, February 2010.

**Fiction**

"Greener Grass." Monsoon Voices, Phoenix, Arizona, November 2009

**SERVICE**

**Department**

Arizona State University Graduate Scholars of English Association

President 2013-2014 • Vice President 2012-2013 • Literature Representative, 2011-2012 • English Department Representative, 2010-2011 • English Department Research Committee, 2010-2011

**University and Community College**

Foundations Academy Committee, Appointed – South Mountain Community College.

2012-2019

South Mountain College Representative to the Adjunct Faculty Association of the

Maricopa County Community College District, 2012-2103

Graduate and Professional Student Association Assembly Member, Humanities Representative for the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Assembly Operations Committee Member, 2011-13

**Industry**

Founding Member Maricopa County Food System Coalition • Past President, Arizona Aquaculture Association, 1994 • Founding Member, National Aquaculture Association, 1990 • Advisory Board, Missouri Aquaculture Association, 1989

**Community**

Liberty Wildlife Foundation, 1994 to 2015

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

City of Phoenix & Environmental Protection Agency Grant AwardFor

Brownfields to Healthfields • 2017

Arizona Forward *Sustainable Communities* Crescordia Award forEnvironmental Excellence • 2017

Outstanding Adjunct Faculty • Maricopa Community Colleges District Award, 2013

Maricopa Summer Institute Fellowship • Maricopa Community Colleges District & South Mountain Community College • Developmental English Instructional Methodologies, Summer 2013

Critical Paper in Literature • English Department, ASU Graduate Scholars of English Association Award, 2012-2013

Outstanding Peer Mentor • English Department, ASU Graduate Scholars of English Association Award, 2012-2013

Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society (ASU) 2009-2019

Outstanding Contribution to Vocational Agriculture Education Award South Callaway County (MO)

R-II High School • 1990

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures • Association of the Study of Literature and the Environment • Native American and Indigenous Studies Association • Western Literature Association • National Aquaculture Association