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Peer-Reviewed Publications

“English Them in the Easiest Manner You Can’: Margaret Cavendish on the Discourse and Practice of Natural Philosophy.” Forthcoming in *Rhetoric Review*, 2007.

“The Problem of Nuclear Waste: Ethos and Scientific Evidence in a High-Stakes Public Controversy.” *IEEE Transactions on Professional Communication* 45 (2006): 325-334.

“Start State, End State: Trajectories of Graduate Study for and by Technical Communicators,” with Brenda Camp Orbell. in *Culture Shock and the Practice of Profession: Training the Next Wave in Rhetoric and Composition*. Eds. Susan Romano and Virginia Anderson. Cresskill, NJ: Hampton Press, 2006. 61-81.

“The Plain Style in the Seventeenth Century: Gender and the History of Scientific Discourse.” *Journal of Technical Writing and Communication* 35 (2005): 273-289.

“Engendering the Language of the New Science: The Subject of John Wilkins’s Language Project.” *The Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation* 46 (2005): 59-79.

“Radioactive Waste and Technical Doubts: Genre and Environmental Opposition to Nuclear Waste Sites.” *Technical Communication Quarterly* 12 (2003): 405-422.

“Margaret Cavendish as Natural Philosopher: Gender and Early Modern Science.” *Interdisciplinary Science Review* 28 (2003): 200-208.

“Power, Language, and Professional Choices: A Hermeneutic Approach to Teaching Technical Communication.” *Technical Communication Quarterly* 10 (2001): 97-116.

“Margaret Cavendish, Natural Philosopher: Negotiating between Metaphors of the Old and New Sciences,” with Richard Johnson-Sheehan. *Eighteenth-Century Women Writers: Studies in Their Lives, Work, and Culture* Volume 1. Ed. Linda Troost. New York: AMC Press, 2001. 1-18.

Other Publications and Reviews

Review of *Freedom of Information in a Post-9/11 World*, ed. Charles Sides, *Journal of Business and Technical Communication* 21 (2007): 106-108.

Review of *The Search for a Common Language: Environmental Writing and Education*, ed. Melody Graulich and Paul Crumbley, *Great Plains Research* 17 (2007): 117.

“UNLV’s Growth Supports the Technical Communication Community in Las Vegas.” *Intercom* (March 2006): 36.

Selected Conference Presentations

October 2007. “Gender and Administration.” Conference on Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s), Little Rock, AK.

March 2007. “Access to Information as an Ethos-Building Strategy.” Conference on College Composition and Communication, New York, NY.

April 2006, with Julie Staggers. “Reading Rooms: Sites of Government-Sponsored Information.” College English Association, San Antonio, TX.

March 2006. “Program Administration as an Assistant Professor.” Half-Day Workshop. Conference on College Composition and Communication, Chicago, IL.

February 2006, with Ed Nagelhout and Julie Staggers. “The Popular Meets the Technical in the Desert: Service Learning in the Technical Communication Classroom.” Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association, Albuquerque, NM.

June 2005, with Hassenzahl, D. M, and Laidler, P. “Technical Risk Information: Decision Tool or Rhetorical Ammunition? Undisputed Facts in the Yucca Mountain Debate.” International Symposium on Technology and Society, Los Angeles, CA.

March 2005, “Ethics and Science in the Public Domain: Transformations of Technical Issues in High-Stakes Controversies.” Association of Teachers of Technical Writing Conference, San Francisco, CA.

March 2004, “Radioactive Waste and Technical Doubts: Genre and Scientific Evidence about Nuclear Waste Sites.” Conference on College Composition and Communication, San Antonio, TX.

October 2003, “English Them in the Easiest Manner You Can: Margaret Cavendish and the Plain Style.” Conference on Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s), Columbus, OH.

October 2003, “Recreating a PhD: From Technical Writing to Rhetoric and Professional Writing.” Council on Programs in Scientific and Technical Communication, Potsdam, NY.

March 2003, “User-Centered Technology and Election 2000: Post-Election Rhetoric and the Ideals of Humanistic Technology.” Conference on College Composition and Communication, New York City, NY.

March 2002, “Plain Styles: Gender and the History of Technical Communication.” Association of Teachers of Technical Writing, Chicago, IL.

April 2001, “Cavendish’s Observations on Experimental Philosophy: How and What Was She Observing?” Shakespeare Association of America, Miami, FL.

March 2001, "Bridging the Gap of Authority: How Do We Teach Students of Science to Communicate with the Public?" Conference on College Composition and Communication, Denver, CO.

October 1999, "A Plain Style of Her Own: The Scientific Writing of Margaret Cavendish." 18th and 19th Century British Women Writers, Albuquerque, NM.

March 1999, "The Rhetoric of Reality: Teaching Interpretation Strategies in the Technical Writing Classroom." Conference on College Composition and Communication, Atlanta, Georgia.

March 1997, "Negotiating Between Ethics and Economics: A Hermeneutic Approach to Teaching Technical Communications." Conference on College Composition and Communication, Phoenix, AZ

Invited Presentations

Invited lecture for Environmental Studies 411, Environmental Risk Management, April 2005; "Risk Communication: Models of Public Participation."

Featured Speaker at Society for Technical Communication (STC) Tulsa Chapter, April 2004; "Basics of Robohelp."

English Graduate Student Association of UNM, Guest Speaker, April 2004; "Gender and the Academic Job Market."

Featured Speaker at STC Oklahoma City Chapter, April 2003; "Principles of Editing."

Professional Academic Experience

Teaching Experience: University of Nevada Las Vegas (2004-present)

- English 407A: Fundamentals of Business Writing
- English 407B: Fundamentals of Technical Writing
- English 400: Document Design
- English 407C: Advanced Professional Communication
- Proposed and taught experimental course: English 418X, Environmental Rhetoric
- Proposed new graduate course: Studies in Rhetoric and Composition

Teaching Experience: Oklahoma State University (1999-2004)

- English 5513: Introduction to Graduate Study in Technical Communication
- English 5583: Environmental Writing
- English 5563: The History of Scientific Rhetoric
- English 5520/4523: Internship in Technical Writing
- English 5545: Styles and Editing
- English 4533: Advanced Technical Writing: Manuals
- English 4543: Technical Editing
- English 4553: Document Design
- English 4563: The History of Scientific and Technical Literature
- English 3240: Introduction to Technical and Professional Writing
- English 3323: Intermediate Technical Writing

Teaching Experience: University of New Mexico

- English 101: Expository Writing
- English 102: Argument and Analysis
- English 220: Advanced Composition
- English 240: Traditional Grammar
- English 294: Early British Literature

Administration, Curricular Design, and Service**University of Nevada, Las Vegas**

- With other Rhetoric and Writing faculty, creating proposal for new BA track in writing
- Develop new course proposals to contribute to growth of writing programs
- Participate on departmental committees: Advisory, Bylaws, and Technology
- Search committee for two Assistant Professors of Technical/Professional Writing, 2004-2005
- Search committee for four Faculty in Residence positions, 2005
- Mentor new faculty member in Professional and Technical Writing (Julie Staggers)

Oklahoma State University**Program Director Responsibilities**

- Established course rotation for faculty in Technical Writing and Rhetoric
- Recruited for all degree programs
- Served on the Graduate Admissions Committee
- Maintained the Technical Writing Program website
- Appointed TAs and lecturers for the service course (50 courses per year)
- Handled student-teacher conflicts in the service course
- Ran orientation for TAs and lecturers
- Created the program's strategic plan
- Organized and ran meetings with the External Industry Advisory Board
- Created marketing materials for the degree
- Oversaw the maintenance and production of the Course Pack for English 3323
- Recommended software updates and new hardware and software purchases
- Managed two graduate assistant directors as they reviewed each instructor's syllabus for English 3323, made classroom visits, led monthly staff meetings for instructors, and created orientation sessions
- Faculty Advisor for OSU's Student Chapter of STC, 1999-2004; during that time, student newsletter won 2 awards, student chapter won two Merit Awards and one Excellence Award

M.A. Curriculum Review

- Updated the reading lists for the M.A. comprehensive examination
- Created a list of objectives for MA degree
- Updated course descriptions to meet changes in the discipline
- Provided rationales for new courses and changes to old courses

Ph.D. Curriculum Review

- Proposed required curriculum that balances research methods, technical communication theory, and applied skills
- Worked with faculty strengths in areas of linguistics, technical communication, rhetoric and composition, and teaching English as a second language to create a strong program to train Ph.D.s as professional researchers

Search Committees

- For assistant professor of professional/technical writing, 2004-2005
- For assistant professor of technical writing, 2001-2002
- For assistant professor of rhetoric and composition and assistant director of Freshman English, 1999-2000
- For assistant professor of technical writing/director of 3323, 1999-2000
- For visiting assistant professor of technical writing, spring 2000

Other Departmental Committees

- Personnel Committee 2002-03 and 2000-01; evaluated one colleague for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor, one colleague for promotion to Full Professor, and one colleague for renewal and reappointment in her third year.
- Outcomes Assessment Committee, 1999-2000

University Service

- General Education Assessment Committee, Oklahoma State University, summer 2003.
- Women's Faculty Council member, Oklahoma State University, 2000-2004.

Service to the Profession

ATTW Liaison to Modern Language Association, 2004-2007. Generate calls for papers, recruit volunteers to review panels, create ATTW panels for annual MLA conference, produce status reports for MLA

Society for Technical Communication Southern Nevada Chapter, 2004-present. Participate in monthly meetings; volunteered for chapter booth at STC national conference, May 2006.

Organizing Committee for 2001 National Conference for the Association of Teachers of Technical Writing. Contacted publishers and exhibitors, raised money and arranged for exhibit tables. Kept records for future organizers.

Education

Ph. D. University of New Mexico, August 1999.

Dissertation: *Sons of Heaven and Daughters of Earth: Engendering the Language of the New Science*

Committee: Carolyn Woodward (director), Richard Johnson-Sheehan, David McPherson, Ruth Salvaggio

Comprehensive Examinations: Rhetoric and Composition, Later Renaissance Literature, Eighteenth-Century British Literature

M.A. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 1993

Thesis: "Traducing the State: Othello's Disruptive Power"

Advisors: Darryl Gless (director), William McQueen

Comprehensive Examinations: British and American Literature, Old English through twentieth century

B.A. University of New Mexico, December 1990, English with minor in chemistry, summa cum laude.

Grants, Awards, and Honors

Oklahoma Humanities Council Research Grant, 2004
OSU Arts and Science Summer Research Award, 2002
Internal Research Release, OSU English Department, Spring 2002
Dean's Incentive Grant, OSU, Summer 2000 and 2001
UNM Graduate Arts and Sciences Award, Spring 1998
Distinction, Ph.D. Comprehensive Examinations, 1997
Mary C. MacDonald Fellowship, 1994-1995

Professional Organizations

- Society for Technical Communication, Senior Member
 - Association of Teachers of Technical Writing
 - National Council of Teachers of English
 - Modern Language Association
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Other Professional Experience

- Five years experience as technical writer and editor for Sandia National Laboratories, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and various engineering firms and contractors, including ICF Kaiser and Creative Computer Services
- Edited Environment, Safety, and Health Manual for Sandia National Laboratories
- Wrote and edited various other technical documents including hazardous waste transportation and storage manuals, environmental audit reports, and standard operating procedures