

CURRICULUM VITAE

MAT WENZEL

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EDUCATION

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL — Ph.D. English/Creative Writing: Poetry, 2020

Dissertation: *Telling the Bees*

Telling the Bees is a collection of poems that approaches grief, confession, tradition, and community from a queer perspective. It uses a tradition Quaker poet John Greenleaf Whittier describes in his 1858 poem of the same name in which families were sure to go out and tell their beehives of important domestic events—births, marriages, and especially deaths—believing that if they didn't the bees would leave and therefore stop producing essential resources like wax and honey for the household.

Committee: Dr. David Kirby (chair), Dr. Alisha Gaines, Dr. Andrew Epstein, Dr. Reinier Leushuis (outside supervisor)

Ashland University, Ashland, OH — MFA Creative Writing: Poetry, 2015

Thesis: *Kindling*

Committee: Dr. Angie Estes, Prof. Carmen Giménez Smith, Dr. Mark Irwin

Weber State University, Ogden, UT — ESL Teaching Endorsement, 2010

Lesley University, Cambridge, MA — M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction: Literacy, 2008

The Master's College, Santa Clarita, CA — BA, English, 2004

Epping High School, Epping, NH — Diploma, 1997

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX 2021-current

Full Time Writing Instructor, Affiliated Faculty, Women and Gender Studies

Undergraduate

Introduction to Composition: Writing as Inquiry ENGL 10803

Intermediate Composition: Writing Argument ENGL 20803

Introduction to Poetry ENGL 10113

Reading as a Writer: When Writing is Not a Luxury CRWT 20103

Rhetorical Practices in Culture: Queer Rhetorics WRIT 30243

Rhetorics of American Identities: Queer Rhetorics WRIT 30623

Multimedia Authoring: Comics Production: transitions, gutters, and the

Monstrous reality of everyday lived experiences WRIT 40463

Introduction to Multimedia Authoring: Collective Zine Making WRIT 20323

Publication Production: eleven40seven WRIT 30390

Publication Production: LGBTQ+ Community Outreach WRIT 30390

Graduate

Special Problems: Archiving “Lost” Poets and Poetics MALA 60970

Special Problems: Queer Identities in Comics and Graphic Novels MALA

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 2016-2021

Undergraduate Instructor of Record

Poetic Technique CRW 3311

Article and Essay Technique ENC 3310

Introduction to English Studies ENG 2012

Research, Genre, and Context ENC 2135

Graduate

Queer Studies Reading Group ENG 5988, Facilitator

University Involvement:

“What I Teach...” Presenter, invited by Dean Cormican, TCU 2025

Inclusive Excellence Pedagogy Workshop (formerly FSC) facilitator, TCU 2023

Finding Ourselves in Community facilitation curriculum developer, TCU 2023

Search Committee for Instructor of Writing, English Department, TCU 2023

Creative Writing Committee, English Department, TCU 2022-23

Committee Chair of the Academic Excellence Committee of Faculty Senate, TCU, Fall 2023

Senator, Faculty Senate, Academic Excellence Committee, TCU, 2022-23

Judge for AddRan Festival of Undergraduate Scholarship and Creativity, TCU 2022

Search Committee for Instructors of Writing, English Department, TCU 2022

Composition Committee, English Department, TCU 2021-22, 2024-25

Responsible for Inclusion and Sustaining Excellence (R.I.S.E.) Certificate Program, Texas

Christian University, 2021

English Graduate Diversity Committee Member, Florida State University 2018-2020

Graduate Assistants United (GAU) Vice-President of Membership, FSU, 2017-2019

Graduate English Student Organization (GESO) Representative, FSU, 2017-2019

FSU College Composition Committee Member, 2016

Professional Development:

Anti-Racist Community Engagement workshop series, TCU, 2024/25

Queer History South Conference participant, Invisible Histories, February 2024

Queer & Trans Creators of Comics & Zines Panel attendee, Swarthmore College, March 2024

Finding Ourselves in Community participant, TCU 2022-23

Selection Committee Training, TCU, September 2021

Registrar: FERPA, TCU, September 2021

TCU DEI, TCU, September 2021

Discrimination, Harassment, and Title IX Training, September 2021

PUBLICATIONS

Poetry:

"Goddam Sea Monkeys," and "Words Make Fear, Bodies Make Love," *Feral: A Journal of Poetry and Art*, June 2025

"The Second Coming," *Crab Orchard Review*, May 2025 (online)

"Convertible," *Cottonmouth*, May 2025 (online)

"Achene," and "Spiderwort," *Last Leaves Magazine*, Issue 5, Fall 2022

"An Uber Ride with Dolly Parton," *Limp Wrist Magazine*, Spring 2022 (online)

"I'm Intolerable at the Phillips Collection," "On Sharing the Refrigerator with my Roommates, Revision, and the Suicide Note I Keep On Writing," and "Viscous." *Saints+Sinners Poetry*, Rebel Satori Press, 2022.

"The Green," *Hobart*, August 2020 (online)

"Ode to My Sink Moths," *Homology Lit*, issue 4, 2019 (online)

"To the Person I Was Then, Living in Someone Else's House," *Lambda Literary Poetry Spotlight*, 2019 (online)

"After the Angel of Ginsberg's Whitman," and "Sticks," *Stay Thirsty Poets*, vol. 1, 2019

"I," *Shift - A Journal of Literary Oddities*, issue 1, 2019

"Animatronic Armful of Groceries." *Carve Magazine*, Fall 2018

"Bible Student Burns New York Church." *Crab Fat Magazine*, August 2018 (online)

"The Things They Said." *Queer Me Out Zine*, 2018

"Hey." *Written Here: The Community of Writers Poetry Review*, 2016

"Sissy Blood." *Glass: A Journal of Poetry*, 2016. (online)

"Bridge," "Convalesce," "Ina Coolbrith Park," and "Rain." *Emerge: A Lambda Fellows Anthology*, 2016

"No Man is an Island, Except St. John of Patmos." *Off the Rocks Anthology*. Vol. 19, 2015

"#ididnoteatallthepistachios," "Loretta," and "Percocet." *Guide to Kulchur Creative Journal*, Issue 4, 2015

"New Hampshire." *Right Hand Pointing*, Issue 87, 2015 (online)

"Communion of Suffering," and "Please Excuse This Sex Poem." *Penumbra Art and Literary Journal*, 2015

"A Boy Named _____," and "On Your Thirtieth Birthday," *Glitterwolf Magazine*, Issue 8, 2015

Peer Reviewed:

"Archie got hot: How embracing the queer art of failure allows *The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina* to open up new ways of representing queerness." *The Archie/Sabrina Universe: Essays on the comics and their adaptations*, McFarland, 2023.

Book Reviews:

"A Quilt for David by Steven Reigns." *Vagabond City*, September 2022.

“*Conflict is Not Abuse: Overstating Harm, Community Responsibility, and the Duty of Repair* by Sarah Schulman.” *American Book Review*, May-June 2018

“*Translating the Queer: Body Politics and Transnational Conversations* by Héctor Domínguez Ruvalcaba.” *Feminist Theory*, Vol. 20, Issue 1, 2018

“*Until the Cows Come Home*” by Alain Ginsberg.” *Southeast Review*, 2018

“*Sky Ward* by Kazim Ali.” *Puerto del Sol*, Vol. 49, No. 2, Spring 2014

Zines:

Queer Time. The Blue Toad Press, Fall, 2021

#mycorrhizine. The Blue Toad Press, Fall, 2020.

#mycorrhizine. The Blue Toad Press, 2019 (archived at Sherwood Forest Zine Library in Austin, TX and the Tallahassee Zine Fest library in Tallahassee, FL).

Haiku, vols. 1-20. The Blue Toad Press.

Emily Dickinson Made Zines. The Blue Toad Press.

FEATURES/INTERVIEWS

Q&A with Todd Camp on the *YesterQueer* podcast, 2024

Q&A, *Carve Magazine*, September 2018 (online)

Featured Emerging Writer at *Stay Thirsty Media*, Winter 2017 (online)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Poetry:

Gasher Book Award Finalist, 2025

Colorado Prize for Poetry Finalist, 2025

Saints and Sinners Poetry Contest Finalist, 2021

YesYes Books Vinyl 45 Chapbook Semifinalist, 2019

Pushcart Prize XLVI: Best of the Small Presses Board of Contributing Editors nomination, 2018

Notable Manuscript for the 2017 BOAAT Book Prize, *BOAAT Press*, manuscript *Kindling*, 2017.

FSU Spotlight Award, Runner-up for Graduate Poetry, judged by Dana Levin, 2017

Salt Lake City Pride Festival Poetry Contest Winner, 2015

Lambda Literary Fellow, 2015

River Styx International Poetry Contest Finalist, 2014

“This is My Ogden” haiku contest winner, 2014

Teaching:

English Department Chair’s Award for Teaching, 2024

Jean Giles-Sims Award for Feminist Teaching student nomination, Texas Christian University, 2022

Robert O. Lawton Award for Excellence in Teaching College Composition, Florida State

University, 2019
Award for Excellence in Teaching College Composition nomination, FSU, 2018.
ETS Recognition of Excellence Award - English Language, Literature and Composition:
Content Knowledge, 2008
Dr. William Strong Utah English Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalist, 2008
Leadership Development Award, Utah Council of Teachers of English, 2007

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lecturer

“Queer Methodologies,” invited by Linda Hughes, “Queer Poets, Poems, and Poetics in the Long Nineteenth Century” ENGL 70493, Fall 2022

Invited Panelist

“Fort Worth Film Club at The Modern: *Please Baby Please* with Mat Wenzel” invited by Jason Wiseman of the Reel House Foundation, Fort Worth, 2025

Workshop Facilitating:

A Day on Queer Writing, invited by Queer Voices Against Hate with SJ Sindu, 2017
Wasatch Range Writing Project 1 Week Facilitator, 2011, 2013
Wasatch Range Writing Project 4 Week Facilitator, 2008

Poetry Readings:

ALR Reading Series, Denton, invited by Brian Czyzk, 2025
Saints & Sinners Literary Festival, New Orleans, invited by Paul Willis 2022
Poetry Storm: Rising Waters, FSU Museum of Fine Art, invited by Eleanor Boudreau, Tallahassee, January 2020
A Night of Punk and Poetry at The Bark, Tallahassee, January 2019
Jerome Stern Distinguished Writers Series, Florida State University, Spring 2018
A World With Guns: Poetry of Protest and Memorial, invited by 100 Thousand Poets for Change, 2018
Queer Voices Open Mic, invited by Queer Voices Against Hate, 2017
Jerome Stern Distinguished Writers Series, FSU, Spring 2017
100 Thousand Poets for Change, Tallahassee, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
QUEER Voices United Against Hate: An Open Mic, Tallahassee, 2016
Warehouse Reading Series, FSU, Summer 2016
Jason Stoneking at E.M. Wolfman, invited by Jason Stoneking, Oakland, 2015
SpokenWord au Chat Noir, Paris, 2015

Breakout Session Presentations:

UCTE Fall Conferences:
Local Author Panel facilitator, 2013

Survivor of the Poets: Reality TV meets poetry appreciation, 2011

A Teacher's Digital Life: How to use technology in a reading and writing classroom, 2009

Found Poetry, 2007

Other:

Christian Heritage High School Commencement Speaker, 2011

Invited presenter for Summer Teaching Assistant Training, FSU, 2017, 2018, 2019

SECONDARY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

DaVinci Academy of Science and Art, Ogden, UT 2013-2015

Courses Taught: English 9-10, English 9-10 Pre AP, English 7, Creative Writing 7-12,
Reading 7-12, Advisory

Snowcrest Jr. High, Eden, UT 2010-2013

Courses Taught: English 8-9, Advisory

Highland Jr. High, Ogden, UT 2008-2010

Courses Taught: English 9, English 9 Honors, Advisory

Christian Heritage School, Riverdale, UT 2005-2008

Courses Taught: English 7-11, Creative Writing 9-12, Drama 7-8, Media Literacy 11-12,
Drama 7-8, Life Skills 7-8

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Creative Writing:

Descant Associate Poetry Editor, 2024, 2025

Anhinga Press Poetry Manuscript Reader, 2021

Martha's Vineyard Writing Institute of Creative Writing Conference scholarship, 2021

PEN America, Writing for Justice Fellowship First Reader, 2021

Jerome Stern Distinguished Writers Series Host, FSU, 2016, 2018

Southeast Review Fiction Reader, FSU, 2018

Southeast Review Creative Non-fiction Reader, FSU, 2018

Southeast Review Poetry Reader, FSU, 2016-2018

Community of Writers at Squaw Valley scholarship, 2016

Poetry Out Loud School Coordinator, Christian Heritage School, 2008

Literary Magazine Advisor, CHS, 2008

Pedagogy:

Mentor Teacher, FSU, 2018

Utah Council of Teachers of English Quest (state English competition) Coordinator,
2010-2011, 2014-2015

Utah Council of Teachers of English Awards Chair, 2012-2013

Utah Council of Teachers of English President, 2011-2012
Utah Council of Teachers of English Vice President, 2009-2011
Small Learning Community Leader, Highland Jr. High School, 2008-2010
Wasatch Range Writing Project Teacher Consultant, 2007-2015
Utah Council of Teachers of English Board Member, 2006-2015
National Council of Teachers of English Member, 2006-2015

Secondary Extra-curricular:

Cross-Country Coach, DaVinci Academy of Science and Art, 2014
Boys Track and Field Coach, Snowcrest Jr. High School, 2011-2013
National Academic League Coach, Snowcrest, 2010-2013
StARTS (Weber State University's summer writing program for youth) Coordinator, 2009
Academic Quiz Bowl Coach, CHS, 2006-2009
Pioneer Theatre Productions Chaperone, CHS, 2005-2008
Utah English Quest Advisor, CHS, Highland, Snowcrest, 2005-2010
Assisted Living Memoir Project Co-leader, 2006-2007
School-wide Clubs Coordinator, CHS, 2005-2006

Community Involvement:

Queer Tallahassee [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com/queer-tallahassee/) Group founder/coordinator, 2016-current
Utah State Senate Democratic Party Candidate, District 18, 2014

Non-degree Courses:

Preparing to Teach Online, TCU Koehler Center, 2022
Comics: Art in Relationship, California College of the Arts, Kadenze, 50 hours, April 2016
Extensive General French Courses at the Alliance française, Paris, France, Level A2, 30 hours,
2015

INTERESTS

LGBTQIA+ studies and poetry
Queer time/futurity/archive
Cross-genre/multi-genre/trans-genre
Critical pedagogy
Zines