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**Professor of English**  
**Appointed August, 1993**

**Faculty Development Coordinator**  
**Appointed May, 2000–2008**

**Curriculum Vita**  
**Fall, 2009**

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**Academic Degrees**

- Ph.D. English, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1993  
M.A. English, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, 1979  
B.A. English Education, Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho, 1975

**Dissertation**

“I’ve a Mother There: Identity, Language and Experience in Mormon Women’s Literature”

**Dissertation Director:** Kathleen Diffley, Ph.D., University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

**Professional Experience**

Viterbo University	1993–present	Associate Professor
University of Iowa	1990–93	Instructor, Rhetoric
Clark County Community College	1980–89	Instructor
Valley High School	1980–89	Teacher, grades 10–12
Boulder City High School	1979–80	Teacher, grades 9, 10
Snake River Junior High School	1975–78	Teacher, grade 8

## Viterbo University Teaching Assignment for Spring, 2010; Fall, 2009

### Spring, 2010

English 104	Composition and Literature	3 credits
English 320	American Renaissance	3 credits
English 395	Advanced English Grammar	3 credits
English 481	Senior Seminar	1 credit

### Fall, 2009

English 103	Composition and the Elements of Argument	3 credits
English 220	Survey of American Literature I	3 credits
English 426	Thesis Proposal	1 credit
English 455	Junior Colloquium	3 credits

## Viterbo University Administrative Assignments:

### Fall, 2004

Appointed by the Academic Vice-President as Chairperson for the North Central Re-accreditation Steering Committee. Sr. Georgia Christensen was appointed as co-chair in the summer of 2006.

### Fall, 2004

Appointed by the Academic Vice-President as a coach for the Title III grant.

### Fall, 2000

Appointed by Academic Vice-President as Faculty Development Coordinator

### Spring, 1995

Appointed by the Academic Vice-President as Chairperson for the North Central Re-accreditation Steering Committee. In 1998, Viterbo University was successfully re-accredited for ten years; no site visits or reports were required from the NCA team.

## Other Assignments:

- I have also taught First-year Composition and “Remedial” Composition,, Introduction to Literature and Argument, Environmental Literature, Masterpieces of American Literature, Methods of Teaching English, and the American Renaissance.
- I have taught in the RRN program (on-campus and off-campus), a program for adult nurses who are returning to college for a baccalaureate degree. I have also taught courses in the Adult Learning program.
- I have taught for 8 years in the graduate Pro-seminar program for teachers who are pursuing a master’s degree in education.
- I currently advise all English Education majors and I supervise their student teaching. I also supervise the student teaching of the English Education majors in the licensure program.

### **Current Professional and Academic Association Memberships:**

- Modern Language Association
- Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association
- National Council of Teachers of English
- Western Literature Association
- Phi Beta Kappa
- American Culture Association
- National School Safety Council
- National Campaign for Tolerance

### **Current University Professional Assignments and Activities:**

- Task Force on Implementation of Title III Assessment, 2003. Title III coach, 2004 to present.
- Advising Council, 2001–2003
- Faculty Development Coordinator (appointed by Academic VP) 2000–present.
- Promotion and Tenure Committee (elected by faculty) 1999–2001 and 2003–2005.
- General Education Assessment, 1998–2006
- Global Education Advisory Council, 1993–2006
- Teacher Education Committee, 1993–2006
- Women’s Studies Committee, 1993–2006

### **Professional Development:**

- Semester of teaching full time at Logan High School, fall, 2009.
- Completion of On-Line Coursework Design at Viterbo University, fall semester, 2003.
- Completion of Computer Workshop on “Blackboard” at Viterbo University July 5–10, 2000.
- Diploma from the Computers in Writing-Intensive Classrooms Institute, Humanities Department, Michigan Technological University, June 19–30, 2000.
- Completion of Workshop on bullying at Wellesley College, June, 1997.
- Completion of Workshop on School Violence by National School Safety Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 6–8, 1996.

### **Recent Publications**

- [\*Are You Really a Doctor? Tales of Teaching, Learning, and Growing at Logan High School, Viterbo University, 2009.\*](#)
- “A Premier Faculty: The Role of Scholarship in Professional Development,” *Occasional Papers: Ideas by and for Faculty of Viterbo University*, 6.1, October, 2003.
- “The Pigman’s Story: Teaching Paul Zindel in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” *Censored Books: Critical Viewpoints*. Ed. Nicholas J. Karolides. Scarecrow Press, 2002.

- “Lesson Plan for *Whale Talk*.” Published by TeachingBooks, 2002. See <http://www.teachingbooks.net/> and <http://www.viterbo.edu/perspgs/faculty/GSmith/WhaleTalk.html>
- “What to Do if Your Child Is Bullied at School.” Guest Column in the *La Crosse Tribune*, March 18, 2001.
- “Lesson Plan for *Speak*.” New York: Farrar Straus Girous, 2001. See also <http://www.writerlady.com/speak.html>
- “How Do You Explain Racism to a Three-Year-Old?” Guest Column in the *La Crosse Tribune*, May 7, 2000.
- “Some Thoughts on the Loss of a Friend to Suicide.” Guest Column in the *La Crosse Tribune*, August 6, 2000.
- “English: A Wonderful, Exasperating Language.” Guest Column in the *La Crosse Tribune*, December 24, 2000.
- Review of *An American Bible: A History of the Good Book in the United States, 1777–1880* by Paul C. Gutjahr, Stanford U P, 1999. *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, 33.2, 199–201.
- “An Approach to Teaching Peace,” *Strides*, February, 1996.

### Recent Scholarly Presentations

- “Knowledge, Experience, and Research: Some New Thoughts on Young Adult Problem Novels.” Panel Presenters: Barbara Feinberg, Grant T. Smith, Ph.D., Steven Christiansen, M.A. National Council of Teachers of English, November, 2006. The title of my presentation is “But There Are No F-Words in this Book: Problems in Non-Problem Young Adult Literature”
- “Returning to the Classics: Learning from Classic and Contemporary Young Adult Literature.” Western Wisconsin Education Conference, La Crosse, Wisconsin, February 17, 2006.
- “This Is My Return: Terry Tempest Williams’s Call for a Mormon Land Ethic in *Refuge*,” Stewardship: Caring for the Earth and Its Inhabitants Conference, Viterbo University, April 1–3, 2004.
- “The Role of Young Adult Literature in Secondary English Classes: Must I Choose Between Holes and The Scarlet Letter.” The 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Wisconsin Education Conference, La Crosse, Wisconsin, February 14, 2003.
- “Floating Without a Mother: Missing Mothers in Young Adult Literature,” National Council of Teachers of English Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 21, 2002. This paper was also presented at the Midwest Wisconsin Reading Council, La Crosse, Wisconsin, September 21, 2002.
- “A Strange Shifting In My Head: Using Young Adult Literature to Help Our Students Learn to Be Kind.” National Council of Teachers of English Conference. November 17, 2001, Baltimore, Maryland. This paper was also presented at the Midwest Wisconsin Reading Council Conference, La Crosse, Wisconsin, September 15, 2001.
- “Alternative Ways to Stop Bullying in the Classroom.” Caribbean Association of Principals of Secondary Schools 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference. Belize City, Belize. July 26, 2001.

- “Who Cares? Teaching With an Ethic of Care in the Classroom.” Institute for Ethics in Leadership, Viterbo University, November 2, 2000.
- “Merging Into One: Teaching the Sacred in *A River Runs Through It*.” Spiritual Frontiers 2000: Belief and Values in the Literary West,” Provo, Utah, March 30–April 1, 2000.
- “Symptoms of Emerging Violent Behavior,” Who’s Coming to College? Preparing for the Students of Tomorrow, Alverno College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, January 28, 2000.
- “I Hate This Book Now: Re-Imagining the Role of Packets in Teaching Reading and Writing,” National Council of Teachers of English Conference, Denver, Colorado, November 19, 1999.
- “How Can I Teach Peace?” Graduate Pro-seminar, Viterbo College, La Crosse, Wisconsin, July 16, 1999.
- “Her Story: Gender Representation in Young Adult Sports Fiction,” National Council of Teachers of English, Nashville, Tennessee, November, 1998.
- “How Can I Teach Peace?” Education Convocation, Viterbo College, La Crosse, Wisconsin, May, 1998.
- “So What Do We Do with R.L. Stine? Teaching Values and Ethics in the Classroom,” National Council of Teachers of English Conference, Detroit, Michigan, November 21, 1997.
- “Stories that Cling: Finding Ethical Practice in Storytelling and Exploring School Violence for Insight and Reflection,” National Council of Teachers of English, Chicago, November, 1996.
- “The Legacy of Mormon Letters,” University of Iowa Institute of Religion, Iowa City, Iowa, July 19, 1996.
- “What’s Frightening about Fear Street: Images of Teen-age Girls in R.L. Stine Gothic Romances,” Popular Culture Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March, 1996.
- “Every Picture Tells a Story Don’t It: Calvin Klein’s Phallic Narrative,” Popular Culture Association, Philadelphia, April, 1995.

### Recent Civic Presentations:

- “Is There Any Such Thing as a Safe Book?” Western Wisconsin Reading Council, La Crosse, Wisconsin, January 19, 2006.
- “*Walk Two Moons* in Young Adult Literature: Combining the Classics and Young Adult Literature in the Classroom,” University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, March 6, 2004.
- “Responding to School Violence.” Day to Day Ethics Radio Series. July 16, 2003.
- “You Didn’t Tell Me to Be Kind,” Making Public Schools Great for Every Child, La Crescent-Hokah Public Schools, La Crescent, Minnesota, May 4, 2003.
- “Sung to the Tune of ‘The Yellow Rose of Texas’: Meter in Emily Dickinson’s Poetry.” Recital and Forum: Linda Mabbs. Viterbo University, La Crosse, Wisconsin, April 2–3, 2003.
- “What Is Mormon Spirituality?” Knowing Our Christian Neighbors Series, Franciscan Spirituality Center, November 26, 2002.

- “Steinbeck and the American Dream in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” La Crosse Public Library, October 24, 2002.
- “How to Bully-Proof Your School.” Family Resource Center. November 29, 2000.
- Guest lecturer on school violence at Holmen High School, Holmen, Wisconsin, January 4, 2000.
- “Remembering the Victims of School Violence,” Rotary Club, La Crosse, Wisconsin, May 13, 1999.
- Guest Lecturer at La Crosse Upward Bound, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, Wisconsin, summer, 1998.
- “School Violence: A Community Concern,” Rotary Club, La Crescent, Minnesota, June, 1998.
- “How to Bully-Proof Your School,” West Salem PTO, West Salem, Wisconsin, November 4, 1997.
- “Sarah Orne Jewett’s *Country of the Pointed Firs*,” Let’s Talk about It, La Crosse Community Library, La Crosse, Wisconsin, April 12, 1997.
- “School Violence: What We Can Do about Bullying,” Bangor Library Community Talk, Bangor, Wisconsin, March 8, 1997.

#### Other Scholarly/Civic Activity

- I have been responsible for bringing the following scholars and authors to speak on the Viterbo University campus for symposia and lectures: Mariah Burton Nelson, Eddy L. Harris, Jacqueline Woodson, Lois Lowry, Chris Crutcher, Jack Gantos, Laban Hill, Helen Frost, Mark Crispin Miller, Ed Folsom, Steve Swenson, Terry Tempest Williams, Sheldon Rothblatt, and Chris Crowe.
- Regional presenter at community and school groups on school violence issues.
- Presenter at community library book talks.
- Seminary teacher for high school students, Mormon Church, 2002–2003.
- Editor, *The Influence of French Language and Culture in the Lives of Eight Women Writers of Russian Heritage* by Leslee Poulton, Ph.D., UW-La Crosse, Edwin Mellen Press, 2002.
- Guest lecturer at “Learning in Retirement,” winter, 2001.
- North Central Accreditation consultant for St. Scholastica, April 20, 2001.
- Member of Franciscan Skemp Healthcare Community Board, 2001–2005.
- Sabbatical, Viterbo University, second semester, 2001–2002 school year.
- Recipient of Wisconsin Humanities Council Grant to create Young Adult Literature Reading Groups in the La Crosse area, 2000–2001; recipient of the same grant to create Young Adult Literature Reading Groups in Bangor, Sparta, and West Salem, 2001–2002. The grant was renewed for the 2002–2003 and the 2003–2004, 2005–2006 school years.
- Guest lecturer at Upward Bound, summer, 1998, 2005.
- Researched incidents of school violence in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1994. Recorded narratives of victims of school violence. Annual presenter of school violence issues at Education 495 Seminar.

## Honors:

- Recipient of Wisconsin Humanities Council Grant, 2005–2006 (\$2000)
- Recipient of additional grants from local school districts and service organizations, 2003, (\$1060); 2005, (\$1300).
- Recipient of Wisconsin Humanities Council Grant, 2003–2004 (\$1000)
- Recipient of Wisconsin Humanities Council Grant, 2002–2003 (\$2000)
- Recipient of Wisconsin Humanities Council Grant, 2001–2002 (\$2000)
- Viterbo University Academic Advisor of the Year, 2001
- Recipient of “Wall of Tolerance” from National Campaign for Tolerance, A Project of the Southern Poverty Law Center, 2001
- Recipient of Wisconsin Humanities Council Grant, 2000–2001 (\$2000)

**You may also check out my Archived Academic Work at**

<http://www.viterbo.edu/perspgs/faculty/GSmith/SmithWebPage.htm>

**You may also check out my work as Faculty Development Coordinator at**

<http://www.viterbo.edu/FacultyDevelopment.aspx>

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