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Education

Ph.D. in English (Critical Studies in the Teaching of English), Michigan State University, 2007

M.A. in English (Critical Studies in the Teaching of English), Michigan State University, 1999

B.A. in English, Calvin College, 1996

Dordt College, 1992-1995

Certification

Michigan Professional Education Certificate, 2002; renewed 2007
Secondary English (BA), Speech (BD)

Michigan Provisional Teaching Certificate, 1996

National Writing Project

Red Cedar Writing Project Advanced Invitational Institute for Professional Development, Michigan State University, 2004

Red Cedar Writing Project Invitational Institute, Michigan State University, 1997

Teaching and Research Interests

English teacher education (including writing pedagogy, teachers as writers, teacher induction, networks for teacher learning, and teaching for adolescent literacy learning)

Composition-rhetoric (especially rhetorical genre studies, computers and composition, and composition "service" courses at the small college)

Teaching against language prejudice

Academic Positions

- Dordt College, Core Writing Coordinator, 2008-present
- Dordt College, Assistant Professor of English, 2007-present
- Dordt College, Assistant Adjunct Instructor of English, 2005-2007
- Michigan State University, Instructor of Record/Teaching Assistant in English, 2003-2005
- Michigan State University, Research Assistant to Prof. Patricia Lambert Stock, 2004- 2005
- Grand Valley State University, Adjunct Instructor in English and in Education, 2000-2005
- National Council of Teachers of English, Co-Learn Cross-Site Research Team Member, 2002-2003
- Michigan State University, Research Assistant to Prof. James E. Porter, 2001-2002
- Byron Center High School, Supervising Teacher for Student-Teacher, 2000
- Byron Center High School, English Department Chair, 1999-2000
- Byron Center High School (Michigan), English Teacher, 1996-2000

Courses Taught

Dordt College

- Student Teaching
- Methods of Teaching English in High Schools & Middle Schools
- Writing Workshop for Teachers
- English Grammar
- Business and Technical Writing
- Grammar and Composition
- Responding to Literature
- Basic Writing for College Students

Michigan State University

- Socio-Psycholinguistic Approaches to Reading in the Disciplines
- Literature for Young Adults
- Writing Workshop for Teachers

Grand Valley State University

- Graduate Seminar: Developmental Literacy of Children
- American Literature I
- Teaching Literature to Children
- Teaching Literature to Adolescents
- Introduction to Shakespeare
- Strategies in Writing

Awards, Honors, and Grants

Promising Researcher Award. National Council of Teachers of English, 2008.

<http://www.ncte.org/about/awards/council/research/116998.htm>.

Ph.D. Dissertation Completion Fellowship. The Graduate School, Michigan State University, 2007.

Research grant. Rhetoric and Writing Program, Michigan State University, 2007.

Invited summit participant. Conference on English Education 2nd Leadership and Policy Summit in Chicago, Illinois. June, 2007.

CEE Outstanding Doctoral Student summit fellowship. Conference on English Education Leadership and Policy Summit, "Reconstructing English Education for the 21st Century" in Atlanta, Georgia. May, 2005.

English Department nominee for Michigan State University's Excellence-in-Teaching citation, 2005.

Critical Studies in Literacy and Pedagogy /Critical Studies in the Teaching of English Grant for Professional Development and Scholarship, Michigan State University, 2004-2005.

Research grant. Teachers for the New Era literacy working group, Michigan State University, 2004-2005.

Travel grants to present conference papers. Awarded each semester at Michigan State University and at Dordt College. 2001-present.

Articles & Chapters

Zuidema, Leah A. "Seeing Literature through Students' Eyes: The Text Preview." *Teaching English in the Two-Year College*. March 2009.

---. "Parawork." Handbook of Research on Virtual Workplaces and the New Nature of Business Practices. Ed. Pavel Zemliansky & Kirk St-Amant. Hershey: Information Science Reference, 2008. 81-97.

Fleischer, Cathy; Van Antwerp, Jill; Cook, Tammy; Johnson, Tara Star; McCann, Thomas; Mietlicki, Connie; Ressler, Paula; Richmond, Kia Jane; Steffel, Sue; Zoss, Michelle; and Leah Zuidema. "CEE Report: What Should English Education Consist of During the First Years of Teachers' Careers?" Conference on English Education Reports from the 2007 CEE Summit. Urbana, IL: National Council of Teachers of English, 2007. Available <http://www.ncte.org/groups/cee/129845.htm>.

DiPardo, Anne; Whitney, Anne Elrod; Fleischer, Cathy; Mayher, John; McCracken, Nancy; Miller, Janet; Stock, Patricia Lambert; Johnson, Tara Star; Zancanella, Don; and Leah Zuidema. "Understanding the Relationship between Research and Teaching." *English Education* 38.4 (2006): 295-311.

Zuidema, Leah A. "Walter Dean Myers' *Monster*." *The Facts on File Companion to the American Novel*. Ed. Abby H. P. Werlock. New York: Facts on File, Inc., 2006.

Blanchard, Anne; DiPardo, Anne; Fleischer, Cathy; Mayher, John; McCracken, Nancy; Miller, Janet; Stock, Patricia Lambert; Johnson, Tara Star; Whitney, Anne Elrod; Zancanella, Don; and Leah Zuidema. "CEE: Belief Statement: Understanding the Relationship between Research and Teaching." *Conference on English Education Positions and Guidelines*. Urbana, IL: National Council of Teachers of English, 2005. Available <http://www.ncte.org/groups/cee/positions/122897.htm>.

Zuidema, Leah A. "Myth Education: Rationale and Strategies for Teaching against Linguistic Prejudice." *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy* 48.8 (2005): 666-675. **Reprinted in *SLATE Newsletter: Support for the Learning and Teaching of English***. Sept. 2005: Available <http://www.ncte.org/about/issues/slate/newsletters/122275.htm>.

Tucker, Nancy S., and Leah A. Zuidema. "You've Got Priority Mail: 'The Single Most Valuable Activity of Our Semester.'" *Teaching Writing in High School and College*. Ed. Tom Thompson. Urbana, IL: National Council of Teachers of English, 2002. 40-56.

Zuidema, Leah A. "Technology Downgrade: Adapting Tomorrow's Classroom to Fit Today's Schools." *Language Arts Journal of Michigan* 17.1 (2001): 13-17.

---. "What Picture Books Do You Recommend for Use in the English Language Arts Classroom?" *English Journal* 88.4 (1999): 28.

---. "Emulating Edgar, Elmer, and Ernest: Using Students' Writing to Define Style." *Language Arts Journal of Michigan* 14.2 (1998): 44-46.

---. "Writing Options into the Writing Process." *Arizona English Bulletin* 40.1 (1997): 20-22.

---. "The Vocabulary of English Punctuation." *English Journal* 85.7 (1996): 135-136.

Proposal Writing

Course adjustment proposal to offer sections of CORE 120, English Composition, designated specifically for students majoring in teacher education. Dordt College. Approved by Core Program Committee, Spring 2009.

Campus writing center concept introduction. Dordt College. Under review by Academic Leadership Team, Spring 2009.

Guidelines for Writing-Intensive courses across the disciplines. Dordt College. Passed and implemented Fall 2008.

Course proposal to develop and offer English 306, Writing Workshop for Teachers. Dordt College. Passed Spring 2006; implemented Fall 2007.

Editing

Edited 19 model essays and wrote related student activities for *The College Writer*, 2nd edition (Ed. Randall VanderMey, Verne Meyer, John Van Rys, and Pat Sebranek). Houghton Mifflin, 2007.

Conference Presentations

Zuidema, Leah A. "Teachers as Struggling Writers: Programmatic Support from English Education." Roundtable session. Conference on English Education. Chicago. Forthcoming: June 2009.

---. "'I'm Having a Situation Here': Sponsoring Teaching Conversations at the Deep End." Concurrent session. Conference on College Composition and Communication. San Francisco. Forthcoming: March 12, 2009.

---. "Give 'Em Some Space: Online Induction Networks for Beginning Teachers." **Promising Researcher Award Winner Presentation at the Opening Session of the Day of Research.** National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention. San Antonio. November 22, 2008.

---. "Screen Conversations: Online Spaces and Inside/Outside/Alongside Networks for Beginning Teachers." Concurrent session. National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention. San Antonio. November 22, 2008.

---. "Understanding Participation in Online Genres: Accounting for the Role of Technologies." Concurrent session. Conference on College Composition and Communication. New Orleans. April 3, 2008.

---. "Redrawing the Borders: Accounting for Technologies in Genre Theory & Research." Concurrent session. Writing Research Across Borders: 3rd International Santa Barbara Conference on Writing Research. Santa Barbara. February 17, 2008.

---. "Writing and Language Variation and Prejudice: A Thematic/Genre Studies First-Year Composition Course." Concurrent session. National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention. New York. November 17, 2007.

---. "'We Should Not Have to Adapt!': Writing about Language Identities, Policies, and Politics." Concurrent session. Conference on College Composition and Communication. New York. March 22, 2007.

---. "Teaching Writing Teachers to Teach Collaborative Composition." Composition/English Education Connections special interest group session. Conference on College Composition and Communication. New York. March 22, 2007.

---. "The Compleat Teacher: Online Teacher Reflection and Collaborative Inquiry in the First Year." Concurrent session. National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention. Nashville. November 17, 2006.

Baugh, John; Chang, Stewart; Isaac, Cecilia; Sikora, Kathleen; and Zuidema, Leah A. "Culture, Language, and Bias." **Plenary session.** California Statewide Conference on Language Access to the Courts, sponsored by the Administrative Office of the Court's Education Division / Center for Judicial Education and Research. San Diego, CA. May 12, 2006.

Zuidema, Leah A. "Bringing the Politics of Composition Education to Life for Preservice Teachers." Composition/English Education Connections special interest group session. Conference on College Composition and Communication. Chicago. March 23, 2006.

---. "Writing to Explore the Personal Nature of Literacies." Concurrent session. National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention. Pittsburgh. November 18, 2005.

Zuidema, Leah A. With *Teachers for the Dream* mentored teacher intern Camille Redmond and with pre-service teaching students Jennifer Bennett, Holly Bodjanac, Cary Middlebush, Michelle Rafferty, Jeana Rokos, and Katie Westbury. "Reading beyond the Final Bell: Promoting Independent Reading AND Connections with Classroom Texts." Concurrent session. Spring Conference on the English Language Arts. Michigan State University. April 16, 2005.

Zuidema, Leah A. "What Happens in English Education Programs When Technical Writing Goes to High School?" Composition/English Education Connections special interest group session. Conference on College Composition and Communication. San Francisco. March 17, 2005.

---. "Risky Business: Encouraging Growth in the Writing Practices and Pedagogies of Pre-service Teachers." Concurrent session. National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention. Indianapolis. November 20, 2004.

---. "Who Has a Say in the Whys and Hows of High School Technical Communication Programs—and Why It Matters." Concurrent session. Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication Conference. West Lafayette, IN. October 8, 2004. http://www.english.vt.edu/~dubinsky/CPTSC_04/individual%20papers%20formatted/harley_gaskill_zuidema_johnson.doc

---. "Personal Matters: Equipping Students to Select/Construct Rhetorical Approaches." Rhetoric and Christian Tradition special interest group session. Conference on College Composition and Communication. San Antonio. March 26, 2004.

---. "'That's a Good Question!': Teaching Readers to Question and Discuss Texts." Concurrent session. Spring Conference on the English Language Arts. Michigan State University. March 20, 2004.

Tucker, Nancy S., and Leah A. Zuidema. "Writing Partners: Spanning the Distance between High School and College." Concurrent session. National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention. San Francisco. November 22, 2003.

---. "They Think Differently: Changing Perceptions Through High School-College Partnerships." Concurrent session. Michigan Council of Teachers of English Fall Conference. Lansing, MI. October 3, 2003.

---. "Writing Partnerships: Connecting High School Students with Preservice Teachers" Concurrent session. Spring Conference on the English Language Arts. Michigan State University. April 5, 2003.

Zuidema, Leah A. "Against Linguistic Prejudice: Teaching for Change." Concurrent session. Spring Conference on the English Language Arts. Michigan State University. 13 April 2002.

Lyndrup, Barbara, and Leah A. Zuidema. "Technical Writing and Reading Across the Curriculum." Concurrent sessions. 1998 North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Annual Meeting in Chicago; 1998 Michigan Industrial and Technology Annual State Convention in Grand Rapids; 1997 Michigan North Central Association Fall Conference in Lansing.

Invited Lectures, Panels, and Workshops

Zuidema, Leah A. "My Students Are Writing. Now What?": Conferences, Comments, and Coaching." Invited graduate workshop for M.Ed. Professional Development Workshops. Dordt College. Sioux Center, IA. Forthcoming July 13-14, 2009.

---. "Give 'Em Some Space: Online Parawork and Inside/Outside/Alongside Networks for Beginning Teachers." Invited lecture for the Teachers for the New Era Literacy Team and Induction Team. Michigan State University. East Lansing, MI. January 11, 2008.

---. "Writing in the Disciplines: A Brief Introduction." New Faculty and Staff Orientation workshop. Dordt College. Sioux Center, IA. August 15, 2006; August 8, 2007; August 13, 2008.

- . "Wordsmiths." Dordt Discovery Days day camp. Dordt College. Sioux Center, IA. June 25-29, 2007; June 23-27, 2008.
- Zuidema, Leah A., and Lloyd Den Boer. "Reading and Writing in the Disciplines: A Workshop." January all-faculty workshop. Dordt College. Sioux Center, IA. January, 10, 2007.
- Zuidema, Leah A. "Graduate and Law School Workshop." Panel. Dordt College. Sioux Center, IA. September 21, 2005.
- . "Getting Creative about Teaching Technical Writing: An Introduction to Integrating Technical Writing Instruction into Your Existing Curriculum." Workshop on behalf of the Red Cedar Writing Project. Michigan State University. East Lansing, MI. February 26, 2005.
- . "Working Out the Details: A WAC Workshop." Workshop series in partnership with Mitch Nobis, on behalf of the Red Cedar Writing Project. Eaton Rapids Middle School. Eaton Rapids, MI. October 29 & December 13, 2004. February 18 & May 27, 2005.
- . "Technical Writing: Workshops for Teachers in the Disciplines." Workshop series. Huron Intermediate School District, Bad Axe, MI. December 11, 12, 15, & 16, 2003. <http://www.msu.edu/~zuidema2/techwritingworkshops.htm>
- . "Technical Writing: An Overview." Lecture. Huron County Professional Development Day. Huron Intermediate School District, Bad Axe, MI. November 14, 2003. <http://www.msu.edu/~zuidema2/techwritingworkshops.htm>
- . "Writing Pedagogy." Panel. English 357: Teaching of Writing. Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI. October 8, 2003.
- . "The Teaching of English: Where Are We Headed?" Lecture. The Writer in & From Community: A Literary Conference. Dordt College, Sioux Center, IA. February 7, 2003.
- . "Sculpting Our Stories." Workshop series. Aquinas Emeritus College, Grand Rapids, MI. Summer 2001.
- Lyndrup, Barbara, and Leah A. Zuidema. "Integrating Technical Reading and Writing into the English Language Arts Classroom." Workshop. Wyoming Public Schools. 1999.

Academic Service

National & Beyond

- Chair. Advisory Committee for the National Council of Teachers of English Promising Young Writers Program. 2009-present.
- National Council of Teachers of English Committee on Scientific and Technical Communication. 2008-present.
- Board of Consultants for the Writing about Writing Network. 2008-present.
- Advisory Committee for the National Council of Teachers of English Promising Young Writers Program. 2006-2009.
- Reviewer. *English Journal*. 2004-present.
- Writing contest judge. National Council of Teachers of English Promising Young Writers Program. 2002; 2006-2008.

Local & Regional

- Student Learning Assessment Committee. Dordt College. 2008-present.
- B.J. Haan Conference Planning Committee. Dordt College. 2008-present.
- Book club advisor. Dordt College. 2007-present.
- Language tutor for English Language Learner family. Hull, Iowa. 2006-2007.

- Mentor for Teachers for the Dream, a Michigan Council of Teachers of English initiative. 2005-2006.
- Steering committee member. Michigan State University Spring Conference on the Language Arts, 2002-2006.
- Essay contest judge. Lake Michigan Credit Union 2003 Scholarship Contest. February, 2003.
- Secondary section chair. Michigan Council of Teachers of English Executive Committee. 1998-2000.
- Writing club sponsor. Byron Center High School, 1998-2000.
- Visiting evaluation team member. Michigan Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools Visiting Team. Belmont Elementary School in Rockford, MI. 1999.
- Visiting evaluation team member. North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. South Haven High School in South Haven, MI. 1999.
- Visiting evaluation team member. Michigan Coalition of Essential Schools. Grass Lake High School in Grass Lake, MI. 1998.

Professional Memberships

National Council of Teachers of English
 Conference on English Education
 Conference on College Composition and Communication
 Two-Year College English Association