

Donna Buford Spell

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EDUCATION

- 1990 M.A. in English, University of Alabama
Full fellowship for graduate study in English
Boone Fellowship for excellence in language arts
Emphasis in early American literature
- 1988 B.A., University of Mississippi
English major
General Business minor
- 1987 Oxford University, England. St. John's College
Summer study of English Renaissance history and literature
Rhodes-at-Oxford
- 1984-6 Vanderbilt University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Academic Program Manager, Center for Interdisciplinary Geospatial Information Technologies,
Delta State University, 2018 – present
Academic Advisor to all BAS-GAI students
Program Development
Administrative duties
- Fulltime Temporary/Visiting Instructor of English, DSU, 2002-04, 2015-18
Adjunct Instructor of English 2004-2015.
English Composition
Composition with Research
Developmental Writing
Applied Writing
Expository Writing
Literature Survey Poetry/Drama
Literature Survey Short Story/Novel.
- Coordinator of English Education Program, Interim, DSU, 2002-03, 2015-16,
Supervision of student teachers in the field
Advanced Curriculum and Instruction (Methods of Teaching English)
- Writing Center Tutor DSU, 2017-18
- Fulltime English Instructor, Valdosta State University, Valdosta GA, 2001-02
English Composition
Composition with Research
World Literature
Regents' Writing Test Prep.
- Jackson Preparatory School, Flowood, MS
English Instructor 1991-97.
7th/8th Language Arts: Literature, writing, vocabulary, grammar

Initiated creative writing elective and reading elective

University of Alabama

Full time student and teaching assistant 1988-90.

Taught Composition I and II and English literature while earning a Master's degree in English. Developed a workshop approach for literature and composition.

Barefield Office Supply 1991. Administrative staff.

Daily operations and management

Customer service

Buford Plantation. Summers 1984-88. Administrative staff.

Daily operations and management

Bookkeeping

Payroll clerk

AWARDS AND PUBLICATIONS

Grant awarded for developing textbook-free courses using OER (Open Educational Resources) 2017

Connected Teacher Award, Delta State University, 2018

Poetry and Essays published in *Tapestry* including "Rocks and Bones" and "Weights and Balances in U8 Soccer"

Presented essay "Rocks and Bones" at Arkansas Philological Association 2015

COMMUNITY

Emmett Till Memorial Commission for Racial Reconciliation, board member

Music Affiliations: Buford Family Singers
Episcopal Church of the Advent choir
Delta Players
Greenwood Little Theatre
Greenwood Chorale

Greenwood Little Theatre, board member

REFERENCES

Talbot J. Brooks, Director of Center for Interdisciplinary Geospatial Information Technologies,
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