

Nancy C. Dayton
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Education: *MIAMI UNIVERSITY: August 1996*
Oxford, Ohio **Ph.D.: American Literature**

Dissertation Topic: “Revis(ion)ing and Re-Membering: Four American Women
Novelists and the Imaginative Search for American Identity”

--A Study of the Selected Novels of: Maria Amparo Ruiz de Burton
Willa Cather
Toni Morrison
Louise Erdrich

INDIANA UNIVERSITY: October 1987
Bloomington, Indiana **Master of Arts: English Literature**

INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY: May 1985
Marion, Indiana **Bachelor of Arts: English and Writing**
Summa Cum Laude

Teaching Experience:

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY
Upland, Indiana
Professor of English 2002-present
Associate Professor of English: 1997-2001
Assistant Professor of English: 1993-1997
Instructor of English: 1988-1993
BALL STATE UNIVERSITY
Muncie, Indiana
Instructor of English: 1987-1988

Courses Taught: ENG 100 Basic Writing
ENG 110 Expository Writing
ENG 212 Critical Approaches to Literature
ENG 230 World Literature
ENG 230 World Literature-Honors
ENG 240 American Literature
ENG 233 Literary London
ENG 340 American Romanticism and Realism
ENG 360 The Novel
ENG 371 Literature of Cultural Diversity
ENG 442 Modern American Literature
ENG 444 Contemporary Literature
ENG 492 Senior Project Research
ENG 493 English Capstone

Department/Division Duties:

Sponsor of Sigma Tau Delta: The English Department Honor Society

Department Chair: 2001-Present

- Facilitated and supervised Departmental Review 2004-5
- Facilitated the transition process in leadership
- Read CLEP and AP exams
- Regularly met with faculty and Division Dean to evaluate classroom performance
- Negotiated course load distribution
- Guided new faculty in the English department
- Supervisor for 3 adjunct faculty and one program assistant
- Administered and read incoming placement exams for ENG 101
- Administered the search process for the new faculty position in the Writing track

Associate Dean for the Division of Letters: 2004-Present

- Served on the Academic Council
- Served on the Academic Search Committee responsible for fulfilling the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Observed academic faculty for the English department, the Modern Language department, and the Biblical Studies/Christian Education/Philosophy department
- Guided faculty from these departments through the promotion and tenure process
- Participated in the search process for two Modern Language faculty
- Participated in the search process for two English faculty
- Participated in the search for sabbatical replacement faculty in the Biblical Studies/Christian Education/Philosophy department
- Initiated the first departmental undergraduate literary conference during the Spring of 2007: "Making Literature"

- Secured funding through the CRI
- Circulated the call for papers
- Worked with all registration online and via mail
- Established rapport with students and faculty from 6 other schools
- Judged student submissions for 2 different awards
- Scheduled classrooms and other campus facilities
- Arranged meals and housing for speakers
- Scheduled all papers for the final conference schedule
- Arranged for conference speaker Paul Willis to speak in campus Chapel
- Supervised the registration for student workshops with experts in poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction
- Sent follow-up correspondence to all students and faculty from other institutions

Facilitated the "Making Literature" conference for the Spring of 2009

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Committee Duties Past and Present:

- Student Life Committee
- Performing Arts Committee
- Faculty Development Team
- Helped to organize Fall 1992 Chicago Multicultural Experience
- Helped to Draft the Cross-Cultural Component of Lily Grant used to Fund the Chicago Multicultural Experience
- Subcommittee Computer Component Development: English Dept.
- TARGET committee for the revision of general education
- Search Committee for Vice President of Academic Affairs
- CTLE Advisory Board
- SLA Department Chairs Council
- University Planning Council
- Honors Advisory Council

Non-Load Duties:

- Student Leadership Scholarship Judge--2 years
- Student Leadership Evaluator--2 years
- Past Alpha Chi Omega Sponsor--2 years
- Speaker for "Sex and the Village" addressing Female Body Image
- Mentor for New Faculty through CTLE
- Regularly host students from my classes in my home

Professional Memberships:

- Modern Language Association
- Midwest Modern Language Association
- Indiana College English Association
- Reporter for Taylor University, ongoing
- Vice President for the organization 1998-99
- President for the organization 1999-2000
- Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial
- MELUS

Honors:

- Who's Who in the Midwest 1998
- Who's Who in Education 1998
 - nominated by a former student
- National Who's Who 1999

Outstanding Young Women of America 1999

Professional Activities:

Fall 2009

Job Shadowing Experience at Gordon College with the Provost Dr. Mark Sargent

Summer 2009

Nonfiction judge for *Indiana's Best Books* competition sponsored by the Indiana State Library Association.

Summer 2009

Attended the Advances Women's Leadership Development Conference in Cedar Springs, Washington led by Dr. Karen Longman and faculty from Azusa Pacific University

Summer 2008

Attended the Women's Leadership Development Conference in Cedar Springs, Washington led by Dr. Karen Longman and faculty from Azusa Pacific University

Fall of 2007

Served as a consultant for the assessment of IWU's English program
Worked with Dr. Linda Hansen, Ball State University and Dr. Mary Brown, IWU

Professional Presentations:

"Who Speaks for God Here?": Poetic and Political Transcendence in Orhan Pamuk's *Snow*

Indiana College English Association Indiana Wesleyan University, October 2007.

"Louise Erdrich's Conversation with Willa Cather: High and Low Faith"

Session Coordinator/Presenter: Sacred Spaces and Symbolic Systems
MMLA, Chicago November 10, 2006

"An Examination of Faith: The Burden of the Self"

Chapel Presentation, Taylor University November 16, 2006

"Image of Female Sexuality: An Interdisciplinary Perspective"

CCCU Conference on Human Sexuality and Gender Gordon College, June 2006

"Doubting Passion: Louise Erdrich's Conversation with Willa Cather"

College English Association meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana March 31-April 2, 2006

"The American Vision of Willa Cather"

The One Book Project: Kendleville, Indiana

Kendleville Public Library

September 2003

"Toni Morrison and the Re-vision of the Word"

The International Society for the Study of Human Ideas on Ultimate Reality and Meaning: Biannual International Conference University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada
August 2001

****This paper was chosen from those presented at the conference for expansion and publication in the URAM Journal**

"Blackboard Presentation: Use of Blackboard Discussion Groups and External Links"

Faculty Forum for the use of Blackboard Campus-wide Taylor University
April 2001

"Literature of Solitude: The Illusion of Totality in Louise Erdrich's Fiction"

Indiana College English Association Indiana University Southeast
October 2000

Served as Host and Coordinator for the 1999 Indiana College English Conference

"The Ethics of Reading" Taylor University

October 1999

First Indiana College English Association meeting with online registration and a university website where attendees could access abstracts for the conference online

"The Erdrich Controversy: Popular Culture as Cultural Voice."

Indiana College English Association Taylor University

October 1999

"Culture or Kitsch: Possibilities of Meaning Within the Literature of Exhaustion."

Colleagues' College Taylor University

August 1999

"The Same and the Other: Exacting the Price of Community in Toni Morrison's Paradise"

Voices from the Margin: Ethnic Women Writers Conference Purdue Calumet

April 1999

"Love is Divine Only and Difficult Always: Sacred Temptations and Community Responsibilities in Louise Erdrich's Love Medicine and Toni Morrison's Paradise"

Indiana College English Association Purdue Calumet

October 1998

"Wisps of Narrative: Conflicting Narrative Voices in Louise Erdrich's Tracks"

Midwest Conference on Christianity and Literature Taylor University

April 1998

"Prosaic Defects as the Best Creative Assets: Willa Cather and the Imaginative Realm of American Character"

Great Lakes American Studies Association Miami University April 1998

and

Indiana College English Association Hanover College October 1997

“Victorian Images of Home: The Political Memorabilia of Cleveland and B. Harrison”
The National Popular Cultural Association. San Antonio, TX
March 1997.

“You Don’t Control the Story’: Wisps of Narrative as Trickster Tools for Survival in Louise Erdrich’s Tracks”
American Studies Association. Michigan State University
November 1996.

“Cognitive Dissonance and Cultural Differences: The Demands of Community in Toni Cade Bambara’s The Salt Eaters”
Indiana College English Association. Vincennes University
October 1996

“Schizoid Heritage or Fantasy Heritage: Maria Amparo Ruiz de Burton’s Spencerian Formulation of American Citizenship”
The National Latino and Hispanic Studies Conference. Houston, TX
February 1996

“Like a Fly in Amber: Perspectives of Modernism and Vitalism in Willa Cather’s The Professor’s House”
Indiana College English Association. Anderson University
October 1995

“Vanishing Perspective: The Professor’s House, Death Comes for the Archbishop and the Development of Cather’s Bergsonian View.”
The Sixth International Willa Cather Seminar. Laval University, Quebec City
June 1995
and
Midwest MLA. St. Louis, MO
November 1995

“The Polemics of Hidalgo Culture: Maria Amparo Ruiz de Burton’s Romantic Perception of California History and Natural Law”
Indiana College English Association. Ball State University
October 1994
and
American Women Writers of Color Conference. Salisbury State University
October 1994

“The Necessity of Speaking the Unspeakable: Mother-Daughter Roles and the Process of Rememorizing Personal History.”
Indiana College English Association. Valparaiso University
October 1993

“Sacred Cows and Sacrificial Lambs: Negotiating the Canon”

Panel Presentation with Dr. Beulah Baker, Dr. Barbara Heavilin, and Dr. Colleen Warren
Indiana College English Association. IUPUI

October 1992