

CURRICULUM VITAE FOR PETER GORDON EPPS

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EDUCATION

Baylor University, Waco, Texas. (8/99-present)

Ph.D. in English Language and Literature (in progress), Religion & Literature Concentration
Areas of Specialization: Religion & Literature studies, 19th Century British Poetry
Freshman Composition Instructor (8/00-present)
Graduate Assistant, Baylor Study Abroad Program in Maastricht (8/02-12/02)

M.A. in English Language and Literature awarded May 18, 2002

Thesis: "A Knocking at the Door: Christian Hope in the Horror Fiction of H. P. Lovecraft"

Writing Center Tutor (8/99-5/00)

The Master's College, Santa Clarita, California. (8/97-5/99)

B.A. in English awarded May 8, 1999

Recognized by English Department as Outstanding Student for 1999

GRE: 800 Verbal, 660 Quantitative, 610 Analytical (1/99)

GRE Subject (English): 650 (11/98)

Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina. (8/92-5/94)

Sophomore year completed May 7, 1994

English major / Political Science minor (began with Computer Science major)

Member of Intercollegiate Debate Team, Inter-Society Debate Association

Languages Studied: French, 日本語 (Japanese), Old English, Latin

Affiliations: MLA, NAFSA: Association of International Educators, IATEFL

EMPLOYMENT

Baylor University, Waco, TX

8/00-present Freshman Composition Instructor (Teaching Assistant)

Prepared and taught courses in Thinking & Writing (EN 1302) and Thinking, Writing and Research (EN 1304), emphasizing rhetorical awareness, argumentation, critical thinking skills, and mechanical competence. In EN 1304, added components on academic research, including extensive library work and student conferencing. Instructor of record for two sections per semester. (excludes Fall 2002, in Europe, and Fall 2003-Spring 2006, in Japan—below)

Baiko Gakuin University, Shimonoseki, Yamaguchi, Japan

8/05-8/06 Professor of English
Prepared and taught courses in a variety of subjects in the English Language and Literature departments (including Intensive English Program). Courses taught include Oral Communication (IEP), Reading & Writing (IEP), Creative Writing, Speech & Debate, British & American Affairs (cultural studies), and Oral Communication for non-majors. In addition to standard methods, sought to encourage use of electronic learning and increased study abroad to improve realism in teaching and increase student involvement and motivation. Participated in widely varied committee duties, planning, and projects.

8/03-7/05 Foreign English Teacher (EFL Instructor, secondary)
Developed curriculum, prepared and taught a wide variety of courses in Conversational English and English Writing at six grade levels for secondary school general and English-core students. Averaged fifteen courses (eighteen classroom hours per week, nine “preps”) per term, two per term as lead instructor. Coordinated syllabus and grade normalization with two other Foreign English Teachers and liaising with Japanese English Teachers.

Baylor University, Waco, TX

8/02-12/02 Baylor Study Abroad Program in Maastricht, the Netherlands (Graduate Assistant)
Assisted Baylor students and the program director with preparation of forms for a variety of travel-related health and legal issues. Coordinated collation and submission of paperwork to appropriate University departments and the dissemination of information to the students. In Europe, made arrangements for educational tours and researched lodgings/transportation options for student travelers. Provided adult supervision of residence halls in Maastricht.

8/99-5/00 Writing Center Tutor (Graduate Assistant)
Provided writing assistance to students of Baylor University, including instruction in grammar, stylistics, structure, thesis development, and proofreading skills. Taught workshops in research and writing techniques. Assisted in daily operations of the Writing Center.

PGEsolutions Information Service Consulting, Dixon, IL

1/97-3/98 Information Services Consultant (self-employed)
Served information systems needs for residential and small-business clients, including hardware and software installation and troubleshooting, HTML authoring, site design, database development, server maintenance, and systems analysis.

Life Management Corporation, Rock Falls, IL

6/97-8/97 Data Processing (contract)
Updated client database daily; designed and tested data-entry macros; wrote procedures manual for new division of financial services corporation.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Tipping the Scales: Contextual Clues in *Bishop Blougram’s Apology*.” *Studies in Browning and His Circle*. 24 (June 2001):54-67.

“The Foreign Affair” & “To Have Boldly Gone.” [sonnets] *The Penwood Review*. (Fall 2007)

“The Final Stroke.” [sonnet] *The Penwood Review*. (Spring 2002)

“Meeting of the Minds.” [experimental verse] *Reflections*. (Spring 2001)

“High Places.” [fourteener] *The Penwood Review*. (Spring 1999)

“Conspicuous Consumption: The “Weird Tale” and Social Fears.” **American Studies Association of Texas**. November 17, 2000.

“What You Know—but Won’t Believe—Certainly Will Hurt You.” **2001 Conference on Narrative**, Baylor University. February 10, 2001.

“Prosing Poetry: Novelistic Resistance to the Lyric in Late 19th-C Long Verse.” **2003 Conference of the English Graduate Student Association**, Baylor University. February 22, 2003.

“Abjection Overruled: The Japanese Appropriation by Christian Symbols in *Neon Genesis Evangelion*.” **Japan as Image (Young Researchers Exchange)**, Osaka University. June 25-26, 2005. [paper read *in absentia* due to illness]

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Chairman, Technology Committee, English Graduate Student Association, Baylor University: responsible for coordinating the creation and maintenance the EGSA web site, keeping abreast of technical developments which affect graduate students in English, and suggesting technological solutions to EGSA as necessary. (8/01-9/02, 9/06-present)

Member, English Lounge Committee, Baiko jo Gakuin JH/HS: helped to design, furnish, staff, and administer an “English Lounge” to promote English-language socialization and English Club activities for Japanese EFL learners; installed and maintained computers for electronic learning and English-language computer use for students. (9/03-8/05)

Member, Orientation Committee, English Graduate Student Association, Baylor University: assisted in providing resources, including guidebook and orientation luncheon/workshop, for incoming graduate students in English at Baylor University. (3/00-9/03)

Treasurer, English Graduate Student Association, Baylor University. (3/01-3/02)

Member, Conference Committee, 2001 Conference on Narrative, Baylor University: helped plan and coordinate interdisciplinary conference co-sponsored by Baylor’s English Department, Oral History Institute, and Armstrong Browning Library. (2/00-2/01)

Armorer, Baylor Fencing Club. (5/03-8/03, member since 8/01)

Member, Golinda Baptist Church, Golinda, TX. (11/06-present)

Member, Mirai Baptist Church, Shimonseki, Yamaguchi, Japan. (2003-2006)

Member, Calvary Baptist Church, Dixon, IL. (1984-present)

Acted in *Fiddler on the Roof* with TMC Theatre Arts Department, 1999