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Thomas Rivers

Education

University of Michigan (1971-1974: Doctor of Arts in English).

Southern Illinois University (1966-68): M.A. in English.

St. Michael's College, Winooski Park, Vermont (1962-66): B.A. in English.

Dissertation

A Metacritical and Interdisciplinary Approach to Teaching Appreciation of the Arts

Languages

German

Academic Awards

1988-89 Fulbright Research/Teaching Award, Federal Republic of Germany –University of Osnabrück, Osnabrück, Germany

1981 NEH Summer Seminar Award—Rhetoric and Public Discourse with Professor Edward P.J. Corbett, Ohio State University

1972-73 Carnegie Fellowship, University of Michigan, English Department

1966-68 Teaching Assistantship, Southern Illinois University

Teaching and Administration

1998-present—Director, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies

1990-present—Professor of English, University of Southern Indiana

1988-89---Professor of Rhetorik, Fach Anglistik, Universität Osnabrück

1986-88—Professor of English, University of Southern Indiana

1985-86---Associate Professor of English, University of Southern Indiana

1981-85---Associate Professor of English, I.S.U.-Evansville

1975-80—Assistant Professor of English, I.S.U.-Evansville

1975-Winter Quarter---Adjunct, Lansing Community College

1968-72---Instructor, I.S.U.-Evansville

1966-68—Teaching Assistant, Southern Illinois University

Scholarly Works

"Commentary on Frederick Crew's *Follies of the Wise: Dissenting Essays*." **Confluence Vol. XIII, No.1 (Fall 2008)**

"Commentary on On Bullshit by Harry G. Frankfurt." **The Quarterly Journal of Speech Vol. 92, Issue 3 (2006):320-330**

"A Defense of Rhetoric." **Tertulia Magazine December 27, 2006.**

<http://www.tertuliamagazine.com/> >

Review of On Bullshit by Harry G. Frankfurt. **The Sycamore Review Vol. 18, Issue 2 (Summer/Fall 2006), Purdue Research Foundation.**

Review of The Realms of Rhetoric: The Prospects for Rhetorical Education, by Joseph Petraglia and Deepika Bahri. **The Quarterly Journal of Speech Vol. 91, Issue 4 (November 2005): 460-463.**

"Ten Essentials for Character Education." **Journal of General Education 53.3 (Spring 2005), Penn State University Press , 243-256.**

"A Character Education Primer." **Connections, Vol.15, Fall 2002, Saint Xavier University Center for Educational Practices, 8-10.**

Antidosis: An Apology for the Art of Rhetoric. **The Southern Indiana Review Vol.8 (Spring 2001).**

"*Mere Opinion: An Essay on Rhetoric and Civic Life.*" **The Journal of the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies V.1 (Fall 1999): 117-128.**

Character Matters. **Teaching Matters, Vol. 4, Number 1, January 1997.**

Review of The American Experience, *Focuses*, Winter/Spring 1993.

Commentary, **College English, November, 1992.**

Response to "Is Honesty the Best Policy?" **Harvard Business Review, January/February, 1991.**

Proceedings of the Eleventh Mid America Conference on Composition, **University of Southern Indiana, 1986.**

Proceeding of the Tenth Mid America Conference on Composition, **University of Southern Indiana, 1985.**

Character and the Composing Process, **Resources in Education, August, 1984**

Ritual and the Composing Process. **Kansas English, Vol.69, Number 1, November 1983, pp. 3-10.**

A Catalogue of Invention Components and Applications. **College English, Vol.45, Number 1, September 1982, pp. 519-528.**

A Comment on Smooth Things: The Rockefeller Commission's Report on the Humanities. **College English, Vol.44, Number 3, March 1982, pp.321-324.**

A Catalogue of Invention Components and Applications. **E.R.I.C., March 1981, pp. 42-43.**

A Spy for All Seasons: The Novels of John Le Carre. **Evansville Close-Up, November-December 1980, pp. 54-56.**

Animal, Vegetable, Mineral: A Method for Introducing Heuristics. **Indiana English, Vol.3, Number 2, 1980.**

Animal, Vegetable, Mineral: A Method for Introducing Heuristics. **Resources in Education, February 1979.**

20 Questions: A Heuristic Strategy. **Exercise Exchange, Vol.24, Fall, 1979.**

Selected Papers

"MALS Program Assessment and Internal and External Program Reviews." Panel Presentation at the national conference of the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs in Charlotte, NC, October 29, 2004.

Participated in Workshop of AGLSP Pre-conference and presented on *Recruiting Faculty for MALS Programs*, at the national conference of the AGLSP, Charlotte, NC, October, 2004.

"The Orators and Philosophers: Competing Versions of the University". M/MLA. Chicago, 8 Nov. 2003.

Ten Essential Considerations for Introducing Character Education into Your Courses. Association for General and Liberal Studies Annual Convention, Louisville, Ky, October 18, 2002.

Should Humor Be a Liberal Art. **Association for General and Liberal Studies Annual Convention, St. Louis, October 17th, 1998**

The Language of Politics. **Indiana Teachers of Writing Conference, Indianapolis, Sept. 30, 1995**

Dear Miss Cyberhart. **Indiana College English Association, Ball State University, October, 1994**

Diagnosing and Prescribing for Reader Response Journals. **Indiana Teachers of Writing Conference, Indianapolis, September, 1994**

Virtual Classrooms. **Indiana College English Association Conference, Ball State University, October 7, 1994**

Writing Mis-Readings: Using Journals in a Reader Response Literature Course. **Indiana Teachers of Writing Conference, September 24, 1994**

The Virtuous Reader. **Indiana Teachers of Writing Conference, Indianapolis, October 1, 1993**

Ethical Issues: Virtue in the Virtual Classroom. **Indiana Teachers of Writing Conference, Indianapolis, September 24, 1992**

Rhetoric and the Deformation of Character. **College Composition and Communication Conference, Boston, 1991**

Between the Sacred and the Secular: Rhetoric and the Formation of Character. **College Composition and Communication Conference, Atlanta, 1987**

Rhetoric and Hope. **National Council of Teachers of English Convention, Philadelphia, 1985**

Character and Composition. **College Composition and Communication Conference, Detroit, 1982**

Ritual and the Composing Process. **National Council of Teachers of English Convention, Boston, 1981**

An Invention Primer: A Complete Approach to the Prewriting Stage of the Composing Process. **College Composition and Communication Conference, Dallas, 1981**

Response to Draft Environmental Impact Statement SRC-1, Davies Cty., Newman, Kentucky (DOE EIS-0073-D): A Rhetorical Evaluation. **Submitted for Synfuel Inquiry, Inc., 1981**

Back to the Basics: Bounderby, Gradgrind and Mc'Choakumchild Ride Again. **Mid-American Conference on Composition, Indiana State University-Evansville, 1978**

Heuristic Workshop. **The Missouri Philological Association Convention, Rolla, Missouri, 1978**

Animal, Vegetable, Mineral: A Method for Introducing Heuristics. College Composition and Communication Conference, Denver, 1978

Can an Apple Fall in the Classroom. Mid-American Conference on Composition, Indiana State University-Evansville, 1976

**Recent
Professional
Activity**

Serve on Editorial Board of The Journal of the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies (new appointment, January, 2005).

Conduct Pre-conference workshop on Faculty Recruitment for MALS programs at the national convention of AGLSP in Charlotte, NC, October 27th.

Conduct workshop at AGLSP Pre-Conference (Faculty Recruitment), Napa, CA , November 4, 2003.

Conduct workshop at AGLSP Pre-Conference (Faculty Recruitment), Chicago, October 17th 2002

Participant in Research Study: "Perspectives on the Nature and Meaning of Interdisciplinary Inquiry". Conducted by Lesley University, Cambridge, MA and Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH. January, 2003.

Chair session at the 2002 Conference of the Indiana College English Association, October 25, 2002, University of Southern Indiana.

Attend USI Summer Institute for Online Teaching and Learning, May 13-24, 2002.

Sponsor for Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, University of Southern Indiana (attended International Conference at Boise State University, Boise, Idaho, March 13-16, 2002)

Attend Association of Graduate and Liberal Studies Programs Annual Convention, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH Oct. 4-7, 2001.

Attend Association of Graduate and Liberal Studies Programs Annual Convention, Oakland, CA Oct.12-16, 2000.

Attend Association of Graduate and Liberal Studies Programs Annual Convention, Houston, TX, October 14-16, 1999.

Attend **Association of Graduate and Liberal Studies Programs Annual Convention, Chicago, October 29-31, 1998.**

Attend **NCTE** Annual Convention, Nashville, November 19-22, 1998

Censorship and Civic Discourse. **Federated Liberal Arts Club of Evansville, May 3, 1996**

Rhetoric and Civic Life. **Downtown Evansville Optimist Club, August 8, 1996**

An Examined Life (Feature Story on my lifetime of Journal Writing). **Evansville Courier, October 20, 1996**

Politics and Rhetoric. **Solarbron Retirement Center, March 1, 1996**

Why Rush Limbaugh Shouldn't Teach Freshman Composition. **Workshops for U.S.I. Rhetoric and Composition Program, 1995**

Politics and Rhetoric. **Optimist Club of Newburgh, October 23, 1995**

Ethics Across the Curriculum Participant. **Sponsored by the Lilly Endowment, 1993 to 1996**

Member of the Graduate Faculty of the University of Southern Indiana Since 1993

Attended Indiana Teachers of Writing Conference, Indianapolis, 1993

Attended College Composition and Communication Conference, Cincinnati, 1992

History and Its Uses. **Chaired this Session at College Composition and Communication Conference, Boston, 1991**

Received Acknowledgment in Preface to Designing Technical Reports, 2nd Edition, by J.C. Mathes and Dwight Stevenson, MacMillan Publishing

Professional memberships

Elected to three year term on Board of Directors of the Association of Graduate and Liberal Studies Programs (

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Indiana Teachers of Writing