

Richard Lassiter—Curriculum Vita

EDUCATION

Georgia College & State University Milledgeville, GA
M.F.A., Creative Writing—Nonfiction May 2027
Advisor: Peter Selgin

Washington State University Pullman, WA
M.A., English Literature May 2007
Advisor: Dr. DJ Lee

Washington State University Pullman, WA
B.A., English Literature Dec 2004
Advisor: Dr. Alex Hammond

Walla Walla Community College Clarkston, WA
A.A., Degree June 2001

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgia College & State University Milledgeville, GA
Graduate Teaching Assistant Aug 2025 – Present

- Developed and taught first year composition Writing with Wrichard. Course focused on inquiry, research, analysis, synthesis, and communication.

Washington State University Pullman, WA
Adjunct, English Aug 2007 - May 2008

- Taught six sections of first year composition over two semesters.
- Accommodated the classroom’s diversity in student backgrounds and writing abilities.
- Delivered lectures, designed assignments and lessons, advised students, and participated in department assessment.

Washington State University Pullman, WA
Assistantship, English Jan 2006 – May 2007

- Taught six sections of first year composition over four semesters while completing graduate school.

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

I bring a compassionate, narrative-based approach to composition instruction, encouraging students to find their voice through reflective and critical engagement. My background as a licensed funeral director informs my pedagogy in fostering empathy, resilience, and patience.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Writing Center Tutor

Georgia College & State University

Milledgeville, GA
Aug 2024 – Present

- Met with students both synchronously and asynchronously to discuss individual writing projects at all stages of the writing process.
- Research associate in developing an understanding of how AI can augment tutoring approaches in a writing center setting.

Funeral Director

Merchant Memorial Group

Clarkston, WA
Dec 2013 – Present

- Like teaching composition, the funeral director educates families by communicating options, articulating instruction, and guiding them through the process of accomplishing final disposition.

AWARDS & AFFILIATIONS

- Dr. and Mrs. Barry Darugar Endowed Scholarship
Georgia College & State University, 2024
- Emmet and Mary Avery Writing Award
Washington State University, 2003
- Member – Sigma Tau Delta
- Member – Pacific Northwest Writers Association

PUBLICATIONS

MSU Roadrunner Review – “Ghost Hunting” (Nonfiction essay exploring memory constructs and grief healing) Dec 2024, Issue 7

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

Flannery O’Connor Conference — Milledgeville, GA, 2024

San Francisco Writers Conference — 2014

Pacific Northwest Writers Association Conference — 2021

EDITORIAL AND SERVICE

Staff Reader — Arts & Letters / Peach (Georgia College & State University)
2024–present

Volunteer Judge — Pacific Northwest Writers Association Conference
(2016) (2017) (2018)

REFERENCES

Available on request