

Frances Crawford Fennessy

Assistant Director, Sam Houston Writing Center
English Department
College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Instructor, SAM 136: Introduction to Collegiate Studies

Degrees Earned

MA in English, Sam Houston State University, 2006

BA in English, Sam Houston State University, 2004

AS Business, AA English, Blinn College, May 2002

Publications

Articles

“SHWaP Talk” (interview piece), “Passion” (poetry), “Waiting for My Time to Come” (poetry). Write Me! Sam Houston Writing Project (2005).

“My Little Man,” “Miss Lucy,” “To John, With All My Love” (poetry). Third Story. Vol. 9 (2004).

“MLA Page Formatting.” Published on Sam Houston State University Writing Center web page: www.shsu.edu/~wctr/handouts.html. 2004. Huntsville, Texas.

Research Monographs and Technical Reports

2004-2006, Quantitative research relating to the assessment of formal grammar teaching methods and the acquisition and application of these grammar skills as displayed in college freshmen.

External Grants

“Defining A Successful Writing Center.” Presented to The International Writing Center Association. May 2006. Proposal funded.

“Why Michael, Jose, LaShonda, Christopher, And Jennifer Don’t Know How To Edit: What Has Happened To America’s Future Grammarians?” Presented to The Conference on College Composition and Communication Research Initiative: Composition, Rhetoric, and Literacy – What We Know, What We Need to Know. June 2004. Proposal unfunded.

Peer-Review Presentations

“Virtual Space: Another Frontier.” (panel presentation) with Diane Dowdey. 2007 International Writing Center Association and South Central Writing Centers Association Joint Conference. April 12, 2007. Houston.

“What Our Students Know About Grammar and How They Learned It.” College English Association Conference. April 7, 2006. San Antonio.

“Defining A Successful Writing Center.” (panel presentation) with Diane Dowdey. Qualitative Research Network Workshop at the Conference on College Composition and Communication. March 25, 2006. Chicago.

“What Is A Successful Writing Center?” (panel presentation) with Diane Dowdey. South Central Writing Centers Association Conference. February 24, 2006. Little Rock.

“Incorporating Writing Across The Curriculum.” Presented a full day faculty development workshop to the entire staff at Heritage Christian Academy. August, 2005. Huntsville, Texas.

“What They Don’t Know About Grammar And Why.” First Annual SHSU McNair Research Conference. July, 2005. Huntsville, Texas.

“Writing Survival Skills.” Presented faculty development workshop to First Year Experience instructors at Sam Houston State University. June, 2005. Huntsville, Texas.

“Didn’t They Say The Comma Would Teach Itself?” Eighth Annual Center for Research and Doctoral Studies in Educational Leadership University-Wide Graduate Research Exchange. April 5, 2005. Huntsville, Texas.

“Why Michael, Jose, LaShonda, Christopher, And Jennifer Don’t Know How To Edit: What Has Happened To America’s Future Grammarians?” Conference on College Composition and Communication. March 17, 2005. San Francisco. Review of presentation by Stephanie Vie available at <http://wac.colostate.edu/atd/reviews/cccc2005/viewmessage.cfm?messageid=97>.

“Reaching The Community: Writing Center Staff Talk to High School English Teachers” (panel presentation) with Barbara Jones, and Diane Dowdey. South Central Writing Centers Association. March 5, 2005. Baton Rouge.

“Whose Time Is It?” (panel presentation) with Penny Pitrucha, and Nathan Roberts. South Central Writing Centers Association. March 4, 2005. Baton Rouge.

“Didn’t They Say The Comma Would Teach Itself?” Seventh Annual Texas McNair Research Conference. February 19, 2005. Denton, Texas.

“Working With the University.” Presented faculty development workshop to high school English instructors at Huntsville Independent School District. October, 2004. Huntsville, Texas.

“The Writing Process.” Presented writing seminar to freshmen composition students at Sam Houston State University. 2002, 2003, 2004. Huntsville, Texas.

Academic Experiences

Writing Center Assistant Director *Sam Houston State University* Fall 2007
Freshman Composition I and II Instructor *Sam Houston State University English department* Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008
Freshman Composition I and II Instructor *Blinn College English department* Fall 2006, Summer 2007
Introduction to Collegiate Studies Instructor *Sam Houston State University First Year Experience department* Fall 2006, Fall 2007
Graduate Assistant, Freshman Composition I and II Instructor *Sam Houston State University English department* Fall 2005 – Spring 2006
11th and 12th Grade, High School English Instructor *Heritage Christian Academy* Spring 2005, Fall 2005, Spring 2006
Graduate Assistant, Developmental English Instructor *Sam Houston State University English department* Fall 2004 – Spring 2005
Graduate Assistant, Research Assistant *Sam Houston State University English department* Spring 2005 – Spring 2006
CRLA Certified Master Tutor *Sam Houston State University Writing Center* 2002—2004
Private Logic Tutor 2001—2002

Professional Experiences

Owner *Huntsville Auction House*, 2007—present
Assistant Editor *American Studies Association of Texas Journal*, Spring 2006
Assistant Editor *American Studies Association of Texas*, online newsletter, Spring 2005
Owner *Roughneck Books*, online bookstore, 2002—present
Publicist for *Suzanne and Jim*, public writings for professional entertainment group, 2004
Owner *Bedias General Store*, grocery reclamation store, 1995—1998
Administrative Assistant to Vice President for Commercial Property *Davis Bros.*, 1992—1994

Honors and Awards

2005 Across-The-University Writing Program: Outstanding Writer
2005 Nominated for Sammy Award: Most Outstanding Non-Traditional Student Leader
2005 Nominated for Sammy Award: Most Outstanding Special Interest Group
2004-2005 Chancellor's List, Sam Houston State University
2004 National Dean's Honor List
2004 Sam Houston State University nominee for Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholar Program and Scholarship
2004 Across-The-University Writing Program: Outstanding Writer
2004 Nominated for Sammy Award: Most Outstanding Non-Traditional Student Leader
2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006 Special Graduate Scholarship, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, SHSU
2004 McNair Scholar Program and Scholarship
2004, 2004-2005 Sigma Tau Delta
2002-2004 President's List, Sam Houston State University
2001-2004 Dean's List, Blinn College, Sam Houston State University
2000-2004 Phi Theta Kappa, Blinn College
1992 Excellence in Humanities, Dalton College

Other Competencies

2005-2006 South Central Writing Centers Association and International Writing Center Association Annual Conference Assistant to Volunteer Coordinator

2004-2005 Non-Traditional Student Organization, Founder and President

2004-2005 Gintz Apartment Council, on-campus family housing, President

2004 American Cancer Society, Relay-For-Life, Walker and Fundraiser

2003-2004 Non-Traditional Student Organization, Member and Volunteer

2002-2003 Girl Scouts of America, Senior Girl Scout Troop Leader

2001-2002 Blinn College Student Government Association, Student Representative

2001-2003 North Zulch PTO, Fundraiser and Volunteer