

## **Cassie Belcher**

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### **Education**

#### **M.A. in English**

Virginia Polytechnic Institution and State University

May 2021

Blacksburg, VA, USA

#### **B.A. in English**

Liberty University

May 2019

Lynchburg, VA, USA

- Minor in history
- Courses in linguistics and second language acquisition
- Communication skills in American Sign Language

### **Work Experience**

#### **Instructor of Record in Composition**

Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

Virginia Tech Department of English

- Taught as Instructor of Record for English 1105: Introduction to College Composition in Fall of 2021. Taught students to use rhetorical concepts to analyze a variety of media and synthesize conflicting sources
- Will serve as an Instructor of Record for English 1106: Writing from Research for the Spring 2021 semester, teaching students how to analyze their own fieldwork and synthesize those results with peer-reviewed, academic sources in their research writing

#### **Writing Consultant**

Fall 2019 – Summer 2020

Virginia Tech Writing Center

- Provided language learning support for English language learners, assisting with English pronunciation, grammar, and vocabulary building
- Helped a variety of undergraduate students clarify, organize, and more fully develop their ideas in their writing projects
- Supported graduate students in editing and revising thesis drafts and journal articles
- Opened and closed the Writing Center.
- Worked independently with students via online formats such as Zoom after the pandemic

#### **Graduate Teaching Assistant to Dr. Katherine Cleland**

Spring 2020

Virginia Tech Department of English

- Facilitated learning in the classroom by leading small group and full class discussions
- Graded quizzes, exams, and discussion posts in addition to taking attendance
- Procured materials for the class through the library and made students aware of available resources

**Teaching Assistant to Dr. Karen Swenson**

Fall 2019

Virginia Tech Department of English

- Gave students personal feedback on their work for the class while grading, the only direct interaction students had with instructors involving course material
- Facilitated communication with the class through announcements and reminders as well as individually through email

**Web Content Writer and Editor**

Spring 2018 – Summer 2019

Liberty University

- Created and edited search engine optimized website copy that engages hundreds of thousands of perspective students each month
- Improved search rankings for Liberty's degree program pages, bringing many from unranked positions to the first page of Google
- Increased site traffic by 41% in the first three months and reduced the cost of paid leads, saving Liberty significantly on cost-per-click advertisements

**Volunteer Experience****Teaching Assistant**

Fall 2017

Liberty University

English 101

- Spent twenty hours in two English 101 classrooms helping approximately forty students format their works cited pages, conduct peer reviews, and narrow thesis sentences
- Held students accountable by grading homework assignments for completion
- Supported classroom management by monitoring student technology use

**Editor, Advisor**

2016-2019

Liberty University

Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society

- Maintained email and social media communication with about four hundred ALD members
- Organized a graduate school panel with five different speakers and a tour of a local poet's home
- Helped organize about five events per semester such as: a nursing home visit, a food drive, and an initiation ceremony for over a hundred new members
- Mentored sophomore officers as a junior and senior advisor, facilitating logistics and conflict resolution

**Conference Papers**

- "As Much Soul as You: Bronte and *Jane Eyre*," Sigma Tau Delta's International Convention, St. Louis, MO. March 2019.
- "Fantastic Purpose: The Cosmological Focus of Fantasy," National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA. April 2019.
- "Attaching to Language: Attachment Disorder and Language Acquisition in Internationally Adopted Children," National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA. April 2019.

## **Professional Affiliations**

**North American Victorian Studies Association**  
Member

2020 – Present

## **Fields of Interest**

Victorian literature

British novel/Victorian novel

Women authors