

Morgan Rains

Compassionate and creative teacher with a background with virtual classrooms and department leadership. Experience with curriculum revision and community building practices to improve student engagement.

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EXPERIENCE

Troop Leader - Girl Scouts of America, Troop 77019

March 2021 - Present

Create bimonthly lesson plans that correlate with Girl Scout badge programming, then coordinate and lead lessons for 12 students. Communicate with parents and Girl Scout leadership to ensure a continuous and uniform instruction. Lead field trips and after-school activities.

Teaching Assistant - University of Colorado, Boulder

June 2018 - June 2020

Served as the first point of contact for a class of 140 students, as well as the advocate for students with disabilities. Built and maintained the online platform for the class, including migration to fully virtual midway through a semester; host office hours for students, complete all grading, and coordinate disability accommodations.

Legislative Aide - Colorado House of Representatives

January 2019 - May 2019

Served Representative Jaquez Lewis of House District 12 doing bill research and presented research in varying forms of accessibility for constituents and collaborators.

Learning Assistant - University of Colorado, Boulder

May 2017 - May 2018

Worked as the discussion facilitator to encourage student engagement and discourse in a virtual course. Created and implemented annotation and video tools to create dynamic interaction between the students and course materials.

SKILLS

Universal Pedagogy - Online Classroom Expertise - Curriculum Revision and Development - Experience with Faculty Leadership

AWARDS

Received an "A" rating in all Faculty Course evaluations that were given to students.

Received the English Fellow Grant upon admission to the CU M.A. Program.

EDUCATION

University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO —
English, MA

Coursework in written communication with an emphasis on education.

University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO —
English, BA

Summa cum laude.
Coursework in written and spoken communication, with emphasis on education.

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Curriculum Vitae

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Licenses and Certifications

3 Year Substitute Authorization, #309223 - Colorado, renewed to 2025

Education

Master of Arts in English Literature, Department of English - University of Colorado, Boulder.

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, Summa cum laude, with distinction.
Department of English - University of Colorado, Boulder.

Teaching Experience

Girl Scout Troop Leader - K-1 - Troop 77019 (Spring 2021- Present)

Substitute Teacher - K-12 - Boulder Valley School District (Fall 2019 - Spring 2020)

Teaching Assistant - HUMN 1220 - Art and Music 2 - University of Colorado, Boulder (Spring 2019, Spring 2020)

Lead Professors: Giulia Bernadini and Alexandra Siso

Responsibilities: Grading for 80 students, hosting office hours and student meetings, running study sessions, building and maintaining an online classroom.

Teaching Assistant - HUMN 1210 - Art and Music 1 - University of Colorado, Boulder (Fall 2018, Fall 2019)

Lead Professors: Giulia Bernadini and Alexandra Siso

Responsibilities: Grading for 140 students, hosting office hours and student meetings, running study sessions, building and maintaining an online classroom.

Teaching Student - ENGL 1240 - Introduction to American Women Writers - University of Colorado, Boulder (Spring 2019)

Lead Professor: Mary Klages

Responsibilities: Planning and leading a lesson plan once a week, executing other student's lesson plans on other days each week.

Learning Assistant - ENGL 3563 - Shakespeare, Online - University of Colorado, Boulder (Spring 2018)

Lead Professor: Teresa Nugent

Responsibilities: Facilitating student discussion and assisting in lesson building.

Learning Assistant - ENGL 3000 - Shakespeare for Non-Majors, Online - University of Colorado, Boulder (Fall 2017)

Lead Professor: Teresa Nugent

Responsibilities: Facilitating student discussion and assisting in lesson building.

Learning Assistant - ENGL 3856 - 19th-Century Rise of the Novel, Online - University of Colorado, Boulder (Summer 2017)

Lead Professor: Teresa Nugent

Responsibilities: Facilitating student discussion and assisting in lesson building.

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Pedagogical Training

Teaching English Practicum (Spring 2019)
Graduate Teaching Pedagogy Seminar (Fall 2018)
Stanley Hotel Writers Residency (Winter 2017)
Schools and Society Seminar (Fall 2016)

Professional Experience

Legislative Aide - Colorado House of Representatives House District 12 (2019 Session)

Departmental Service

English Department Representative - United Government of Graduate Students -
University of Colorado Boulder (2019-2020)
Nominated to Represent MA cohort on English Graduate Student Council - University
of Colorado, Boulder (2019)
Graduate Liaison - Ad Hoc Masters Curriculum Revision Committee - University of
Colorado, Boulder (2019)
Graduate Liaison - Undergraduate Curriculum Revision Committee - University of
Colorado, Boulder (2019)
Undergraduate English Student Council - University of Colorado, Boulder (2016-2018)

Departmental Talks

Graduate Student Family Night Organizer (Spring 2020)
Undergraduate English Advisory Council Guest Lecturer (Fall 2019)
English Department Pedagogy Training Guest Lecturer (Fall 2019)
English Department New Student Orientation (Fall 2019)
FrankenReads (Fall 2018)
Graduate Student Welcome Trivia (Fall 2018)
Literary Buffs Trivia Night (Spring 2018)
Literary Buffs Trivia Night (Fall 2017)

Awards and Honors

Zola Family Endowed Scholarships for Social Studies Teachers (2023-2024)
Judy Carol Crites Herron Scholarship (2023-2024)
Cobell Graduate Learners Scholarship (2019-2020)
72nd Colorado General Assembly Certificate of Appreciation (May 3rd, 2019)
English Department Master's Fellowship (2018 - 2019)
White Antelope Memorial Scholarship (2016-2018)
Wyandotte Nation Higher Education Scholarship (2016-2018)
Jake Koltun Memorial Scholarship (2018)