

# Jennifer Wachtel Kates

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- Education**     B.A. Rhodes College, 1991  
                      English: Creative Writing  
                      M.A. University of Southern Mississippi Center for Writers, 1993  
                      English: Creative Writing  
                      Ph.D. Georgia State University, 2000  
                      English: Creative Writing
- Thesis**            *Vanity and Other Stories* directed by Frederick Barthelme  
                          Collection of original short stories
- Dissertation**    *Faith's Birthday* directed by John Holman  
                          Original collected novel
- Teaching Experience**    1997-present: Middle Tennessee State University  
                                  Adjunct Instructor 1997-1999  
                                  Full Time Instructor 1999-present  
                                      Introduction to University Writing, Stretch and Studio  
                                      Expository Writing  
                                      Research and Argumentative Writing  
                                      Experience of Literature  
                                      American Literature  
                                      Fiction Writing Workshop  
                                      Special Topics: Fiction Writing  
                                      Independent Writing Project  
                                      Introduction to University Studies
- 1995-1997: Georgia State University  
                                  University Writing Center Tutor  
                                  Graduate Teaching Assistant  
                                      Freshman Composition  
                                      Fiction Writing Workshop
- 1996-1997: Kennesaw State University  
                                  Adjunct Instructor  
                                      Freshman Composition I and II
- 1995-1996: Atlanta Metropolitan College  
                                  Writing Center Tutor

1993-1995: Volunteer State Community College

Adjunct Instructor

Freshman Composition I and II

World Literature

Literary Genres Classes

1991-1992: University of Southern Mississippi

University Writing Center Tutor

Graduate Teaching Assistant

World Literature

Freshman Composition I and II

## Service

### Departmental Service

Faculty Sponsor: Southern Literary Festival, 2014

MTSU Scholars Week Faculty Sponsor: 2012, 2013, 2014

GTA Shadowing Program: Jennifer Hayes, Mick Howard

Lower Division Curriculum Meeting: Workshop Facilitator

Hosted Visiting Writer: Michael Knight, Fall 2012

Hosted Visiting Writer: Jody Casella, Fall 2013

Hosted Visiting Writer: Kamilah Aisha Moon, Spring 2014

Literacy for Life Composition Curriculum Pilot Program: Fall 2013

### University Service

*Collage* Advisory Board 2009-present

Greek Life Task Force 2010-2011

Coordinated Colonial Middle School campus visit and creative writing seminars: Spring 2013

Raider Learning Community Block Participant: Fall 2013, Fall 2014

Vice President: Southern Literary Festival, AY 2014-2015

Chair: Southern Literary Festival, AY 2015-2016

### Mentorships

McNair Scholars Program

Writing Internship Program

ORCO Internship Program (Autism Speaks)

### Student Organizations Advising

Alpha Omicron Pi, Rho Omicron Chapter

Raiders for Autism Speaks

Future Authors of America

### Community Service

“Write Now!” essay contest committee and judge, Rutherford County Read to Succeed

Autism Speaks Tennessee Community Outreach Chair

## Awards and Publications

Allen Tate Creative Writing Award, Rhodes College, 1991

“Egg and Spoon” *GSU Review* 2<sup>nd</sup> place award for fiction, 1996

“Dream Different Dreams” Louisiana Philological Association Conference, 2000

MTSU Outstanding Public Service Award, 2011-2012

