

Calisa A. Pierce

**Department Chair, English and Developmental Education,
& Assistant Professor – English**

CURRICULUM VITA

Education

Doctorate of Education, Marshall University

Major: Educational Leadership Studies, Higher Education Administration

Area of Emphasis: Humanities

Dissertation: *Best Instructional Practices in Developmental Education: Faculty Perceptions*

Kellogg Institute for the Training and Certification of Developmental Educators, National Center for Developmental Education, Reich College of Education, Appalachian State University.

Certified Developmental Educator

Practicum (Exemplary designation): *Design of a Research-Based Combined Developmental Reading and Writing Course*

Educational Specialist (Ed.S.), Marshall University

Major: Educational Leadership Studies, Higher Education Administration

Master of Arts, Marshall University

Major: English

Specializations: Shakespeare; Contemporary drama, short story, and poetry genres; Early American literature; creative writing.

Master's Thesis: *Henry IV, Part Two: A Modern Stage History*

Bachelor of Arts, Marshall University

Major: English

Minors: history, music

Relevant Experience

**Chair and Faculty Member – English and Developmental Education
Department**

BridgeValley Community & Technical College, 2013-Present

Adjunct Faculty Member – Master of Arts in Leadership Studies Program

Marshall University, 2014-Present

Dean and Faculty Member – Developmental Education Division
Kanawha Valley Community & Technical College, 2011-2013

Chair and Faculty Member – Transitional Studies Department
Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College, 2007-2010

Director of Adult Experiential Learning (Board of Governors Associate in Applied Science Program)
Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, 2004-2007

Director/Chair - Transitional Studies Division (formerly Developmental Education)
Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College, 1998-2007

Part-Time Faculty
Southern WV Comm. & Tech. College, 1993-98

Honors and Awards

- ◆ BridgeValley Outstanding Leadership Award, 2015-2016
- ◆ Innovative Program Award, 2015. West Virginia Association for Developmental Education
- ◆ Technology in Developmental Education (TIDE) Institute Scholarship Award, 2014
- ◆ Susan E. Hashaway Outstanding Thesis/Dissertation Award, 2013. National Association for Developmental Education
- ◆ Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 2013
- ◆ Exemplary Practicum, 2012
- ◆ West Virginia Great Teachers Seminar, 2012
- ◆ Power of Team Award, 2012
- ◆ Dean's Appreciation Award, 2012
- ◆ Complete College America State Team, 2011
- ◆ President's Award for Institutional Service. Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, 2001
- ◆ Thesis Research Grant, 1995
- ◆ Adjunct Faculty Teaching Excellence Award. Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College Boone Campus Student Government Association, 1994-95
- ◆ First Place, Graduate Poetry Collection. William J. Maier Writing Competition, 1994
- ◆ First Place, Graduate Non-fiction Prose. William J. Maier Writing Competition,

1993

- ◆ Various Awards, Lyric Poetry and Short Story Categories. West Virginia Writers Competitions, 1982, 1992, 1993, 1994
 - ◆ Second Place, Graduate Fiction. William J. Maier Writing Competition, 1993
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Publications

Education

- ◆ Pierce, Calisa, 2013. Adjuncts as Effective Community College Team Members. *NISOD Innovation Abstracts*, (35)12, 1-2. Austin, TX: National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, The University of Texas at Austin.
- ◆ Pierce, Calisa, 2010. High School Graduation Does Not Equal College Preparation. *The State Journal*, Education Alliance insert, May.

American Literature

- ◆ Pierce, Calisa, 1993. William Byrd II of Westover: A bibliographical essay. *Papers of the First-Place Winners in the 1993 Maier Writing Awards*. Huntington, WV: Marshall U P.

Fiction

- ◆ Pierce, Calisa, 1994, 1993, 1992, 1983. Various short stories. *Et Cetera: The Literary Magazine of Marshall University*.

Poetry

- ◆ Pierce, Calisa, 2002. The rhythm of her days. *The Guyandotte Observer: Beginnings (1)*.
 - ◆ Pierce, Calisa, 2002. Ripe. *The Guyandotte Observer: Beginnings (1)*.
 - ◆ Pierce, Calisa, 2000. Reunion. *Wild, Sweet Notes: Fifty Years of West Virginia Poetry 1950-1999*. Ed. Barbara Smith and Kirk Judd. Huntington, WV: Publishers Place.
 - ◆ Pierce, Calisa, 1994. *Hills Breathing Green. Papers of the First-Place Winners in the 1994 Maier Writing Awards*. Huntington, WV: Marshall U P.
 - ◆ Pierce, Calisa, 1994, 1993, 1992, 1983. Various poems. *Et Cetera: The Literary Magazine of Marshall University*.
 - ◆ Pierce, Calisa, 1983. Interference. *Catching the Crow*. Ed. Barbara Smith et al. Charleston, WV: Mountain State.
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National and State Conference Presentations

- ◆ *Co-Requisite Developmental Education – Does It Work?* West Virginia Community College Association/West Virginia Association for Developmental Education Conference. Embassy Suites, Charleston, WV. 12 Nov. 2015.

- ◆ *Co-Requisite Pathways – A Bridge to the Future of Developmental Education*. Higher Learning Commission Conference. Chicago, IL. 30 Mar. 2015.
- ◆ *Math and English Pathways – A Bridge to Success* (poster session). West Virginia Community College Association/West Virginia Association for Developmental Education Conference. West Virginia University at Parkersburg, Parkersburg, WV. 16 October 2014.
- ◆ *A Bridge to the Future of Developmental Education*. West Virginia Association of Academic Administrators Conference. Flatwoods, WV. 15 Sept. 2014.
- ◆ *Calisa A. Pierce, Ed.D.: Breakfast with a Star*. National Association for Developmental Education Conference. Hilton Anatole. Dallas, TX. 6 Mar. 2014.
- ◆ *Best Instructional Practices in Developmental Education: NADE Member Survey*. National Association for Developmental Education Conference. Hilton Anatole. Dallas, TX. 6 Mar. 2014.
- ◆ *Engaging Adjunct Faculty*. West Virginia Community College Association/West Virginia Association for Developmental Education Conference. Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, WV. 24 Oct. 2013.
- ◆ *Best Instructional Practices in Developmental Education: Effectiveness and Usage*. National Association for Developmental Education Conference. Sheraton Denver, Denver, CO. 1 Mar. 2013.
- ◆ *Adjuncts as Effective Team Members*. National Association for Developmental Education Conference. Sheraton Denver, Denver, CO. 28 Feb. 2013.
- ◆ *Research-Based Best Practices in Developmental Education*. West Virginia Association for Developmental Education Regional Meeting. Beckley, West Virginia. 16 November 2012.
- ◆ *Best Instructional Practices in Developmental Education*. West Virginia Community College Association / West Virginia Association for Developmental Education Conference. Canaan Valley, West Virginia. 25 October 2012.
- ◆ *Best Practices Recommendations from the Dev Ed Task Force*. West Virginia Community College Association / West Virginia Association for Developmental Education Conference. Glade Springs, West Virginia. 28 October 2011.
- ◆ *Success Strategies for Online Learning*. Innovations 2010 Conference. Convention Center, Baltimore, MD. 28 Mar. 2010.
- ◆ *Discovering Success Strategies in Online Learning*. National Association for Developmental Education Conference. Convention Center, Columbus, OH. 11 Mar. 2010.
- ◆ *Strategies for Successful Learning Communities at the Developmental Level*. League for Innovation in the Community College Conference 2004. San Francisco Hilton, San Francisco. 2 Mar. 2004.
- ◆ *Learning Communities at the Developmental Level: Year Two*. National Association for Developmental Education Conference. Convention Center, Austin, TX. 14 Feb. 2003.
- ◆ *Learning Communities at the Developmental Level: Strategies for Success*. National Association for Developmental Education Conference. Coronado Springs Hotel, Orlando. 7 Mar. 2002.
- ◆ *Spark Fresh Voices, Student Confidence: Create a Classroom Writing Community*.

West Virginia Association for Developmental Education Conference. John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV. 2 Nov. 2000.

- ◆ *Spark Fresh Voices, Student Confidence: Create a Classroom Writing Community.* Innovations for Learning Enhancement Conference. Ashland Community College, Ashland, KY. 14 Oct. 2000.
 - ◆ *Adding Technology to the Traditional Composition Classroom.* National Association for Developmental Education Conference. Convention Center, Biloxi, MS. 17 Mar. 2000.
 - ◆ *Adult Student Success.* West Virginia Leaders of Learning Conference. Civic Center, Charleston, WV. 3 Aug. 1999.
 - ◆ *Weak Kings / Strong Plays: Shakespeare's Richard II and Marlowe's Edward II.* West Virginia Shakespeare and Renaissance Association Conference. Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, WV. 14 Apr. 1995.
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Courses Taught

- ◆ Grant Proposal Writing for Non-Profit and Public Agencies
 - ◆ Governance of Higher Education (co-taught with Dr. Dennis M. Anderson)
 - ◆ English Composition I
 - ◆ English Composition II
 - ◆ Introduction to Literature
 - ◆ English Composition I with Accelerated Writing Skills (ALP method)
 - ◆ American Literature
 - ◆ Creative Writing
 - ◆ Children's Literature
 - ◆ Integrated Reading and Writing
 - ◆ Technical English
 - ◆ Critical Reading Skills
 - ◆ Beginning Composition
 - ◆ College Success
 - ◆ Portfolio Development
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Relevant Graduate Coursework

Leadership Studies

- ◆ LS 797, Dissertation Research, Fall 2011-Fall 2012
- ◆ EDF 765, Advanced Research II in Leadership Studies, Fall 2011
- ◆ LS 797, Dissertation Research, Spring 2011-Summer 2011
- ◆ EDF 711, Survey Research in Education, Summer 2010
- ◆ LS 626 Institutional Advancement, Spring 2010
- ◆ EDF 626 Advanced Qualitative Research in Education, Spring 2010

- ◆ LS 703 Research Design, Fall 2009
- ◆ LS 707 Ethical Theories, Fall 2009
- ◆ LS 764 Advanced Research I, Spring 2004
- ◆ LS 725 Higher Education Finance, Fall 2003
- ◆ LS 756 Current Issues in Higher Education, Summer 2003
- ◆ EDF 625 Qualitative Leadership, Spring 2003
- ◆ LS 530 Human Relations Skills for Leaders, Fall 2002
- ◆ EDLS 769 History of American Higher Education, Spring 2002
- ◆ LS 762 Higher Education Politics, Fall 2001
- ◆ EDLS 785 Higher Education Internship, Fall 2001
- ◆ EDLS 330 Principles of Leadership, Spring 2001
- ◆ EDLS 338 Administration & Organization of Higher Education, Spring 2001
- ◆ LS 780 Readings in the Development of Higher Education, Spring 2001
- ◆ LS 745 Higher Education Law, Fall 2000
- ◆ EDF 517 Statistical Methods, Summer 2000
- ◆ LS 780 Administrative Theory, Spring 2000
- ◆ LS 775 Gender in Leadership, Fall 1999
- ◆ LS 719 Introduction to Doctoral Studies, Fall 1999

English and Humanities

- ◆ HUMN 600, Introduction to Study in the Humanities, Summer 2010
- ◆ HUMN 601 Literary Criticism, Fall 2001
- ◆ LITS 600 Modern Short Fiction, Summer 2001
- ◆ ENG 592 Fiction Workshop, Spring 1991
- ◆ ENG 533 Contemporary English Poetry, Fall 1991
- ◆ ENG 521 American Literature to 1830, Spring 1992
- ◆ ENG 585 Independent Study, Fiction Writing, Summer I 1992
- ◆ ENG 630 Materials and Methods of Research, Fall 1992
- ◆ ENG 600 Shakespeare, Spring 1993
- ◆ ENG 591 Poetry Workshop, Fall 1994
- ◆ ENG 620 Twentieth Century Drama, Spring 1994
- ◆ ENG 517 English Drama to 1642, Fall 1994
- ◆ ENG 681 Thesis, Fall 1994, Spring 1995, Fall 1995

Education

- ◆ CI 521 Characteristics of Exceptional Children, Spring 1987

Professional Development and Certification Highlights

- ◆ *Advanced Kellogg Institute: Integrating Academic Support and Instruction.*
National Center for Developmental Education, Appalachian State University,

2013

- ◆ *Quality Matters Certificate*. Online, 2016 and South Charleston, WV, 2016
 - ◆ *Faculty Certification for Online Teaching*. BridgeValley Community & Technical College, online, 2016.
 - ◆ *National Association for Developmental Education Certification Training*. Denver, 2013
 - ◆ *Supplemental Instruction Training*. University of Missouri, Kansas City, 2012
 - ◆ *Great Teachers Seminar*. Cairo, WV, 2012
 - ◆ *Council for Adult Experiential Learners Training*. Chicago, 2004
 - ◆ *A Day at Alverno Assessment Training*. Alverno College, 2003
 - ◆ *Adult Basic Education Pre-Service Teacher Certification*. Charleston, WV, 2002
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Professional Service and Volunteer Work

- ◆ West Virginia Social Studies Fair Judge, 2015-Present
- ◆ Complete College America (CCA) West Virginia Team, 2015, 2013, 2011
- ◆ Developmental Education Task Force and Best Practices Subcommittee, 2011-Present
- ◆ Kanawha Literacy Council, 2011-Present
- ◆ West Virginia Association for Developmental Education (WVADE) Strategic Planning Committee, 2013-2014
- ◆ WVADE Awards Committee, 2013-2014
- ◆ WVADE Political Liaison, 2010-2012
- ◆ *NADE Digest* Committee, 2011-2014
- ◆ West Virginia Symphony Chorus, 2005-2007, 2013-2014
- ◆ WVADE Regional Meeting Coordinator, 2011-Present
- ◆ West Virginia Community College Association (WVCCA)/WVADE Conference Planning Committee, 2011
- ◆ WVCCA/WVADE Proposals Subcommittee Chair, 2011
- ◆ Online Tutoring Services Review Panel, 2009
- ◆ Chair, Ad-Hoc Marketing Committee, National Association for Developmental Education, 2006-2007
- ◆ Past President and Executive Committee Member, WVADE, 2002-2003
- ◆ Membership Committee, National Association for Developmental Education (NADE), 2002-2004
- ◆ President, WVADE, 2001-2002
- ◆ President-Elect, WVADE, 2000-2001
- ◆ Constitution Committee, WVADE, 2000-2007
- ◆ West Virginia Basic Skills Software Evaluation Committee, 1999-2000
- ◆ Logan County Social Studies Fair Judge, 1998-2006.
- ◆ Ralph R. Willis Career/Technical Center Advisory Committee, 2002-2010
- ◆ Community Test Anxiety Workshop Presenter, 2000
- ◆ Elementary Teacher Composition Workshops Presenter, 1998-2002

- ◆ West Virginia Writers Judge, 1994
 - ◆ Read-Aloud Program, 1992-Present
 - ◆ Girl Scouts Mentor, Leader, Assistant Leader, 1994-2005
 - ◆ Logan High School Senior English Project Judge, 2005-2011
 - ◆ West Virginia Symphony Opera Chorus Member, 2005-2007
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Professional Associations

- ◆ Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
 - ◆ Sigma Kappa Delta Honor Society
 - ◆ College Reading and Learning Association
 - ◆ National Association for Developmental Education
 - ◆ West Virginia Association for Developmental Education
 - ◆ National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development
 - ◆ National Council of Instructional Administrators
 - ◆ South Atlantic Modern Language Association
 - ◆ Two-Year College English Association of the National Council of Teachers of English
 - ◆ Conference on College Composition and Communication
 - ◆ League for Innovation in the Community College
 - ◆ West Virginia Community College Association
 - ◆ Council of Adult Experiential Learning
 - ◆ Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society
 - ◆ Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society
 - ◆ Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society
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