

**Condensed Curriculum Vitae**  
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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction  
Literacy and Arts Focus  
University of Toronto

Education Certificate  
McGill University

B.A. and M.A.  
Concordia University

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2012- Present	Director, Central West Virginia Writing Project
2007-Present	Program Director, Literacy Education Program Marshall University
1998 - 2007	Professor Literacy Education Program Marshall University, (South Charleston Campus), South Charleston, WV
1986 – 1998	Instructor, English, and Drama Scarborough Board of Education, Scarborough, Ontario

**Awards**

Finalist, Short Story Award for New Authors, *Glimmer Train* 2013  
Best Paper SITE Conference 2011, Nashville Tennessee

**Publications**

O'Byrne, B (2024). Getting to the h'art of it: Engaging Teachers of Writing in Digital Environments. *Proceedings for Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education*, 167–170.

O'Byrne, B. & Murrell, S. (2014). Evaluating multimodal literacies in student blogs. *British Journal of Educational Technology*, Volume 45, Issue 5, 926–940.

O'Byrne, B., Bailey, D., Murrell, S. (2011). Literacy in multimedia environments: Preliminary findings. *Proceedings for Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education*, 1600-1606.

O'Byrne, B. (2010). Pedagogy reconsidered in a multimodal blended environment. In *Handbook of Research on Hybrid Learning Models: Advanced Tools, Technologies, and Applications*, IGI Global, 299-316

O'Byrne, B. (2009) Knowing more than words can say: Using multimodal assessment tools to excavate and construct knowledge about wolves. *International Journal of Science Education*, 31(4), 523-539.

**Creative Publications**

O'Byrne, B. *Frog in August* (under review)

O'Byrne, B. *Penny Candy*. (January 2024), Litbreak Magazine  
<https://litbreak.com/penny-candy/>

O'Byrne, B. *The Elephant in the Room* (December 2023), Literally Stories.  
<https://literallystories2014.com/2023/12/05/the-elephant-in-the-room-by-barbara-obyrne/#comments>

O'Byrne, B. *Triangulation*, (Spring 2021), Lily Poetry Review.  
<https://lilypotteryreview.blog/category/flash/>

O'Byrne, B. *Birthright*, (December 2017), The Citron Review.  
<https://citronreview.com/2017/12/21/birthright/>

O'Byrne, B. *Screen Shots*, (March 2015) The Citron Review,  
<https://citronreview.com/2015/03/15/screen-shots/>

O'Byrne, B. *Good-Bye* (Fall 2014) Flash Fiction Magazine.  
<https://flashfictionmagazine.com/blog/2014/08/05/good-bye/>

O'Byrne, B. *Seeing the Rabbit* (2010). Perigee Publication for the Arts. 4th ed., Vol. 7. <http://www.perigee-art.com/index-3.php>

### **Recent Grants**

O'Byrne, Barbara, "Funding for Writing Project at Marshall University," Sponsored by State of West Virginia \$25,000 (June 2025-June 2026).

O'Byrne, Barbara, "Writing for All: Effective Writing Instruction for Diverse Learners," Sponsored by Federal Improving Teacher Quality Grant, \$90, 811.00 (June 1, 2017-June 30, 2018).

O'Byrne, Barbara, "College Ready Writing SEED Grant for Professional Development for High Need School," Sponsored by National Writing Project, Federal SEED Grant, \$20,000.00. (June 1, 2017 - October 30, 2018).

O'Byrne, Barbara, "Narrowing Student Achievement Gaps by Improving Academic Writing, and literacy in Middle Schools," Sponsored by Federal Improving Teacher Quality Grant, \$99,000.00, (June 1, 2016-June 1, 2017)

O'Byrne, Barbara, "SEED College Ready Writing Project Advanced Institute," Sponsored by National Writing Project, Federal, \$20,000.00. (June 1, 2016 - October 30, 2017).

O'Byrne, Barbara, "Teacher Leadership," Sponsored by National Writing Project, Federal, \$20.00. (May 1, 2014 - October 31, 2016).

### **Conference Presentations/Workshops**

O'Byrne, B. "Intentional Writing in the Content Areas," Marshall University, (March 11, 2025).

Broach, T., Hills, M., Nowell, S. & O'Byrne, B. "Role of Invitational Institute in National Writing Project," NCTE, Boston, MA. (November 20 -23, 2024)

O'Byrne, B. "Content Writing in the Age of SOR," Marshall University, March 24, 2024).

O'Byrne, B. "Growing Partnerships Within and Beyond the University." NCTE, Columbus Ohio, (November 16-19, 2023)

- O'Byrne, B. "Advanced Institute on Implications of Science of Reading for Literacy Education," Marshall University (July 11-13, 2023).
- O'Byrne, B. "Life-Affirming Books, Life-Affirming Writing," CWVWP Spring Writing Conference, Marshall University, South Charleston Campus, March 31-April 2, 2023.
- O'Byrne, B. "Beyond Cookie-Cutter Writing; Using Multimodal Activities to Power Up Elementary Writing," Cabell County School Improvement Conference. Huntington WV. (June 9, 2022).
- O'Byrne, B. "Advanced Institute for Central West Virginia Writing Project, Pathways to a Writing Curriculum," MU South Charleston Campus, (July 5-8 and August 2, 2021).
- O'Byrne, B. "Round Tables on Writing and Learning," Spring Writing Conference Central West Virginia Writing Project," MU South Charleston Campus, (March 26-28, 2021).
- O'Byrne, B. "Writing Workshop: Principles and Practices," Workshop for Putnam County Schools, Hurricane, WV, (January 12, 2020).
- O'Byrne, B. "Bringing Back Joy to Classroom Writing," Workshop for Putnam County Schools, Hurricane, WV, (October 5, 2019)
- O'Byrne, B. "Round Tables on Writing and Learning," Spring Writing Conference Central West Virginia Writing Project, MU South Charleston Campus, (April 5-6, 2019)
- O'Byrne, B. "Multimodality, Literacy, and Tales of Frogs and Fishes, Workshop for Logan County Schools. (January 27, 2018).
- O'Byrne, B. "Validation of Program Rubrics," Professional Development for program adjuncts, MU South Charleston Campus. (November 12, 2018).
- O'Byrne, B. "Real World Arguments," National Writing Project, Online Meeting. (October 23, 2018).
- O'Byrne, B. "Advanced Institute on Implications of ESSA for Education," Central West Virginia Writing Project and Literacy Education Program, MU South Charleston Campus. (September 3, 2018).
- O'Byrne, B., Larison, I. "Engaging Pre-Service Educators with Writing and Literacy," MU South Charleston Campus. (April 21, 2018).
- O'Byrne, B., Larison, I. W. "Extending Basal Instruction with LEP Courses," Spring Writing Conference Central West Virginia Writing Project, MU South Charleston. (April 1, 2017).
- O'Byrne, B. J., "Connecting Close Reading and Writing Logan County Schools, Logan WV. (September 9, 2017).
- O'Byrne, B. "Closing the Achievement Gap What have we done? What's Next?" Jackson and Wood County Schools and Marshall University, Ripley WV. (March 11, 2017).
- O'Byrne, B., Garrison, S. "How to Bridge NWP Writing and Literacy Professional Development with Local and State Initiatives," National Writing Project Annual Meeting, National Writing Project, St. Louis Missouri. (November 16, 2017).

#### **Doctoral Committee Membership**

Steve Geddis, Chair

Abby Broome- graduated December 2023

Donna Atwood- graduated May 2023

Laurie McCormick

