

AMY HOWARD

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English Instructor and Researcher with a Master of Arts in English, specializing in composition, rhetoric, and cultural studies. Experienced in teaching first-year writing, designing curriculum, and guiding diverse student populations. Skilled in organization, communication, leadership, and collaborative problem-solving. Engaged in scholarly research and publication, with conference presentations and forthcoming work in edited collections..

Core Competencies

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNICATION

- Relationship-Building
 - Time/Classroom Management
- Written Communication/Editing

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

- Meeting Facilitation
- Program Management
 - Cross-Functional Collaboration

TEACHING & TRAINING

- Curriculum Development
- Lectures / Small Group Instruction
- Assessment

Professional Experience

Purdue University Northwest – Department of English, Hammond, IN

Visiting Instructor, 8/2024 to Present

Teaches first-year composition with emphasis on critical reading, narrative, and research writing. Designs assignments that foreground rhetorical awareness, multimodal composition, and civic engagement. Incorporates neurodivergent-inclusive pedagogies to support diverse learners. Contributes to departmental curriculum and assessment while advancing research in cultural studies and composition, with recent conference presentations and forthcoming publication.

Valparaiso High School – Valparaiso, IN

Support Staff/Aide, 8/2022 to 5/2024

Oversaw study hall periods, supported students and staff, maintained safety procedures and rapport with administration.

Purdue University Northwest – Department of English, Hammond IN

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 6/2019 to 12/2020

Taught English Composition I, facilitated group work, ensured curriculum alignment, created lessons and assessments.

Purdue University Northwest – Department of English, Hammond IN

Graduate Assistant, 6/2019 to 12/2020

Served as Assistant to the Director of First-Year Writing, facilitated meetings, designed WordPress intranet, supported program operations.

Purdue University Northwest – Lit Pop, Hammond IN

Managing Editor & Writer, 8/2019 to 6/2020

Directed daily operations of literary blog, recruited writers, maintained publishing schedule.

- Recruited Norwegian author Gunnar Staalesen to contribute.

Purdue University Northwest – Department of English, Hammond IN

Interim Office Manager, 1/2019 to 6/2019

Oversaw Department Chair's schedule, ordered supplies, tracked expenses, assisted students.

Education

Master of Arts in English – Purdue University Northwest, Hammond, IN, 5/2020

Bachelor of Arts in English – Purdue University Northwest, Westville, IN, 12/2013

Conference Presentations

“Beyond Smut: Reframing Sarah J. Maas’ Work as Cultural Artifacts for ADHD Women Readers.” Popular Culture Association National Conference, Neurodivergent Panel. April 2025.

Publications / Works in Progress

Feral: Romantasy and Its Readers. Chapter Author (“Beyond Smut: Reframing Romantasy as Neurodivergent Literary Value”). Forthcoming with the University of Iowa Press.