

Jordan W. Rucci
Curriculum Vitae

Education

PhD Candidate, University of Kentucky
English Language and Literature

MA, George Washington University, May 2019
English Language and Literature, *with distinction*
Thesis: "[Gendering America and National Identity in Willa Cather's *O Pioneers!*, *My Ántonia*, and *A Lost Lady*](#)"

BA, Kenyon College, May 2016
English Language and Literature, *with distinction*
Thesis: "The Language of Sexuality and its Relationship to Gender in D.H. Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley's Lover*"

Teaching Experience

August 2026 - present: Instructor of Record, Department of English, University of Kentucky
Fall 2026: ENG 290: Introduction to Women's Literature

August 2025 - present: Teaching Assistant, Department of English, University of Kentucky
Fall 2025: ENG 251: Survey of American Literature I
Spring 2026: ENG 252: Survey of American Literature II

August 2023 - May 2025: Instructor of Record, Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies (WRD), University of Kentucky (WRD 110, WRD 111)
Spring 2025: WRD Department Mentor to first-year instructors

January 2023 - May 2023: Adjunct Instructor, Department of English, Columbus State Community College (ENGL 1100: Composition I, ENGL 0199: Fundamentals of College Writing)

August 2022 - December 2022: Annual Contract Faculty, Department of English, Columbus State Community College (ENGL 1100: Composition I, ENGL 0199: Fundamentals of College Writing)

August 2019 - May 2022: Adjunct Instructor, Department of English, Columbus State Community College (ENGL 1100: Composition I, ENGL 2367: Composition II, ENGL 0199: Fundamentals of College Writing)

January 2019 - May 2019: Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Classical Studies, George Washington University (part of the Writing in the Disciplines program)

September 2018 - December 2018: Writing Tutor, College of Professional Studies, George Washington University

Relevant Professional Experience:

August 2025 - May 2026: Graduate Project Assistant, Gaines Center for the Humanities, University of Kentucky

Extracurricular Involvement and Service

May 2025 - present: President, English Graduate Student Organization (EGSO), University of Kentucky

August 2024 - May 2025: Professional Events Coordinator, English Graduate Student Organization (EGSO), University of Kentucky

Spring 2025: Organization and Execution of EGSO Symposium

March 2018: Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Council Organizing Committee, George Washington University

Publications

Public/Opinion Pieces

“A new Olympic committee should focus on athletes as Americans, not just competitors.” *The Washington Post*. 2 Mar 2018.

“Letter: Study reveals new hurdle for women in the workplace.” *The Columbus Dispatch*. 30 Mar 2018.

Conference Presentations

(Forthcoming) October 22-25, 2026: American Studies Association (ASA) Annual Conference: Improvisation

Panel: Democratic Fears: Citizenship, Power, and the Masses in American Literature and Politics (Paper Session)

“Feeling good about America again”: A Traumatized Public in *Billy Lynn’s Long Halftime Walk*

June 29-July 5, 2026: Dartmouth Futures of American Studies Institute

“Feeling Good about America again”: A Traumatized Public in *Billy Lynn’s Long Halftime Walk*

April 10, 2026: Popular Culture Association (PCA) Annual Conference

Panel: Gender & Media Studies VI: Gender Issues on Netflix and HBO

“Does it Pay to Be ‘The Happiest Girl in the Whole USA’?: Reflections on the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders”

February 22, 2025: Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture (LCLC)

Panel: Capital and its Discontents

“Justifying Resentment in a Post-2016 Political Landscape”

August 31, 2024: University of Kentucky Gender and Women’s Studies Conference: Justice on Trial

Panel: Environmental Injustice, from Kentucky to Alaska

“Environmental Violence and Indigenous Justice in *True Detective: Night Country*”

March 30, 2019: Georgetown University Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference, ANGUISH

“It’s ok for things to be ugly sometimes”; Women’s Trauma and Cinematic Memory in *Big Little Lies*”

Conference Moderation

March 27, 2026: University of Kentucky English Department Symposium: Thresholds

Panel: Thresholds of Masculinity and Culture

Awards, Certifications, and Funding

Doty Fund Graduate Summer Award, Department of English, University of Kentucky (May 2026)

Outstanding Teaching Assistant in Literature and Film, Department of English, University of Kentucky (April 2026)

Doty Fund Graduate Summer Award, Department of English, University of Kentucky (May 2025)

Ellershaw Award for an Outstanding PhD Candidate, Department of English, University of Kentucky (May 2025)

Faculty Professional Development Initiative: Effective Online Teaching, Columbus State Community College (July 2020)

George Washington English Department Award for Outstanding Contribution to Seminars (May 2019)