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Teaching and Research Interests

Composition/Rhetoric; First Year Composition; Hybrid/Online Instruction; Workplace and Business Writing; Resume Writing; Creative Writing (Poetry and Nonfiction); Modern and Contemporary Literature; Student Advising and Assessment; Multimodal and Digital Composition; Instructional Design; Proofreading/Editing/Revision; Equitable and Compassionate Education

Education

MFA, Creative Writing, Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY, 2008
 BA, English, Douglass College at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 2002

Academic Appointments

- **Associate Teaching Professor** – Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ
 Department of Writing Studies/First Year Writing Program, August 2024 – Present
- **Instructional Specialist** – Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ
 Department of Writing Studies/First Year Writing Program, July 2014 – June 2024
- **Lecturer** – Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ
 Department of English/First Year Writing Program, September 2011 – June 2014
- **Half Time Professor** – Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ
 Department of English/First Year Writing Program, September 2008 – May 2011
- **Adjunct Professor** – Kean University, Union, NJ Department of English, September 2008 – May 2011

Teaching Experience

Montclair State University

- **ENWR 100/412/ENGL 260**: Intro to College Writing; Advanced Poetry; Art of Poetry
- **WRIT 105/106/108/206**: College Writing I & II; Writing for Business; Workplace Writing

Kean University

- **ENG 1030/2403/2000/2010**: Composition; World Lit; Writing About Lit; Creative Writing

Committee Work and Service

Committee Chair

- Hybrid/Online Teaching. First Year Writing Program/Department of Writing Studies. Montclair State University, NJ. 2012-present

Committee Member

- Executive Committee. Department of Writing Studies. Montclair State University, NJ. 2022- 2023; 2025-present
- Committee for SEEDS/Career Readiness. Montclair State University. 2026.
- Exemplary Essay Awards Committee. Department of Writing Studies. Montclair State University, NJ. 2019-present.
- Continuing Education Committee. Department of Writing Studies. Montclair State University, NJ. 2023-Present.
- Teaching Faculty Personnel Advisory Committee. Department of Writing Studies. Montclair State University, NJ. 2023-present
- Committee for Just and Sustainable Practices. Montclair State University Senate. 2025-present.
- Student Affairs Council. Montclair State University Senate. 2025-present.

University Senator

- Representing Non-Tenure Track Faculty in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Montclair State University, 2025-present.

Related/Other Service

- Fellow: Teaching Innovations Program. Montclair State University. Fall 2025-Spring 2026.
- Mentor: Faculty Mentorship Program. Montclair State University Department of Writing Studies. 2021-2025.

Curriculum and Course Design/Creation

- WRIT105 Asynchronous (Fall 2022)
- WRIT105 Condensed Hybrid (Fall 2023)
- WRIT206 Condensed Asynchronous – Montclair Unbound (2024-2025)
- WRIT108 First Year Writing for Business Majors (Fall 2025)
- WRIT106 Condensed Hybrid – Montclair Unbound (2026)

Conference Presentations

Ghoshal, Sarah. "Discipline-Specific by Design: Cross-Disciplinary Approaches to Experiential FYW Instruction." With Jacqueline Regan and Nate Huseman. 2026 Conference on College Composition and Communication (4C). Cleveland, OH. (forthcoming March 2026)

Ghoshal, Sarah. "Using Spreadsheets for Invention and Revision in the First Year Writing Classroom." The Grading Conference. June 2025. The Center for Grading Reform.

Ghoshal, Sarah. "Curriculum that Works: Designing an Asynchronous Workplace Writing Course." With Jacqueline Regan, Nate Huseman, and Joseph Yankus. 2025 Summer Institute for Teaching and Learning. June 2025. Montclair State University.

Ghoshal, Sarah. "Using Spreadsheets for Invention and Revision in the Classroom." 2025 Summer Institute for Teaching and Learning. June 2025. Montclair State University.

Ghoshal, Sarah. "Scaffolded Research: Information Literacy in the First Year Writing Classroom." Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy. Online. March, 2023.

Ghoshal, Sarah and Elizabeth Martin. "Killing Written Comments: Screencasting Draft Feedback in the First Year Writing Classroom." UConn Conference on the Teaching of Writing. Hartford, CT. April 6, 2018.

Ghoshal, Sarah and Elizabeth Martin. "Can You Hear Me Now? Using Audio Tools in the First-Year Writing Classroom." Annual Conference, New Jersey Writing Alliance (NJWA). New Brunswick, NJ. May 24, 2017.

Ghoshal, Sarah. "Making Parallels Between the Corporate World and the Teaching of Academic Writing." Annual Conference, New Jersey Writing Alliance (NJWA). Lakewood, NJ. May 29, 2014.

Ghoshal, Sarah et al. "Overcoming Challenges in the Hybrid Writing Classroom." Annual Conference, New Jersey Writing Alliance (NJWA). Edison, NJ. May 23, 2013.

Ghoshal, Sarah. "Consistency in the Hybrid Writing Classroom." Student Success in Writing Conference, Georgia Southern University. Savannah, GA. February 8, 2013.

Ghoshal, Sarah. "How I Fixed My Back: One Writing Professor's Quest to Eliminate the Hard Copy." Annual Conference, New Jersey Writing Alliance (NJWA). 2012.

Guest Lectures and Invited Workshops

"Best Practices in Hybrid Teaching." Professional Development Workshop. Department of Writing Studies Montclair State University, NJ. February, 2025.

"Invention and Revision." Professional Development Workshop. Department of Writing Studies Montclair State University, NJ. March, 2023.

"Asynchronous Online Teaching." Faculty Expert. Department of Writing Studies Montclair State University, NJ. March, 2020.

"Teaching Remotely: An Online Series of Video Workshops." Department of Writing Studies. Montclair State University, NJ. 2017.

"Supporting Weaker Writers." English Department. Montclair State University, NJ. 2016.

"Commenting Beyond the Written Word." English Department. Montclair State University, NJ. 2016.

"Teaching First Year Writing with Canvas." English Department. Montclair State University, NJ. 2014.

"Canvas: Be Inspired." Office of Information Technology. Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ. 2014.

Selected Honors and Awards

- Induction: TriAlpha Honor Society for First Generation College Graduates. Spring 2025.
- Nominee, Best of the Net Poetry, 2023.
- Winner, **Dean's Recognition Award for Excellence in Teaching**, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Montclair State University, 2017.
- Nominee, Best of the Net Poetry. 2015.
- Semi-Finalist, Kind of a Hurricane Press Annual Poetry Award, 2014.
- Participant, First Year Writing Program Excellence Award, CCCC, 2011.
- Recipient, Summer Literary Seminars Fellowship, Naropa College, 2008.
- Winner, Esther Hyneman Award for Poetry, Long Island University, 2005 &2006.
- Honorable Mention, American College Poets Prize, 2002.

Editorial and Related Experience

Poetry Journals

- Associate Poetry Editor: *Stirring: A Literary Collection*, December 2019 – Present
- Guest Editor: Poets Resist Series. *Glass: A Journal of Poetry*, January 2019
- Reader: Sundress Publications Chapbook Competition, 2016-2017

Book Editor

- Macraven, Vincent. *My Troubled Friend Simon*. 2025. Print.
- Macraven, Vincent. *Testament of the Dead*. Xlibris, 2014. Print.
- Macraven, Vincent. *Unsettling*. Xlibris, 2013. Print.
- Macraven, Vincent. *A Diverse Gathering*. Xlibris, 2012. Print

Intern/Consultant

- St. Mark's Poetry Project, New York, NY. 2007.
- Writing Center, Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY. 2004-2006.

Publications

Book Chapters

Ghoshal, Sarah. "Professor Von Drake as the Absent, Emotionally Unavailable Father Figure: Why Mickey Mouse Clubhouse Gets It Wrong." *The Animated Dad: Essays on Father Figures in Cartoon Television*, edited by Lorin Shahinian and Leslie Salas, McFarland, 2024, pp. 9-20.

Academic Articles

Ghoshal, Sarah. "My Terminal Degree is Better than Yours: A Brief Examination of Creative Writer as Contingent Faculty." *CCCC Forum* 17(1). Fall, 2013.

Essays and NonFiction

Ghoshal, Sarah. "I Survived Because of Looney Tunes: Lessons Learned from Bugs Bunny." *Life is Like a Hurricane Anthology*. Drunk Monkeys. 2020. Reprint.

Ghoshal, Sarah. "I Gave My Students the Benefit of the Doubt This Semester and it Changed My Life." *Deep Down in the Classroom: Writing Pedagogy and Practice*. January, 2020.

Ghoshal, Sarah. "The Grade Complaint: Striking a Balance." *Deep Down in the Classroom: Writing Pedagogy and Practice*. January, 2018.

Ghoshal, Sarah. "I Survived Because of Looney Tunes: Lessons Learned from Bugs Bunny." *Saturday Morning Cartoon Zine*. Fall, 2017. Print.

Ghoshal, Sarah. "Let's Revisit This Plagiarism Thing." *Deep Down in the Classroom: Writing Pedagogy and Practice*.

Ghoshal, Sarah. "On Writing The Mosquito, the Bird and the Honeybee." *The Indianola Review*. February, 2016.

Ghoshal, Sarah. "Genre and Identity: I'm a Poet, Right?" *Sundress Publications Blog*. November, 2014.

Ghoshal, Sarah. "Facing Plagiarism With a Positive Attitude." *Deep Down in the Classroom: Writing Pedagogy and Practice*. May, 2014.

Chapbooks

Ghoshal, Sarah. *The Pine Tree Experiment*. Lucky Bastard Press, 2015. Print.

Ghoshal, Sarah. *Changing the Grid*. Georgetown, KY: Finishing Line Press, 2015. Print.

Reviews

Ghoshal, Sarah. "I Know Now That We Are Still Alive: A Review of The Subway Stops at Bryant Park by N. West Moss." *Whale Road Review*. 8 (2017). n.pag. Web.

Poems

"Slights." *Panoply Magazine*. Winter (2025). Web.

"Four Days Later." *Big City Lit*. Summer (2022). Web.

"Singin' in the Rain" *Glass: A Journal of Poetry*. April (2020). Web.

"'Til the End." *Glass: A Journal of Poetry*. January (2019). Web.

"She Must Be a Witch." *HerStry*. November (2018). Web.

"Instructions on How to be (Mostly) Happy." *Glass: A Journal of Poetry*. Mother's Day Edition (2018). Web.

"Sisters." *NonBinary Review*. 17 (2018). Print.

"On the Shooting of a Tired Engineer." *The Moon Magazine*. Spring (2017). Web.

(Note: Over 40 additional titles including "Absence," "Honey," and "Millennium" published 2007-2017)