Thomas Reyes

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

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Summary

Scholar of 20th-century American literature with 5 years of college teaching since the PhD, including 2 years as a full-time lecturer. Teaches literature surveys and composition, directs the department's writing center, and has a book manuscript on postwar labor fiction under contract with a university press.

Skills

- American Literature
- Literary Analysis
- Composition
- Writing Center
- Peer Review
- Portfolio Grading
- Canvas
- Course Design
- Academic Advising
- Communication Skills

Experience

Assistant Professor of English 08/2023 - Present

Lakefront University Milwaukee, WI

Tenure-track faculty in the Department of English at a 9,000-student university.

- Teach 3 courses a semester in American Literature and first-year writing, about **90** students.
- Direct the writing center's 14 peer tutors, who held 2,300 sessions in the 2025-26 year.
- Created a course on Midwestern fiction that filled all 30 seats in each of its first 2 terms.
- Advise 20 English majors on course planning, internships and graduate school applications.

Lecturer in English 08/2021 - 05/2023

Kettle Moraine College Waukesha, WI

Liberal arts college with 2,000 students.

- Taught 4 composition and literature sections a semester to about 95 students.
- Introduced portfolio grading with peer review in Canvas, raising portfolio pass rates to 92%.
- Revised the literary analysis unit used in all 8 sections of Introduction to Literature.
- Presented 2 papers at the American Literature Association on postwar labor fiction.

Graduate Instructor 08/2016 - 05/2021

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of English Madison, WI

Instructor of record for first-year composition and literature discussion sections.

- Taught 9 sections of first-year composition as instructor of record, about 20 students each.
- Led discussion sections for 3 American Literature lecture courses of 120 students.
- Tutored 10 writers a week in the campus writing center for 2 years, focusing on graduate theses.
- Won a departmental teaching award in 2020 for a course on work and class in American fiction.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy 05/2021

University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, WI

English