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Profile

A. Myrna Nurse, Ph.D. is a Professor of English in the Department of Languages and Literatures at Delaware State University (DSU) located in Dover, Delaware, U.S.A. She is the faculty founder of Alpha Rho Xi, the local chapter for the International English Honor Society; co-founder of the annual Regional Undergraduate Student Research Conference; and lead-faculty in establishing DSU's minor degree program in Women's and Gender Studies. She has presented and/or participated in regional, national, and international conferences including American Association of Colleges and Universities; Oxford Round Table, Oxford University; Johns Hopkins University's "Rising to the Challenge: Philadelphia"; and National Learning Communities conferences and institutes.

Education

Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Ph.D. in English, May 1999

Specialties: Postcolonial/African Diaspora Literature; Composition and Rhetoric

Harvard University

Certificate, Women in Education Leadership (WEL), February-March 2020

Experience

K-16 Teaching: 1992 to Present

Research Interests

Postcolonial Literature and Cultural Studies, Caribbean Literature, Rhetoric and Composition, Women's Literature and Gender Studies, African American Literature, Mythological/World Literature, Caribbean Jewish Studies.

Articles

“Neocolonial Fingerprints of Women at the Rims of Higher Education” (*The Forum on Public Policy: A Journal of the Oxford Round Table*, 2013, journal chapter, archived). 47 pp.

Books, monographs, compilations and manuals

E-book Co-contributor, Ancillary Materials: *Gendered Lives: Intersectional Perspectives* (Oxford University Press, August 2019). 90 pp.

Chapter, “The New All-Black Girls Club” in *Career Moves: Mentoring for Women Advancing Their Career and Leadership in Academia* (Sense Publishers, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 2014). 12 pp.

Book, *River of Fire: Incidents in the Life of a Woman Deputy Sheriff* (iUniverse, 2009). 129 pp.

Book, *Unheard Voices: The Rise of Steelband and Calypso in the Caribbean and North America* (2007). 456 pp.

Conference Presentations

- Commentator, “Aimé Césaire's *A Tempest*.” Delaware Shakespeare, ArtzScape, Wilmington, Delaware, April 28, 2022.
- Panelist, “Votes for Women: 100 Years Later and Beyond.” Delaware Technical Community College, Georgetown, Delaware, March 2, 2020.
- Panelist, Student-organized Cultural Diversity Forum. Delaware State University, Spring 2018.
- Panelist, Delaware Humanities Forum, Global Societies. Delaware State University, Fall 2016.

- Honorary Guest Speaker, “Sleuthing through the Ancient Texts for Evidence of Information Technology and Climate Change.” Institute of International Education, Washington, D. C., May 2016.
- Presenter, “Neo-colonial Fingerprints of Women’s Labor that Undergirds Higher Education.” Oxford Round Table, Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford, Oxford, England, July-August, 2012.

Professional Service Activities

DEPARTMENT

Chair, Composition Program Committee, 2015-2020

- Organization Leader, Blackboard Community Course, 2016-2020
- Host, Composition Program Workshop, January 14, 2016
- Revamp entirely and maintain the English Composition syllabi
- Introduce new common prompts for writing assignments
- Design a faculty handbook
- Create the pre- and post-diagnostic test

Subject-Matter Expert, 2016-present

- Create for DSU Online Master Course, Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies
- Create and maintain DSU Online, English Composition 101 and 102

Test Creator & Maintainer, 2016

- English Placement Test

New Course Co-creator, 2017

- English Composition 101i

Faculty founder, sponsor, and co-Adviser, 2012-present

- Alpha Rho Xi of Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society, 2010-present

Member, Literature Committee, 2014-present

- Revamp the common syllabi for both African American Literature and World Literature
- Create the literary criticism guidelines for both African American Literature and World Literature

Member, Technology Committee, 2014-2019

Member, Personnel Committee, 2013-present

Member, By Laws Committee, 2012-2014

Faculty Sponsor and Adviser

- Alpha Rho Xi of Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society, 2010-present
- English Club, 2014-2016

UNIVERSITY

Commencement Ceremony Assistant, May 12, 2023

Editor-in-Chief, DE&I E-Journal, Fall 2021-present

Member, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Council 2020-present

Member, Honors Council, 2019-2022

Member, General Education Committee, 2008-2020

Member, Search Committee, Writing Studio Director, 2019

Ad hoc member, Diversity Day Celebration, 2018

Member, Academic Affairs, 2016-2018

Facilitator, Delaware State University's Honors Day Conference, 2013-2015

Faculty/College Coordinator, College Advance Learning Community, 2010-2014

Chair, Delaware State University Learning Communities Steering Committee, 2010-2014

Instructor-Presenter, Delaware State University's Hornets Day, 2014

Member, College Roundtable, 2009-2013

*Faculty Mentor, a total of **forty-three (43)** mentored and for whom letters of recommendation have been written, 2013-present*

COMMUNITY

- *Ad hoc Committee, Centennial Celebration of Women's Suffrage, 2019*
- *Member Advisory Committee, Delaware Arts Museum, Regional Undercurrents: Caribbean Art Exhibition, 2018-present*
- *Speaker and Workshop Facilitator, Delaware History Society, World War I, North America (and the Caribbean), Fall 2018*

- *Executive Chair*, Annual Regional Undergraduate Student Research Conference, June 2017-present
 - *Member*, Delaware Humanities Forum Board, January 2017-2018
 - *Workshop facilitator*, Delaware Humanities Forum, U of Delaware, August 2016-November 2016
 - *Member and Adviser*, Trinidad & Tobago Cultural Development Association, 2009-2016
 - *Conference Co-founder and Organizer, Moderator, Judge*, Annual Regional Undergraduate Student Research Conference, 2012-present
 - *Member*, Woman2Woman, Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church, 2012-2015
 - *Faculty mentor of doctoral candidate*, Walden University: 2010-2013
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Courses Taught

- Advance Composition: Face-to-Face
 - English Composition 101i, 101, and 102: Face-to-Face and Online
 - English 121, 122, 124
 - World Literature 201: Face-to-Face
 - World Literature 202: Face-to-Face and Online
 - African American Literature 205: Face-to-Face and Online
 - African American Literature 206: Face-to-Face
 - American Literature I: Face-to-Face
 - Contemporary Literature: Face-to-Face
 - Shakespeare: Face-to-Face
 - Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies courses: Face-to-Face and Online
 - Women in Biblical and Mythological Literature
 - Women/Men in Classical *Lettres*
 - First-Year Learning Communities: College Advance & SMILE: Face-to-Face
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Professional Memberships

- Modern Language Association
 - Association of Teachers of Advanced Composition
 - National Council for Teachers of English
 - Conference on College Composition and Communication
 - Writing Program Administrator
 - International Society for the History of Rhetoric
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Awards and Honors

DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY

- Recipient, Cultural Programming Fund, 2019
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- Recipient, Delaware Humanities Forum Opportunity and Delaware State University Combined Grant, 2015
- Recipient, Distinguished Achievement Award, University of Delaware, March 2015
- Nominee, Service Excellence Award, 2014
- Recipient, Professional Development Award, 2012
- Recipient, Humanities Event, 2011

COMMUNITY

- Scholarship winner, National Council of Jewish Women's Washington Institute, Washington, DC, April 7-9, 2019