

JOANNA CLARK LAWS

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ranger College, Ranger TX

Instructor of English – January 2021- present

Western Texas College, Snyder, TX

Instructor of English – August 2019 – December 2020

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX

Adjunct Instructor of English – August 2015- May 2019

Cisco College, Cisco, TX

Professor of English – Tenure Awarded Spring, 2009 – August 2004 to July 2012

Tarleton State University, Stephenville, TX

Adjunct Faculty - Taught English 1113 (Freshman Composition)
(Fall 2003)

Graduate Teaching Assistant (Academic Year 1999-2000)

Graduate Assistant of English (Academic Year 1998-1999)

EDUCATION

Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX

Master of Arts in History – program in progress

Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

Additional graduate study

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

Certified Public Manager Program – completed June 6, 2015

University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX

Additional graduate study

Tarleton State University, Stephenville, TX

Master of Arts in English - May 19, 2000

Directed Research Area: Holocaust & Youth Creativity

Supervisor: Dr. Marilyn Robitaille

Tarleton State University, Stephenville, TX

Bachelor of Arts in English - August 7, 1998 - Magna cum laude

Cisco Junior College, Cisco, TX

Associate of Arts - May 1994 - with highest honors

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

City of Abilene, Abilene, TX

Employee Development Manager – June 17, 2013 to August 9, 2019

Odessa College, Odessa, TX

Dean of Arts & Sciences – August 1, 2012 to June 6, 2013

Cisco College, Cisco, TX

Director of Developmental Education & QEP – December 2011 to
July 25, 2012

Director of Assessment & Developmental Studies – May 1, 2010 to
December 2011

Chair, Language & Communication Division – November 1, 2006 to
May 1, 2010

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming – “Anne E. Davis Roark.” ***We Did It: Biographical Studies of African American Women in Texas History.***
Ed. Bruce A. Glasrud. College Station: Texas A&M UP, 2021.

Bennett, Catherine, et al. ***Human Resources Recruitment Handbook: Hiring Veterans for Local Government Positions.*** Washington, D.C.: ICMA, 2019.

Dean, John, Catherine Bennett, et al. ***Veterans Guide to Finding a Job in Local Government.*** Washington, D.C.: ICMA, 2018.

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS

95th Annual Meeting of the West Texas Historical Association –
San Angelo, TX – April 13-14, 2018

“Shaking Out the Sheets: Positioning the Political Defeat of the Ku
Klux Klan in 1924 through a Study of Anti-Klan Groups in Eastland
County.”

Odessa College Assessment Workshops – Odessa, TX – April 2013
“How to Write Good Outcomes,” “Choosing Assessment Methods,”
“Developing Benchmarks,” and “Using Results for Change.”

2nd Annual Cisco College Core Curriculum Conference (C5) –
Abilene, TX – May 17-18, 2012

Organized and coordinated event with Julie Paredes and Kimberly
James.

**The 2011 Institute on Quality Enhancement and Accreditation –
Commission on Colleges and Schools for the Southern
Association of Colleges and Schools** – Fort Worth, TX – July 17-20,
2011

“Cisco College’s QEP (So Far)” co-presented with Dani Day.

Cisco College Core Curriculum Conference (C5) – Cisco, TX – May 19-21, 2011

Organized and coordinated event with Amy Evans and Kimberly James.

Conference of College Teachers of English – Stephenville, TX – March 3-6, 2011

“Randy’s ‘Home-Grown Organic’ Composition: Popken’s Whole Program Approach” as part of the panel “Lessons from ‘Poppa’: Randall Popken’s Influence on Three Composition Programs.”

TCCTA 61st Annual Convention “We Are TCCTA: Spanning Generations” – Dallas, TX – February 21-23, 2008

“Been There; Don(n)e That?": Literature and Relevancy in Today’s Community College.”

South Central Modern Language Association 63rd Annual Meeting “Cultural Roundup” – Dallas, TX – October 26-28, 2006

Special Panel for “Teaching Literature in the Community College”
“Literature, Relevance, and the Ju-Co Juggle: Changing ‘Why do I have to read this?’ into ‘Where have I seen this before?’”

The 27th Annual Conference of the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association – Albuquerque, NM – February 8-11, 2006

“ ‘Girls Play with Dolls. Boys Play with Trucks.’ Swinging Right, Back to Stepford?”

The 26th Annual Conference of the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association – Albuquerque, NM – February 9-12, 2005

“Sugar *and* Spice: The (Proto)Feministic Aspects of Betty Grable’s Film Persona.”

Conference of College Teachers of English – Beaumont, TX – March 4-6, 2004

“Gauging the Groove: Or What Happened When I Taught an ‘Ethnic’ Composition Course at a Whitebread University.”

SELECT CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

TCCTA 73rd Annual Convention “Teaching at the Intersection of Creativity & Data” – Frisco, TX – February 27-29, 2020

LEAD (Leading, Educating, and Developing) – University of Virginia - Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, Darden Graduate

School of Business - Charlottesville, VA – March 19-25, 2016

2013 Texas Women in Higher Education Annual Conference – “Shaping the Future: One Woman at a Time” – San Antonio, TX – April 18-19, 2013

13th Annual Assessment Conference – Texas A&M University – College Station, TX – February 17-19, 2013

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Reinventing Instruction and Learning Conference – Austin, TX – October 3-4, 2012

NEH Summer Institute for College Faculty – “African-American History & Culture in the Georgia Lowcountry: Savannah and the Coastal Islands” – June 17-23, 2012 – Director Dr. Stan Deaton, Georgia Historical Society

TCCIA 2012 Summer Conference “The Completion Agenda – Texas Style” – Horseshoe Bay Resort, TX – June 3-5, 2012

North Texas Community College Consortium 7th Annual Developmental Education Regional Forum: “The Future of Developmental Education” – Plano, TX – April 20, 2012

2012 Texas Women in Higher Education Annual Conference – “The Women’s Leadership Imperative: Moving Up and Branching Out” – Arlington, TX – April 12-13, 2012

NEH Landmarks of American History & Culture Workshops for Community College Faculty – “Landmarks in American Democracy: From Freedom Summer to the Memphis Sanitation Workers’ Strike” – July 10-17, 2011 – Director Michelle D. Deardorff, The Fannie Lou Hamer National Institute on Citizenship and Democracy

2010 Annual Meeting of the Commission on Colleges and Schools for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Louisville, KY – December 4-7, 2010

“Engaging Students: The Process and Product of Effective Active Learning” – University of Texas at Arlington – Arlington, TX – October 8, 2010

The 2010 Institute on Quality Enhancement and Accreditation – Commission on Colleges and Schools for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Tampa, FL – July 25-28, 2010

**“Teaching Today’s Learners” Workshop by Dr. Mark Taylor –
University of Texas at Arlington – Arlington, TX – October 29, 2009**

**Texas Faculty Development Network Annual Conference – The
Woodlands, June 8-9, 2009**

**2008 Annual Meeting of the Commission on Colleges and
Schools for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools –
San Antonio, TX – December 7-9, 2008**

**NCIA Academy for Instructional Administrators “Developing an
Institutional Philosophy for the Quest for Quality” – Philadelphia,
PA – April 4-5, 2008**

HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICE

Texas Developmental Education State Policy Initiative - Student Success
Strategies Leadership Team – July 2011 to October 2012

Texas Women in Higher Education – Board Member – October 2012 to
June 2013

Western Texas College Service

Curriculum Committee

Odessa College Service

Curriculum Committee

Graduation Committee

East Coast Storm Relief Fundraising Committee

Wrangler Club Member

Cisco College Service

Student Success by the Numbers – Steering Committee

Texas Women in Higher Education – Institutional Representative

Wrangler Boot Camp Co-Coordinator – August 2011, August 2012

Summer Bridge Program Instructor – August 2009, August 2010

Black Cultural Festival organizer & presenter – February 2006, February
2007

Standing Committees

College Leadership Council – Fall 2010 to May 2012

Collaborative Learning Council – May 2010 to July 2012

Assessment Committee, Chair – Academic Year 2010-2011

QEP Committee, Chair – Fall 2010 to July 2012

SACS Steering Committee – Fall 2010 to July 2012

Institutional Effectiveness Committee – Academic Years 2009-
2010, 2010-2011

Developmental Education Council – Fall 2008 to July 2012 (Chair,
from Fall 2010 until July 2012)

Teaching & Learning Council – Fall 2006 to May 2010

Information Technology & Distance Learning Council – Academic Year 2008- 2009

Disciplinary Committee – Academic Year 2007-2008

Student Activities Committee – Academic Year 2004-2005

Learning Resources Center Committee – Academic Year 2004-2005; Chair Academic Year 2005-2006

Select Committees

Assessment Task Force – Academic Year 2008-2009; Chair, Academic Years 2009-2010, 2011-2012

Educational Self-Reliance Ad-Hoc Committee – Spring 2008

Student Success Initiative Committee – Academic Year 2005-2006

Student Success Subcommittee – Academic Year 2004-2005

Special Research Committee to develop and organize Faculty Senate – Academic Year 2004-2005

Departmental Service

Completed Distance Learning Certification Class – May 2008; delivered my first ITV course Fall 2008

Mentored first-time Composition instructors – Academic Years 2007-2008 through 2009-2010

Served as Senator for Faculty Senate – Academic Years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & CERTIFICATIONS

Texas Community College Teachers Association (TCCTA)