

Abigail Seeskin

Education

Duke University, Durham, NC Sept. 2017
Ph.D. in English
Certificates in Women's Studies, College Teaching

Duke University, Durham, NC May 2014
M.A. in English

Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN May 2010
B.A. English major; Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies minor
Graduated *cum laude*

John Burroughs School, Saint Louis, MO June 2006

Teaching and Advising Experience

Durham Academy, Durham, NC Feb 2018-May 2018
Long-term Substitute English Teacher (upcoming)

- Will teach tenth grade English (Western European literature)
- Will teach eleventh grade writing seminar
- Will teach twelfth grade AP Language & Literature
- Will assume responsibilities of teacher on maternity leave
- Will develop course trajectory and lesson plans before and during the three months I work there
- Will evaluate students with written comments at end of third quarter

Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP), Durham, NC Summer 2015, 2017,
Instructor 2018 (upcoming)

- Taught "Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down: The Rhetoric of Critique" to 15 gifted middle school-age students in July 2015
- Taught "Spoken Word: Storytelling, Podcasting, and Slam Poetry" to 20 gifted high school-age students in June 2017 (will teach again June 2018)
- Taught "Literary License without Limits," an advanced creative writing class, to 19 gifted high school-age students in July 2017
- Collaborated with teaching assistant to best attend to our students' socioeducational development

English Department, Duke University, Durham, NC Jan-May 2016
Instructor

- Taught "The Lives of Autobiography," a class of 17 non-majors
- Instructed on fundamentals of college writing, literary study, and cultural studies
- Created dynamic lesson plans that fostered students' creativity
- Fostered individualized relationship with each student to ensure success

Duke University, Durham, NC

Jan 2012-Dec 2015

Teaching Assistant in English and Women's Studies

- Supported faculty in teaching courses ranging from 6 to 230 students
- Graded papers and class projects
- Mentored students through course material
- Course subjects include: Victorian literature, American film, gender & work culture, mid-century international film, critical race studies, Medieval Arthurian legends

Thompson Writing Program, Duke University, Durham, NC

Aug-Dec 2013

Instructor

- Designed and taught a first-year composition to twelve first-year Students titled "Writing Home," a class that explored narratives of finding a place to call home
- Collaborated with librarian to introduce students to research methods

Other Experience

Elizabeth Edwards Fellows Program, Raleigh, NC

Aug 2015-May 2016

Mentor

- Volunteered time at nonprofit that provides comprehensive support to promising high school students at area public school
- Assisted student with her college application process, including providing support on college applications, financial aid forms, and college visits