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SEEKING FACULTY POSITION

Having worked for thirteen years as a full time adjunct instructor of English for Sam Houston State University, I bring experience, passion, and commitment to a faculty position. My prior experience as a mid-level executive with a major retail chain and owner-operator of my own businesses gives me unique perspective to preparing students to function well in a professional world. In addition, my teaching experience includes freshman-level courses: composition I and II; sophomore-level courses: Introduction to Literary Genre and Introduction to Western Literature; and junior-level workshop course: Introduction to Fiction Writing. My ability and commitment consistently earns high student approval ratings; nonetheless, I regularly seek to better my teaching ability through continuing education courses and conferences. My education and experience make me the ideal candidate for a department whose primary focus is providing the best learning experience for its students.

EMPLOYMENT

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY, ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR OF ENGLISH: 2004 to present

Design and/or teach classes as requested:

- ❖ Composition I
- ❖ Composition II
- ❖ Introduction to Literary Genre
- ❖ Introduction to Western Literature
- ❖ Introduction to Creative Writing, Fiction

OWNER/OPERATOR RETAIL AND WHOLESALE BUSINESSES: 1978 to 2004

Hardy Grocery 1978 to 1994, Profit Maker (P.M.) Video 1988 to 2003

Manage daily operations:

- ❖ Budget and financial interests
- ❖ Coordinate duties and training for eight employees
- ❖ Plan and implement promotion and advertising
- ❖ Oversee accounting and pay plans
- ❖ Anticipate and prevent problems and solve the ones that occur

MARKETING MANAGER OF GASOLINE FOR 7-ELEVEN STORES: 1974-1978

Managed gasoline marketing for 350+ retail outlets

Responsible for:

- ❖ Purchasing, both equipment and product
- ❖ Construction, both new and remodels
- ❖ Training development
- ❖ Policy development and implementation
- ❖ Marketing strategy
- ❖ Advertising coordination

DISTRICT MANAGER OF 7-ELEVEN STORES: 1966-1974

Managed districts consisting of 28 to 47 retail outlets in various Texas regions

Responsible for all phases of a multi-unit convenience store operation:

- ❖ Site selection
- ❖ Personnel
- ❖ Accounting
- ❖ Inventory control
- ❖ Licensing
- ❖ Problem solving

EDUCATION

Master of Arts with Creative Writing Focus, Sam Houston State University, 2004

- ❖ Received full scholarship from Sam Houston
- ❖ Received Alpha Chi Honor Society's National Benedict Fellowship
- ❖ Received Alpha Chi Honor Society's Regional and Local Scholarships
- ❖ Twice Received the Thomason Scholarship for Writing and Journalism

Bachelor of Arts, English Major, Spanish Minor, 2000

- ❖ Summa Cum Laude
- ❖ GPA 3.92

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Editor, Sam Houston Review, 2002
- Elected to National Board of Directors for Alpha Chi Honor Society, two-year term, 2000-2001
- Reader by invitation, College Board Advanced Placement, 2011-present
- Seven-time nominee, Sam Houston's Outstanding Teacher Award

PUBLICATIONS

- *Seed of Villainy*, creative non-fiction about the life and death of a child-killer.
- "Above the Bar," short story, published twice by request: *Texas Review* and *The Recorder*
- Various poetry