

# Dane E. Ritter

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## EDUCATION

*Ph.D. in English Literature, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 2022 - present*

*Masters of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, University of Kentucky, May 2020*

- GPA: 4.0
- Thesis Manuscript: *Close to the Ground*

*Bachelors of Arts in English, Transylvania University, Lexington, KY, May 2018*

- Graduated with honors
- Member of the English honorary society Sigma Tau Delta

## TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Appalachian Studies/ Appalachian literature; Affrilachian Literature, African-American literature; Eco-Criticism; Eco-poetry; Contemporary American literature (20th-21st century); Poetry and Poetics

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*University of Kentucky, Lexington KY*

English/Creative Writing

- ENG 407 - Intermediate Workshop Creative Writing Non-Fiction (Spring 2022)
- ENG 107 - Accelerated Intro to Creative Writing | Asynchronous Online (Winter Intersession 2023-2024)
- ENG 130 - Literary Encounters: "It's About Time!" (Fall 2025)
- ENG 280 - Intro to Film (Fall 2024 Teaching Assistant)

WRD (Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Communication)

- WRD 110 - Composition and Communication I | Asynchronous Online & In-Person (Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022)
- WRD 111 - Composition and Communication II | Asynchronous Online & In-Person (Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023)
- WRD 110 - Accelerated Composition and Communication I Asynchronous Online (Fall 2022)

Appalachian Studies

- APP 200 - Introduction to Appalachian Studies (Fall 2023 In-Person Discussion Section Leader, Spring 2024 In-Person Instructor)

*Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Lexington KY*

English/Composition

- ENG 101 - Writing I Hybrid (Fall 2020)
- ENG 101 - Writing I Synchronous and Asynchronous Online (Spring 2021)
- ENG 101 - Writing I Synchronous Online (Fall 2021)
- ENG 102 - Writing II Hybrid (Fall 2021)

## CERTIFICATIONS

- College Teaching and Learning Curriculum/Preparing Future Faculty (August 2025), **Graduate Studies, University of Kentucky**

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Short fiction*

- *Violence to the Sky*, **Meatyard: [Untitled]**, [meatyarduntitled.wordpress.com](http://meatyarduntitled.wordpress.com) (December 2018)

### *Scholarly articles*

- “Sula’s Opulence: Tracing Affrilachian Heritage from Toni Morrison to Crystal Wilkinson”, *A New American Vein*, **Ohio University Press** (forthcoming 2025)

### *Poetry*

- *rule too*, **The Cortland Review**, Issue 79, [cortlandreview.com](http://cortlandreview.com) (May 2018)
- *nested* and *Untitled*, **The Transylvanian**, print issue (May 2019)
- *Moses on the Mount*, **ASA Advertisement**, print program (March 2020)
- *Fool’s gold (pyrite)*, *Overburden* #2, and *For Every Stone...*, **Anthology of Appalachian Writers**, Vol. XII, print issue (May 2020)
- *Spoil*, **Civilization in Crisis Anthology**, Foothills Publishing, print issue (November 2020)
- *overburden* #4, **Flora Fiction**, [florafiction.com](http://florafiction.com) (December 2020)
- *Hell is Highwater*, **Flare Journal**, Issue #2, [flarejournal.com](http://flarejournal.com) (December 2020)
- *Overburden* #5, *Mandy Mountain*, and *Moses on the Mount*, **Still: The Journal**, [stilljournal.net](http://stilljournal.net) (Summer 2021)
- *On his knees*, **Anthology of Appalachian Writers**, Vol. XIV, print issue (April 2023)
- *Hollow* and *And Be-Low*, **Cold Mountain Review**, 50th Anniversary Issue, [coldmountainreview.org](http://coldmountainreview.org) (2023)

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

### *Fiction*

- *The Empty Years* (novel, Appalachian literature)

### *Poetry*

- *Maybe Mountain: A Sickness in Kentucky* (Full-length collection)
- *Curse of the Black Lung* (Full-length collection, novel-in-verse, tentative title)
- *Dawnbreaker* (Chapbook)

## UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- *GSC Representative*, **English Graduate Student Organization (EGSO)**, English Department, University of Kentucky, Fall 2023 - present
- *Vice President*, **Graduate Appalachian Research Community (GARC)**, Appalachian Studies, University of Kentucky, Fall 2024 - present

## INVITED SPEAKING & READING ENGAGEMENTS

- *Maybe Mountain: The Devastating Poetry of Mountaintop Removal*, **SWAP Talk**, Appalachian Studies Department, University of Kentucky, March 2021
- *Reader*, **GurneyFest 2023**, English & Appalachian Studies Departments, University of Kentucky, November 2023

## CONFERENCES & SYMPOSIA

- *Hollow: Appalachian Bodies in Poetry*, **Appalachian Studies Symposium, University of Kentucky**, Presentation, February 2023

## AWARDS & HONORS

- Delcamp Prize, **Transylvania University**, May 2018 (for poem "Ozymandias")
- King Library Broadside Prize, **University of Kentucky**, December 2019 (for poem "Bottled in Bond")
- James S. Brown Graduate Student Grant for Research on Appalachia, **University of Kentucky**, May 2020
- William Hugh Jansen Graduate Student Award for Creative Writing about Appalachia, **University of Kentucky**, May 2020
- Doty and Block Summer Funding Awards, **University of Kentucky**, 2025
- Outstanding Literature and Film Teaching Assistant, **University of Kentucky**, 2025

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- *Graduate Appalachian Research Community Symposium Planner*, **University Press of Kentucky, Lexington, KY**, March 9th, 2025
- *Acquisitions Editorial Assistant*, **University Press of Kentucky, Lexington, KY** January 2024 - present
- *Instructor*, **Governor's School for the Arts, Creative Writing Workshop, Lexington KY**, July 2022
- *Tutor/Mentor*, **University of Kentucky Writing Center, Lexington KY** May 2022 – August 2022
- *Poetry Editor*, **New Limestone Review**, January 2019 - January 2020
- *Editorial and Acquisitions Intern*, **University Press of Kentucky, Lexington, KY**, May 2019 - August 2019
- *August Term & First Engagements Coordinator*, **Transylvania University Orientation, Lexington, KY** January 2016 - December 2017
- *Student Coordinator for Education*, **Transylvania University Office of Community Engagement** Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
- *Tutor*, **Carnegie Center, Lexington, KY** Fall 2015 - Spring 2018
- *Editor-In-Chief and Founder*, **channel.WAV** ([channelwav.substack.com](http://channelwav.substack.com)) January 2021 – present