

# CARA M. LANE

## **Education:**

Washington University, St. Louis, MO Master's in American Culture Studies	Graduation: May 2019
Washington University, St. Louis, MO Master's in Education	Graduation: May 2008
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN Bachelor of Arts in English Secondary Education Minors: Theatre; Speech and Communications	Graduation: May 2003
Study Abroad University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland	Summer 2002

## **Employment**

English Teacher Edwardsville High School Edwardsville, IL	Fall 2003-Present
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## **Current Teaching Schedule**

American Literature (11 <sup>th</sup> grade)	2003-Present
Honors American Literature (11 <sup>th</sup> grade)	2015-Present
Debate (9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	2004-Present
Public Speaking (9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	2006-Present

## **Courses Previously Taught**

Contemporary Literature (12<sup>th</sup> grade); English II and English Communication (10<sup>th</sup> grade);  
Honors English II (10<sup>th</sup> grade); Media and Visual Literacy (12<sup>th</sup> grade);  
Grammar and Composition (12<sup>th</sup> grade); College Composition (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

## **Extra-Curricular Activities:**

Debate Club, Sponsor	2004-Present
Drama Club, Publicity Sponsor	2004-2019
Ethics Bowl, Sponsor	2015-Present
Film Society, Sponsor	2004-Present
Morning Announcements, Coordinator	2021-Present
Poetry Out Loud, Sponsor	2023-Present

## **Additional Activities:**

Historical Marker Content Researcher and Writer (Five Kiosks) National Historic Neighborhood of Leclaire, Illinois	2022-Present
“Stories of the Nickel Plate” Researcher and Writer Edwardsville Children’s Museum Audio and Visual Exhibit Edwardsville, IL	2022-2023
Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library, Indianapolis, IN Volunteer	September 2019-Present
Madison County Historical Society (Illinois) History Camp for Kids Planning Committee History Camp (Ages 9-12) Teacher and Facilitator	July 2022-Present July 18-21, 2022
Edwardsville Education Association Scholarship Committee Co-Chair	2013-2019

Edwardsville Historic Preservation Commission Secretary	2014-2017
Edwardsville High School Student Travel Coordinator and Lead Chaperone (New York City) Coordinator and Lead Chaperone (Washington D.C.) Lead Chaperone to China (Xian, Beijing) Auxiliary Chaperone to France (Paris, Grenoble, Nice)	Expected: Spring 2024 Spring 2023 Spring 2018 Summer 2013
Host for International Teachers and Leaders of Student Exchanges China Germany	2017-2020 2019 and 2022

**Competitive Professional Development:**

“Rethinking the Gilded Age and Progressivisms” National Endowment for the Humanities Teacher Institute Loyola University, Chicago, IL	July 9-28, 2023
“Reframing Lincoln Seminar: Myth, Memory, and Changing Narratives” Gilder Lehrman Programing Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library, Springfield, IL	July 24-29, 2022
“Emancipation and Evolving American Identity” National Endowment for the Humanities Teacher Institute The American Civil War Museum, Richmond, VA (Remote)	July 5-23, 2021
Smithsonian American Art Museum Teachers Institute Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington D.C.	July 9-13, 2018
Colonial Williamsburg Teachers Institute for High School Teachers Williamsburg, VA	June 17-22, 2018
“Living and Writing Deliberately: The Legacy of Henry David Thoreau” National Endowment for the Humanities Teacher Workshop Concord Museum, Concord, MA	July 23-28, 2017
“Forever Wild: The Adirondacks in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era” National Endowment for the Humanities Teacher Workshop State University of New York, Cortland, Cortland, NY and Camp Huntington, NY	July 10-16, 2016
“The Rochester Reform Trail: Women’s Rights, Religion, and Abolition” National Endowment for the Humanities Teacher Workshop State University of New York, Brockport, Rochester, NY	July 19-25, 2015
“Inventing America: Lowell and the Industrial Revolution” National Endowment for the Humanities Teacher Workshop University of Massachusetts-Lowell, Lowell, MA	July 21-26, 2013
Group Study Exchange Team Member, Sweden Sponsored by Rotary International (District 6460)	May 1-May 30, 2012
Advanced Summer Institute for the Arts Sponsored by the St. Louis Art Museum and the Co Lab St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, MO	July 26-28, 2011
Piasa Bluffs Writing Institute Sponsored by the National Writing Project and Southern Illinois U-E Alton High School, Alton, IL	June 7-June 30, 2011

**General Professional Development:**

“Perspectives on 1850 St. Louis: Telling Untold Stories with Primary Sources” Gateway Arch National Park, St. Louis, MO	September 21-22, 2023
Artful Teaching Moments with SAAM Monthly Hour-Long Workshops for Veterans of SAAM’s Teacher Institute Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington D.C. (Remote)	August, 2020-Present
Missouri Conference on History Chesterfield, MO	March 12, 2020
Teaching Hard History: Teacher Workshop Gateway Arch National Park, St. Louis, MO	September 12, 2019
Civil War 101 Teachers Institute The American Civil War Museum, Richmond, VA	June 26-28, 2019
Civil War Medical Symposium The Missouri Civil War Museum, St. Louis, MO	May 11, 2019
Kurt Vonnegut Teachers Workshop Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Museum and Library, Chicago, IL	July 18-20, 2018
Elevating and Celebrating Effecting Teaching and Teachers (ECET2) Downstate Illinois Conference, Alton, IL	February 18-19, 2018
Medicine in the Civil War Workshop Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library, Springfield, IL	August 2, 2017
National Network of State Teachers of the Year Annual Conference Washington D.C.	July 16-19, 2017
Elevating and Celebrating Effective Teaching and Teachers (ECET2) Central Illinois Conference, Springfield, IL	October 9-10, 2016
Nathaniel Hawthorne’s <i>The Scarlet Letter</i> Workshop Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL	October 25-26, 2007

**Presentations:**

“Developing Lesson Plans to Teach Local History” Collaborative Effort with the Madison County Historical Society Triad High School, Troy, IL	January 3, 2024
“What We Talk About When We Talk About Taylor” Taylor Swift Convention Teacher Panel St. Louis Public Library, Central Branch, St. Louis, MO	Dec. 13, 2023
“Teacher Workshops, Institutes, and Seminars, Oh My!” District 7 Professional Development Day	October 30, 2023
“Handling Hard History” Edwardsville District 7 Professional Development Day	October 30, 2023 February 25, 2022
Edwardsville High School Professional Development Day Adapted from the Culminating Project I Created for the “Emancipation and Evolving American Identity” 2021 Summer Institute with the American Civil War Museum, Richmond, VA	November 17, 2021

“Transcendentalism: Looking at Its Past to Understand Its Present”  
First Unitarian Church, Alton, IL  
Washington University American Culture Studies Program Reunion  
Celebration of World Faiths 2022 “Transcendentalist World View”  
Center for Spirituality and Sustainability (Fuller Dome), Edwardsville, IL

June 4, 2023  
February 26, 2023  
August 19, 2022

“Vonnegut: A Writer for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”  
Teaching Vonnegut Workshop  
Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library, Indianapolis, IN (Remote)

July 27, 2021

“Mississippi River Trilogy: Ole Miss” (Part II of III)  
Coordinator and Moderator  
Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library, Indianapolis, IN (Remote)

March 25, 2021

“N. O. Nelson: Factory Owner, Philanthropist and  
Founder of a Capitalist Utopia”  
Conference on Illinois History, Springfield, IL (Remote)

October 5, 2020

“Teaching Transcendentalism”  
Illinois Association for Teachers of English Annual Conference  
Bloomington-Normal, IL

October 20-21, 2017

#### **Additional Graduate-Level Course Work Unrelated to Earned Degrees:**

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE)

- Management of Museum Collections
- History of Museum Studies
- Topics in Teaching Writing
- Women, Language, and Literature
- Field Study in Curriculum and Instruction
- Leadership and Teacher Development
- Teacher and Mentor
- Foundations of Teacher Leadership

Spring 2021  
Fall 2020  
Spring 2014  
Spring 2014  
Spring 2013  
Fall 2012  
Spring 2012  
Fall 2011

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