

PFF Fellow Profile



Fellow Name: **Madaline Walter Guilfoil**

Degree program / disciplines: IPhD English and History

Courses taught: At UMKC: English 110, English 225, English 311, English 321. At Benedictine: English 101. At Johnson County Community College: Western Civilization II

Teaching interests: Rhetoric and Composition, American Women's History, Disability Studies

Research Interests: Rhetoric of Women in American Insane Asylums in the Nineteenth Century and the Historical Contexts of the women's narratives. Rhetorics of Disability from the 1800s to the present.

Career Aspirations: Tenure-track position at teaching/research institution.

PFF Expectations: Gain ideas and techniques for improving my teaching; learn from mentors at UMKC and other institutions; find insight into balancing teaching and administrative duties; learn more about job search and opportunities after graduation.

PFF Goals:

Teaching

1. I will teach one section of English 225 with a focus on Disability Studies in Fall 2007. Not only will this help me improve on my teaching skills, but will also provide with more background for my dissertation.
2. I will interview three women, Ellen Suni, Karen Vorst and Amy Goodbom (Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln), who have successfully merged teaching and administrative roles in order to improve my time management and organizational skills.
3. Working with Dr. Richard Gist on proposing a course on the subject of "madness" in cinema and literature.

Research

1. I will finalize my reading lists. Study for my comprehensive exams and take them in January and early February.
2. Begin formally writing my dissertation in March 2008
3. Proposed a paper for the March 2008 Conference on College Composition and Communication.
4. Proposed a paper for the October 2007 Feminism and Rhetoric Conference.
5. Proposed a paper for the October 2007 Popular Culture Conference.
6. I am traveling to Albany, New York in August for research on my dissertation at the New York State Museum Archives. I will complete a report on this in order to request funding from the Women's Council