TEXAS STATE VITA

I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Name: Taylor Cortesi Title: Assistant Professor of Instruction

B. Educational Background

Master of Arts, 2013
Texas State University-San Marcos, Literature
Thesis: "'Traitorous Bodies': Cartesian Dualism in Romance Novels by Susan Johnson and E.L. James"

Bachelor of Arts—Cum Laude, 2011
Texas State University-San Marcos, English, Minor in Political Science

C. University Experience

Assistant Professor of Instruction-Graduate Programs Coordinator, Texas State University-San Marcos, 08/2023-Present
Program Faculty-Graduate Programs Coordinator, Texas State University-San Marcos, 08/2015-08/2016
Lecturer, Texas State University-San Marcos, 08/2013-05/2015
Teaching Assistant, Texas State University-San Marcos, 07/2012-05/2013
Writing Center Tutor, Texas State University-San Marcos, 08/2011-05/2012

D. Relevant Professional Experience

Administrative Assistant III, Texas State University-San Marcos, 08/2016-07/2023

E. Other Professional Credentials (licensure, certification, etc.)

College Reading & Literature Association (CRLA) Certified in Tutoring for Writing and Reading

II. TEACHING

A. Courses Taught:

English 1300, Texas State University-San Marcos, Fall 2014, 2015; Spring 2016
English 1310, Texas State University-San Marcos, Fall 2012, 2013, 2014, 2023, 2024, 2025
English 1320, Texas State University-San Marcos, Spring 2013, 2014, 2015
US 1100, Texas State University-San Marcos, Fall 2015, 2023, 2025

III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

B. Works not in Print

1. Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:
"'Traitorous Body': Cartesian Dualism in *Fifty Shades of Grey*." Popular Culture/American
Culture Association, Washington, D.C. March 2013.
"'Hold Me Thus': A Cartesian Analysis of Susan Johnson's Romance Novel, *Seized by*
Love." American Studies Association of Texas, Schreiner University, Kerrville, Texas.
November 2011.

2. Invited Talks, Lectures, and Presentations:
"Introduction to MLA Style." English 1320—"College Writing II," 2 Sections. Texas State
University—San Marcos. March 2012.
"Surviving the In-Class Essay." English 1310—"College Writing I," 4 Sections. Texas State
University—San Marcos. October 2011, November 2011, December 2011.
"College Writing and Writing Centers." Gifted and Talented 5th Graders. Texas State
University—San Marcos. November 2011.

3. Workshops:
"Surviving the In-Class Essay." Texas State University—San Marcos. October 2011, March
2012.
"Beyond the Five-Paragraph Essay." Texas State University—San Marcos. October 2011.
"Research Skills and Methods (MLA/APA)."Texas State University—San Marcos.
November 2011.
"Surviving the In-Class Essay." Texas State University—San Marcos. October 2011, March
2012.

C. Grants and Contracts

3. Funded Internal Grants and Contracts:
Texas State Graduate Student Travel Grant for Academic Conferences, 2013, $250

D. Fellowships, Awards, Honors:
Mary Agnes Taylor Scholarship, 2013, $200
Texas State Graduate College Scholarship, 2012, $1000

IV. SERVICE

B. Departmental:
Graduate Studies Coordinator 2023-current
Member, Policy Committee 2024-current
Member, Alumni Committee, 2024-current
Member, ENG 1300 Subcommittee, 2014
Member, First-Year English Committee, 2015-2106
Member, ENG 1320 Reader Review Subcommittee, 2015

C. Community:
Volunteer, Bobcat Build, 2011, 2012.
Thanksgiving Volunteer, Hays County Food Bank, 2011.

E. Organizations:
Member, Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society