Mark M. Hernandez
TEXAS STATE VITA

ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Mark Hernandez, Assistant Professor of Instruction, Department of English, Honors College

Educational Background

M.F.A. in Poetry, 2021, Texas State University, Department of English
Thesis – Title: *After Sparrows*

B.A. in English Creative Writing, 2018, Colorado State University-Pueblo

A.A. in Liberal Arts, 2015, Pikes Peak Community College

University Experience:

Assistant Professor of Instruction, Department of English, Texas State University, Fall 2024-Present
Assistant Professor of Instruction, Honors College, Texas State University, Fall 2024-Present
Assistant Professor of Instruction, University Seminar, Texas State University, Fall 2024-Present
Lecturer, Department of English, Texas State University, Fall 2021-Spring 2024
Lecturer, Honors College, Texas State University, Fall 2023
Lecturer, University Seminar, Texas State University, Fall 2023
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of English, Texas State University, Fall 2019-Spring 2019
Instructional Teaching Assistant, Department of English, Texas State University, Fall 2018-Summer 2019

Relevant Professional Experience:

Writing Analyst Specialist, On Ramps, UT Austin, 2024-2025
Teacher's Assistant, Department of English, Falcon High School, 2014-2018
Literary Magazine Editor, *Tempered Steel*, Colorado State University-Pueblo, 2017
Literary Magazine Editor, *Parley*, Pikes Peak Community College 2015

Courses Taught:

ENG 1310 – College Writing I
ENG 1320 – College Writing II
ENG 2330 – World Literature Before 1600
ENG 3315 – Introduction to Creative Writing
ENG 4310 – Modern English Syntax
HON 2309A – Origins of Civilizations
HON 2309G – Nature and the Quest for Meaning
HON 2309K – Death Plot: Fiction, Memoirs, & Poetry

HON 4390A – Capstone Development (Creative)
US 1100H – University Seminar Honors
US 1100 – University Seminar Resiliency
US 1100 – Bobcat Beginnings

As Instructional Assistant:

ENG 2330 – World Literature Before 1600 – with Sean Rachel Mardell
ENG 2310 – British Literature Before 1600 – with Joseph Falocco
ENG 2360 – American Literature Since 1865 – with Keith Needham

Courses Prepared and Curriculum Development:

College Writing I
College Writing II
Introduction to Creative Writing
Modern English Syntax
World Literature Before 1600
HON 2309A – Origins of Civilizations
HON 2309G – Nature and the Quest for Meaning
HON 2309K – Death Plot: Fiction, Memoirs, & Poetry
University Seminar
Online/Hybrid Course: ENG 1320 – College Writing II

SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE PUBLICATIONS:

Guest poet. PPCC Student and Faculty poetry reading, 2015.

Hernandez, Mark. “A Sestina for Auntie Susie” (poem). *Tempered Steel,* Pueblo, CO, 2016.

Guest poet. PPCC Faculty and Alumni poetry reading, 2016.

Hernandez, Mark. “The Owl” (short story) and “Grandma’s Room” (poem). *Tempered Steel,* Pueblo, CO, 2017.

Guest poet. *Tempered Steel* Literary Magazine Release Party, 2017.

Hernandez, Mark. “Open Doors” (poem). *Colorado’s Best Emerging Poets,* Z Publishing House, 2018.

Hernandez, Mark. “Reflection” (poem). *America’s Best Emerging Poets,* Z Publishing House, 2018.

Hernandez, Mark. “After a Storm” (poem). *Colorado’s Best Emerging Poets,* Z Publishing House, 2019.

Guest poet. Texas State MFA student poetry reading, 2019.

Guest poet. Texas State MFA student poetry reading, 2020.

Guest poet. Texas State MFA student poetry reading, 2021.

Hernandez, Mark. “If I Stop.” *Made from Midnight,* 2025.

Hernandez, Mark. “Prelude.” *Made from Midnight,* 2025.

Hernandez, Mark. *After Sparrows* (poetry collection), 2025. (in progress)

AWARDS:
College of Liberal Arts Award for Excellence in Service – 2025.

SERVICE:
Participant, Bobcat Day English Department Representative– April 13, 2024
Participant, Alumni Awards Day – April 13, 2024
Participant, Commencement 2024 – May 10, 2024
Team Lead, Bobcat Day English Department Representative – October 2024
Team Lead, Bobcat Day English Department Representative – November 2024
Member, Academic Professionals Faculty Committee – Fall 2024-present
Member, Department FOI Promotion Policy Committee – Fall 2024- present
Participant, New Annual Review Procedures – Fall 2024
Co-Advisor, Wordplay Poetry Club – Co-faculty advisor – Fall 2024-Spring 2025
Co-Chair, New Lecturer Support Committee – Fall 2024-present
Participant, Chair Candidate Meetings – Spring 2025
Participant, Admitted Student’s Day – April 12, 2025
Team Lead, Bobcat Day English Department Representative – April 26, 2024
Member, FOI Promotion Committee – Fall 2025-present
Co-Chair, Bobcat Day English Department Representative – Spring 2026-present
Participant, Commencement 2026 – May 2026
Participant, TKL Visiting Writers & Scholars Committee – Spring 2026-present
Participant, COLA Picnic Event Committee – Fall 2026