

VITA

Marjorie Jenkins Podolsky

EDUCATION

Allegheny College, B.A., English, 1956
Phi Beta Kappa, cum laude

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, 1973
M.Ed./ English

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Mercyhurst Preparatory School, 1974-1979
Grades 9 – 12, literature and writing

Gannon University and Penn State—Erie, Behrend College – 1979-1981
Part time instructor, first year composition

Penn State—Erie, Behrend College
Instructor in English – 1981 – 1995
Senior Lecturer in English – 1995 – 2001
Omicron Delta Kappa honor society

Selected Courses

Literature: Introduction to Humanities; African-American Literature, American Literature, Short Story, Poetry, Women's Studies, First year honors literature

Writing: First-year composition/rhetoric, business/professional writing, writing for the humanities, writing for the social sciences

Senior Theses: Supervised 10 senior English majors in the six-credit degree requirement

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Contract writer for Salem Press, Inc., publisher of reference works for school and public libraries.

“Brothers and Sisters., by Bebe Moore Campbell.” Critical analysis in Masterplots II: African American Literature, Rev. ed., Forthcoming, December 2008.

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“Ralph Ellison: A Biography, by Arnold Rampersad.” Critical analysis in Magill’s Literary Annual, 2008, v.1: 610-614.

“Alvin Ailey: American Dancer and Choreographer.” In Great Lives from History: The Twentieth Century, v.10: 2008: 36-38..

“In Search of Nella Larsen: A Biography of the Color Line, by George Hutchinson.” Critical analysis in Magill’s Literary Annual, v.1, 2007: 415-419.

Cuffe, Paul: American Shipbuilder, Abolitionist, and Black Nationalist.”in Great Lives from History: The Nineteenth Century, v.4, 2007: 576 – 578.

“1842-1843: First Minstrel Shows.” In Great Events from History, The Nineteenth Century v.4, 2007: 675-678.

“Butler, Octavia.” In Magill’s Survey of American Literature, Rev. ed.. 2005: 368-374.

“Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom, by Catherine Clinton.” Critical analysis in Magill’s Literary Annual, 2005: 310-314.

Papers presented at professional conferences: National College English Association, Pennsylvania College English Association, National Council of Teachers of English, Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of English, National Conference of Interdisciplinary Curricula and Liberal Learning.
