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University **Director, MSU TA Programs and Academic Curriculum Development Specialist,**
Employment **Michigan State University (September 2003 - Present)**

Coordinator, MSU Teaching Assistant Programs (January 2001 – August 2003)

Coordinator, Graduate Teaching Assistant Mentoring Program (GTAMP)
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, The Graduate School (1996 – 2001)

Courses Taught **Pellissippi State Community College, Knoxville, Tennessee – Adjunct Faculty**
 The Culture of Modern Western Civilization
 Western Civilization, Enlightenment to the Modern Era
 Development of Western Thought

University of Tennessee, Knoxville – Teaching Associate
 American History, Civil War to the Present
 Western Civilization, Early Civilizations to 1715
 Western Civilization, 1715 to the Present
 UT – First-Year Studies Freshman Seminars

Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee – Teaching Assistant
 American History, Settlement to Civil War
 American History, Civil War to the Present



Education **Doctoral Candidate (ABD) Southern Cultural History**
(Minor: Modern European Intellectual History)
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Dissertation topic: *Sons of the Fathers: Changing Concepts of Masculinity in the New South* in which I seek to examine how modernizing economies changed the nature of southern masculine relationships, particularly between sons and fathers, 1890 – 1930.

Master's Degree **New South History (1994)**
Middle Tennessee State University

Thesis: *Turning Quills into Plowshares: Scientific Education at the University of Tennessee, 1887 – 1903* in which I propose that federal funding played the most important “outsider” role in shaping higher education in the New South. Focusing primarily on Charles Dabney’s presidency of the institution, I maintain that New South economic transformation started in Morrill Land Grant Act institutions where northeastern and Midwestern scientists (most of whom trained in Germany) revolutionized agricultural education.

Bachelor’s Degree **Classical Thought and Learning (1987)**
(Minor: Geology)
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Graduate w/Honors **Russian Language (1980)**
U.S. Defense Language Institute, Monterey, California

USMC (1978-82)

Crypto-analyst/Russian Linguist
Sgt. (E-5) – Honorably Discharged

Jungle Environmental Survival Training **1981**



Publications

Johnston, Kevin M. (2009). *Review* of Murphy, Sean P. (2008). Academic Cultures: Professional Preparation and the Teaching Life. *The National Teaching & Learning Forum*. <http://www.ntlf.com/html/lib/academic%20cultures.pdf>

Johnston, Kevin M. (2008). *Review* of Ross, Catherine, & Dunphy, Jane. (2008). Strategies for Teaching Assistant and International Teaching Assistant Development: Beyond Micro Teaching. *The National Teaching & Learning Forum*, <http://www.ntlf.com/html/lib/strategiesforteaching.pdf>.

Allen, Jan E., Huck, Schuyler, **Johnston, Kevin M.**, Gaia, Celeste, & Cathey, Amy. (Forthcoming). “Developing Future Faculty as Teacher-Scholars.” Chap. 4 In New Faculty and Graduate Student Mentor: A Guide to Developing Teaching Scholars for Mentors, Faculty, Administrators, and Graduate Students. Sterling, VA: Stylus Publishing, LLC. <http://styluspub.com/Books/BookDetail.aspx?productID=92525>

Johnston, Kevin M. (Fall 2007). “MSU Teaching Thoughts #2: Taking Risks in the Classroom.” American Psychological Association Newsletter of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology.

_____. (Fall 2002). “Training Future Faculty to Teach Interdisciplinarily.” The Graduate Post: A Newsletter of the Graduate School at MSU. 10: 12-14.

_____. (Spring 2002). “Why Mentoring Graduate Students Matters.” The Graduate Post: A Newsletter of the Graduate School at MSU. 9: 13-15.

_____. (Spring 2003). “Teaching Awards and Rewards: Why Do Great Teachers Teach?” The Graduate Post: A Newsletter of the Graduate School at MSU. 11: 12-14.



Conference Presentations/
Papers/
Invited Presentations

- Johnston, Kevin M.** “Considering Pedagogy Consciously: Reflective Teaching as Cultural Practice.” Invited Presentation. 9th Annual Lilly Conference on College Teaching, Traverse City, Michigan, September 25th, 2009.
- Johnston, Kevin M**, Eison, J., Smart, Karl L., & Beattie, Sheri. *Resources and Activities to Promote Engaging, Effective, and Inclusive Learning You Can Put to Immediate Use*. Preconference workshop conducted for the 9th Annual Lilly Conference on College Teaching, Traverse City, Michigan, September 24th, 2009.
- LeGros, Nadine & **Johnston, Kevin M.** “The Rhetoric of Teaching: Aid or Impediment?” Paper delivered at the 5th Conference on Intercultural Rhetoric and Discourse. Ann Arbor, Michigan, June 13, 2009.
- Johnston, Kevin M.** “Cross-Cultural Teacher-Student Relationships: Teaching and Learning in Diverse Educational Environments.” Invited Paper. National Communication Association, 94th Convention. “*unCONVENTIONAL!*” San Diego, California, November 22nd, 2008.
- Johnston, Kevin M.** “Teaching in Translation: Owning Others’ Observations of What Constitutes Good Teaching.” Invited Speaker. 8th Annual Lilly Conference on College & University Teaching: *Millennial Learning: Teaching in the 21st Century*. Traverse City, MI, September 19th, 2008.
- Johnston, Kevin M.** “Building Intercultural Awareness into Professional Development.” International University Teaching Conference: *Transforming Higher Education Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century*. Glasgow, Scotland, July 29, 2008.
- Johnston, Kevin M.** “Teaching Culture: What International Instructors Can Tell Us about Cross-cultural Communication in the Classroom.” Invited Speaker. Faculty Conference on Teaching, Learning, and Civic Engagement. Mount Pleasant. MI, May 20, 2008.
- Johnston, Kevin M.** “Creating a Teaching Philosophy You Can Use.” Invited Speaker, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) Conference, San Diego, CA, April 5, 2008.
<http://tap.msu.edu/faseb2008/teachingphilosophydevelopment/>
- Johnston, Kevin M.** “Cultural Concepts of Incivility (More Research on...): What International Instructors Can Tell Us about Student/Instructor Classroom Relationships.” Invited Speaker. 7th Annual North Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching. Traverse City, MI, October 6, 2007.
- von Hoene, Linda, Bo-Linn, Cheelan, Border, Laura, **Johnston, Kevin M.**, Ronkowski, Shirley, Pingree, Allison, & Stanton, Kate. “Differences in Common: Graduate Student Teaching Certificate Programs.” Conference Presentation. Theory and Research for a Scholarship of Practice. 31st Annual Conference for the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD). Portland, OR, October 28, 2006.

- Payette, Patty, Altinsel, Zeynep, & **Johnston, Kevin M.** Supporting the Teaching Development of International Faculty and Teaching Assistants. Conference Roundtable Discussion. Theory and Research for a Scholarship of Practice. 31st Annual Conference for the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD). Portland, OR, October 28, 2006.
- Johnston, Kevin M.** “Incivility in The Classroom: What International Instructors Can Tell Us.” Invited Speaker. 6th Annual North Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching. Traverse City, MI, September 25th, 2006.
- Johnston, Kevin M.**, Chandler, Elizabeth, Smith, Rachel, Petit, Theresa, & Chandrasekhar, Michelle. “Culture and Conflict: New Ideas for ITA Teaching Support.” Conference Presentation. A Gathering by the Waters: Exploring Possibilities and Engaging Ideas. 30th Annual Conference for the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD). Milwaukee, WI, October 28, 2005.
- Johnston, Kevin M.** “Discovering Your Teaching *Self*: Steps to *Uncovering* Your Teaching Philosophy.” “Teaching Technology: A *Principled* Approach.” Invited Workshops conducted for Faculty, Administrators, and Graduate Students. Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. February 10-12, 2005.
- Johnston, Kevin M.** “Teaching Technology: A *Principled* Approach.” Invited Workshops conducted for Faculty, Administrators, and Graduate Students. Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. February 10-12, 2005.
- Johnston, Kevin M.**, DeZure, Deborah, Kaplan, Matthew, & O’Neal, Chris. “Faculty and TA Development: Making Assumptions about Practice Explicit.” Conference Presentation. Culture, Communication, Créativité. 29th Annual Conference for the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD). Montreal, Quebec, CA, November 6, 2004.
- Burdick, Daiken & **Johnston, Kevin M.** “TA Teaching Portfolio Development: Different Approaches for Different Contexts.” Conference Presentation. Culture, Communication, Créativité. 29th Annual Conference for the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD). Montreal, Quebec, CA, November 5, 2004.
- Johnston, Kevin M.** “Teaching Technology: A *Principled* Approach.” Featured Speaker. The Art & Craft of Teaching. 4th Annual North Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching. Traverse City, MI, September 25th, 2004
- Johnston, Kevin M.** “Building the Foundations of Your Teaching Philosophy.” An Invited Workshop conducted for Faculty and Graduate Students. University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, November 23rd & 24th, 2003.
- Johnston, Kevin M.** “Sharing the Personal: Cooperative Teaching Development Improves Departmental Communication.” Vision, Metaphors and Images. 28th Annual Conference of the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD). Denver, CO, October 11th, 2003.

- Allen, Jan E., & **Johnston, Kevin M.** “Teaching Ethics, Acculturating Ethics? Two Institutions’ Approaches.” Vision, Metaphors and Images. 28th Annual Conference of the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD). Denver, CO, October 10th, 2003.
- Nuhfer, Edward, Cunningham, Tom, **Johnston, Kevin M.**, Bothell, Timothy, & Nilson, Linda. “Reaping the Priceless Returns of Faculty Development.” Conference Presentation. Vision, Metaphors and Images. 28th Annual Conference of the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD). Denver, CO, October 9th, 2003.
- Johnston, Kevin M.** “Faculty Behaving Badly: Considering the Inconsiderate Ways We Treat Our Students.” A Workshop Conducted for the Lilly Faculty Development Seminar Program. Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, April 9, 2002.
- Austin, Ann, & **Johnston, Kevin M.** “Living the Academic Life.” A Workshop Conducted for the Lilly Faculty Development Seminar Program. Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, November 20, 2001.
- Johnston, Kevin M.**, & Allen, Jan. “Keep Mentoring Alive: Strategies for Surviving Institutional Change.” Conference Presentation. Interfaces, Intersections, Gateways. 26th Annual Conference of the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD). St. Louis, MO, October 12th, 2001.
- Johnston, Kevin M.** “Teaching Beyond Content: Creating Contextual Gateways to Improve Student Learning.” Conference Presentation. Interfaces, Intersections, Gateways. 26th Annual Conference of the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD). St. Louis, MO, October 13th, 2001.
- Johnston, Kevin M.** “When Good Mentoring Goes Bad.” Conference Presentation. Brave New Millennium: Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD). Vancouver, B. C., November 10, 2000.
- Allen, Jan E., **Johnston, Kevin M.**, & Gaia, Celeste. “A Model for Improving Undergraduate Instruction at Research Universities.” Conference Paper. Rethinking Key Issues in College Learning. Elon College (Now, Elon University), Elon, North Carolina, September 26, 1997.



Posters

- Campa, Rique, Speer, Natasha, **Johnston, Kevin M.**, Urban-Lorraine, Mark, & Klomparens, Karen. “*FAST*: Speeding graduate student professional development.” Poster presented at the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL) Forum. Madison, WI, June 17, 2008.



Print and Web Publications MSU Teaching Assistant Programs

Author, *MSU Teaching Thoughts*

<http://tap.msu.edu/nvgt/rescs/thoughts.htm>

(With Ken Waltzer, PhD) *TA Evaluation Guidelines*

http://tap.msu.edu/PDF/TA_Eval.pdf

Editor, *MSU TA: A Handbook for MSU Teaching Assistants*

http://tap.msu.edu/handbook/2009-2010_handbook.pdf

Handbook for the MSU TA Seminar on College Teaching

International Teaching Assistant Orientation Handbook

The Graduate School: Guidebook for the MSU Certification in College Teaching

<http://grad.msu.edu/collegeteaching/>

Developer, MSU Teaching Assistant Program Website <http://tap.msu.edu>



(Sample) Workshops

- **Creating a Teaching Philosophy You Can Use (Parts I & II)**
(Ex: <http://tap.msu.edu/faseb2008/teachingphilosophydevelopment/>)
- **Creating Teaching Portfolios for Different University Contexts**
- **Finding Your Teaching “Heart”**
- **Handling Classroom Incivility**
- **Presenting Effectively in the Classroom & Conference**
- **Taking Risks in the Classroom: Organizing and Facilitating Discussions That Work**
- **Talking about Teaching When It Matters Most, In the Interview**
- **Teaching Effectively in America: A Workshop for International Faculty & TAs**
- **Teaching Technologically: An Introduction to Using Presentation Media**
- **Teaching Technology: A Principled Approach**
- **Teaching Today’s Students**
- **Teaching Diversity**
- **Principles of STEM-Field Diversity**
- **Developmental Blueprints: Considering Collegiate Climes When Programming**
- **Lecturing Effectively in Different Contexts**
- **The Principles of Scientific Teaching**



Service to Profession

- Educational/Presentational Consultant (I've conducted over 250 individual and group TA, Faculty, & Professional Teaching Consultations)
- Center for the Integration of Research and Teaching (NSF- CIRTL 2007 - present) - <http://cirtl.net>
MSU Steering Committee Member
MSU Director of CIRTL Learning Through Diversity Initiatives (LtDA)
- Facilitator, Topical Interest Groups: “Fostering Effective Intercultural Communication” (Professional & Organizational Development Conference 2007, 2008)
- Faculty Learning Community: *Improving the First Year Experience* (2007 - 2008)
- Review Board, Journal of Graduate Student Professional Development (2006 – present)
- Reviewer, Professional & Organizational Development Conference (2002 – present)
- Consultant, NSF IGERT, JOINing in Engineering Design Education Program (2004)
- Facilitated MSU TA Program External Program Review (2005)



Academic Fellowships/ Teaching Awards

2002 NIH Conference Fellowship - Teaching Survival Skills and Ethics
1999 Transatlantic Academy (TASA) DAAD Fellow – Bonn, Germany -
Friedrich Wilhelm Universität
1997 UT University Research Fellow – Herman E. Spivey Graduate Fellowship
1996 University of Tennessee Chancellor's Outstanding Teaching Award
1996 UT University Research Fellow - Hilton Smith Graduate Research Fellowship
1994 MTSU Thelma Jennings Graduate Teaching Excellence Award
1993 MTSU Colonial Dames Teaching of History Award



Professional Organizations (Membership)

Professional and Organizational Development (POD)
American Historical Association (AHA)
National Communication Association (NCA)



Other

As part of Michigan State's Wellness Initiative, I manage and coach graduate student/faculty soccer teams. For more information on the club, its objectives (as a part of socializing diverse students to the MSU community and MSU Wellness), media, and match results please visit <http://tap.msu.edu/PDF/futbolannouncement.pdf>. The site also can be accessed from our homepage, <http://tap.msu.edu>.