

Sandra G. Weems, PhD

Director, Honors Program

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Biography

Sandra Weems holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Florida, with an interdisciplinary concentration in medical humanities. Working with both the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Medicine at UF, her doctoral project, *The Poetics of Healing*, examined representations of illness in British literature and the therapeutic uses of poetry and narrative in clinical settings today. Dr. Weems also earned her M.A. and B.A. degrees in English from UF, where she taught writing and literature classes as a graduate assistant and adjunct lecturer. Before moving to Gainesville, she had a long corporate career in sales and marketing and pharmaceutical research. During those years she was a first-generation college student working her way towards an Associate's degree, part-time, in night classes at St. Petersburg College. She had the privilege of studying British literature at Cambridge University on scholarship and completed a few freshman classes at the University of New Orleans in her beloved hometown. Today, she is an Assistant Professor of English in the Department of Literature and Language at Lincoln Memorial University. Her teaching expertise is in British Literature, medical humanities, expository/argumentative writing, writing across the disciplines, and business writing.

Teaching and Research Interests

Dr. Weems's current research interests include interdisciplinary pursuits such as traumatology and literature, biomedical ethics, poetry therapy, and the clinical uses of reflective writing. She has several projects underway in the broader field of medical humanities, including a monograph about the humanities in inter-professional education that she is coauthoring with Paulette Hahn, M.D.

Publications and Presentations (last five years)

Peer Reviewed Publications

Weems, Sandra and Tom Bragg. "The Great War Poets and the Campaign for Empathy." *Emotions: History, Culture, Society*, vol. 2, 2018, pp. 236-255.

Professional Presentations

"Caregiver Narratives: Negotiating Boundaries, Public and Private." Session Organizer and Presider. 2017 MLA Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA.

Service to the Discipline

Appointed to Tennessee Collegiate Honors Council Steering Committee.

Campus Presentations

Guest lecturer. "Healthcaring!: Story Matters." Gold Humanism Honor Society Luncheon (DCOM). February 15, 2018.

Symposium. "Publishing the Peer-Reviewed Article." Research and Scholarship Committee (AHSS). October 31, 2017.

Guest lecturer. "Dine with a Mind," Dean of Students. Topic of medical humanities. April 3,

Guest talk. "Narrative Medicine: The Relationship between Story and Healing." Honors Students' Association. February 14, 2017.