William Garason

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Professional Summary

As a student, writer, and educator, my academic and professional careers are deeply intertwined. My work is dedicated to fostering education through critical thinking, rhetorical awareness, and genre analysis with an emphasis on critical theories and pedagogies. Through these lenses, I hope to offer insight into the writing process in ways that are both emancipatory and ethical.

Education

BA English | Ferris State University | 2021-2026

- GPA: 3.91
- Minor in French

MA English | University of Oregon | 2026-2028 (Expected)

Research Interests

Critical Theory, Hermeneutic Phenomenology, Literacy Studies, Rhetorical Genre Studies, Semiotics, Writing and Composition Studies

Educational Experience

Writing Consultant | Ferris State University | September 2023 – May 2026

- Mentored students with written documents, including essays, analyses, speeches, personal narratives, and technical writing.
- Facilitated summer orientation and campus engagement initiatives for the writing center.
- Presented research on writing center pedagogy and consultation outcomes at the 2025 Eastern Central Writing Centers Association conference in Ypsilanti, MI.
- Participated in professional development and assisted with training consultants in practices related to both genre awareness and rhetorical awareness.
- Represented the writing center at the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning panel on AI usage at Ferris State University

Affiliations, Scholarship, and Services

- Presented at the Annual Eastern Central Writing Centers Association Conference at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI; *Where the Hell is the Genre: Collectively Creating Writing Center Values and Consultation Outcomes from within the Community of the Writing Center*; collaboration with Dr. David Marquard, 2025.
- Presented at the First Annual English, Literature, and World Language Symposium at Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI; *The Phenomenology of Psychedelia: A Hermeneutic Approach to Therapeutic Applications of Psilocybin in Patients with Anxiety-Related Disorders*; collaboration with Isabell Lopez, 2025.

- First prize and publication for Junior/Senior Research Essay in the 2025 Ferris State University PRISM Writing & Art Contest and Journal; *Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail: Schizoanalysis of Trumpist Rhetoric in 2024—Harnessing the Desire for Order*. (Awaiting publication, 2026)
- Philosophical Society RSO (Registered Student Organization) at Ferris State University; Co-founder and current president, 2024 – 2026.
    - This RSO provided extracurricular opportunities for students and faculty alike to engage with the study of Philosophy as a discourse and academic discipline.
- Hosted weekly French conversation tables and cultural enrichment outings on the Ferris State University campus; collaboration with Dr. Daniel Noren, 2023 – 2026.
    - Both extracurricular and curricular, these meetings are designed to engage and inspire students in French courses to further pursue and appreciate the French language.

Relevant Coursework

Ferris State University

- Rhetorical Genre and Literacy Studies
- History of Rhetoric and Style
- Advanced Critical Theory and Practice
- Introduction – English Studies
- Grammar and Writing
- Introduction to Linguistics
- Independent Study – Semiotics
- Independent Study – Advanced Research Methodologies in English
- Independent Study – Deleuze's Metaphysics
- Independent Study – Phenomenology
- Honors Introduction to World Short Fiction
- Honors Poetry
- Honors Literature of French World
- Honors Public Speaking

Proficiencies

Language

- French, advanced fluency – speaking and reading

Technical

- Microsoft Office Suite
- Adobe Suite
- Social media apps

References

Ferris State University

- David Marquard, PhD, Professor, Writing Center Director, Department of English, Literature, and World Language; DavidMarquard@ferris.edu - (231) 591-3032
- Daniel Noren, PhD, DML, Professor, Department of English, Literature, and World Language; DanielNoren@ferris.edu - (231) 591-5881
- Sarah Lucas, PhD, Assistant Professor, Humanities Department; SarahLucas@ferris.edu - (231) 250-3731
- Neil Patten, PhD, Professor, Humanities Department; NeilPatten@ferris.edu - (231) 591-3621