

# Dusti K. Smith

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## University Education

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| <b>2026</b> | <b>Texas Tech University</b><br>PhD, English Literature<br>College of Arts and Sciences; Department of English  |
| <b>2021</b> | <b>Texas Tech University</b><br>Master of Arts in English Literature<br>Graduate Portfolio Titles:<br><i>Using the Short Story as a Cornerstone of the High School English Curriculum, The Parables of Stephen Crane, and Culture of Violence: The Child's Role in The Wild Bunch</i><br>Committee: Dr. Elissa Zellinger (chair), Dr. Ryan Hackenbracht |
| <b>2015</b> | <b>Midwestern State University</b><br>Bachelor of Arts in English   |

## Curriculum Development & Implementation

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| 2025-26 | LASO IV Grant, Bluebonnet Implementation  |
| 2023-25 | Amplify English Language Arts Curriculum Implementation Coach, Seagraves ISD  |
| 2023-24 | Composition Committee, Texas Tech First-Year Writing Program 2023-2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evaluated the First-Year Writing teaching award submissions</li><li>• Created topics and readings for the 1301 curriculum</li><li>• Served as a general sounding board for FYW</li></ul> |
| 2023    | 1301 Curriculum Revision, Texas Tech First-Year Writing Program, Summer 2023<br>Revised Introduction to Rhetoric, project 2: Summary & Synthesis essay to reflect a multimodal approach to summarizing and synthesizing texts.  |

## Service & Editorial Experience

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| 2024-26 | Graduate Representative, Literature, Creative Writing, and Linguistics Graduate Studies Committee |
| 2024-25 | Graduate English Society, Steering Committee and Treasurer  |
| 2024-25 | Group Leader, Texas Tech Graduate Writing Center  |

2024-25	PCA Graduate Student Advisory Committee (2024-2025 Conference Year)
2022-24	Associate Editor, <i>Iron Horse Literary Review</i> , Texas Tech University
2023-24	Mentor, The Lauro Cavazos & Ophelia Powell-Malone Mentoring Program

## Fellowships & Residencies

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2026	Bruce Family Memorial Scholarship
2025	National Humanities Center Graduate Student Winter Workshop (by invitation)
2024-25	Bruce Family Memorial Scholarship
2023	National Humanities Center Graduate Residency Program 2023, Creating an Accessible and Inclusive Classroom Residency
2023	Texas Tech University Groundwork Teaching Program Cohort

## Professional Certifications

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### Texas Education Agency Certification:

English Language Arts and Reading, 4-12 (current)  
Speech, 7-12 (current)  
Gifted and Talented Supplemental, 4-12 (current)  
English as a Second Language Supplemental, 4-12 (current)

### Teacher Evaluator Certificates

NIET Teacher Evaluator

### Instructional Coaching

Instructional Leadership Certificate, Harvard Graduate School of Education (forthcoming 2025)  
Mentoring and Coaching Level I Certificate, Texas A&M University

## Educational Leadership

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2025-Present	Texas Tech: TechTeach Site Coordinator, Seagraves Independent School District
2023-Present	Instruction and Curriculum Coach, Seagraves Independent School District
2024-Present	Campus Testing Coordinator, Seagraves Independent School District
2018-2019	English Department Chair, City View Independent School District

## Teaching Awards

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2021     Nominated for Outstanding Teacher of the Humanities Award (Humanities Texas)

2018     Rookie of the Year 2017-2018 School Year

## **Professional Employment History:**

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### **Seagraves Independent School District, Seagraves ISD, Seagraves, TX**

2023-Present

#### **Instruction and Curriculum Coach, TechTeach Site Coordinator**

- Coached teachers to improve teaching practices and student engagement
- Assisted with the implementation of new ELAR curriculum
- Supervised, coached, and evaluated Texas Tech Teacher Candidates during field placements at Seagraves ISD

### **Texas Tech University, Department of English, Lubbock, TX**

2022-2025

#### **Graduate Instructor, First-Year Writing & Literature**

- Instructor of Record for *Introduction to College Rhetoric and Advanced College Rhetoric*
- In-Person and Asynchronous instruction
- Contributed to weekly meetings in pedagogical development for *Methods of Teaching College Composition*

### **Andrews Independent School District, High School English Department, Andrews, TX**

2019-2022

#### **Dual-Credit, Advanced Placement & Secondary English Teacher**

Taught:

- *Dual-Credit, British Literature 2322, Odessa College*
- *Dual-Credit, British Literature 2323, Odessa College*

### **City View Independent School District, High School English Department**

2016-2019

#### **English Department Chair (2018-2019)**

#### **Dual-Enrollment, Honors, and Secondary English Teacher**

Taught:

- *Dual-Enrollment OnRamps English Composition and Rhetoric, University of Texas*

### **Jim Ned Independent School District, High School English Department, Tuscola, TX**

2015-2016

#### **Honors English & Secondary English Teacher**

## Academic Conference Presentations

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- 2025    Presented Paper: **"Feed the Machine: Material Celebrity in the Life and Works of Adah Isaacs Menken"**. The Society for the Study of American Women Writers
- 2024    Presented Paper: **"Redefining 19th Century Literary Celebrity: Rebel Women or Capitalists Queens?"**. Celebrity Culture Panel, Pop Culture Association / American Culture Association National Conference
- 2023    Presented Paper: **"Your Hands are Dirty: Whiteness and Complicit Violence against Black Mothers in Frances E.W Harper's Poetry"**. African American Literature and Culture Association Panel; American Literature Association
- 2022    Presented Paper: **"The Parables of Stephen Crane"** Religion and Spirituality Panel; South Central Modern Language Association
- 2022    Presented Paper: **"A Culture of Violence: The Child's Role in *The Wild Bunch***. Adolescents and Film Panel; Pop Culture Association / American Culture Association
- 2021    Presented Paper: **Imperative Need: The American Savior Complex in Cinema's Portrayal of the Vietnam War and the War on Terror**. Texas Tech University Comparative Literature Symposium