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Education

- 1986-1989 **M.S., Environmental & Evolutionary Biology.** University of Louisiana, Lafayette, LA.
1981-1986 **B. S., Biology.** Columbus State University (formerly Columbus College), Columbus, GA.

Professional Experience

2000-present **Instructional Technologist/Faculty Support Specialist**

Responsibilities include: faculty development; selection/tailoring of appropriate technologies to meet learning goals; instructional design, course and assignment design; course/student support for video projects - videography, language of film, video editing and media studies; project management; Blackboard support; technology troubleshooting; training of interns and students, data collection and analysis in assessment of services and process, and collaboration with other academic support departments in particular the Library, Oral Communication Center, and Audiovisual Services.

Spring 2009 Teaching Sabbatical Replacement for Laurie Gant (Video art) in Electronic Arts course Team taught with Professor of Music Sam Pellman. Hamilton College.

1995-2000 **Instructor, Biological Sciences, University of New Orleans.** Full time instructor Anatomy & Physiology Lecture & Lab; Biodiversity Lab; and Population Genetics, Ecology and Evolution Lab.

1996-1998 **Summer Visiting Scientist, Darling Marine Center, Maine;** *Bombus* foraging behavior on *Lythrum salicaria* and *Solidago*.

1994 **Part-time Instructor, University of Louisiana;** Anatomy & Physiology.

1990-1993 **Research Associate** to Dr. Susan Croughan, Rice Research Station, Louisiana State University Agricultural Station; Supervised tissue culture research, data collection and analysis, and supervision of an 8-20 member student team and one professional staff research assistant.

1987-1989 **Thesis research, University of Louisiana;** Agonistic behavior, courtship, and sexual selection of males of *Eurycea cirrigera*.

1987-1989 **Teaching Assistant, University of Louisiana;** Anatomy & physiology labs, heart and reproduction lectures, and general biology labs.

Professional Activities

2000 **Talking Toward Techno-Pedagogy:** Collaboration among Colleges and Constituencies (<http://serendip.brynmawr.edu/talking/>). Bryn Mawr College. **June 4th-7th.** Supported by a grant from the Mellon Foundation. Instructional technology project leader participating along with Kristin Strohmeier (librarian), Colleen Fenity (student) and John O'Neill (faculty member) in the collaborative development of his course, Austen: Text to Film. Spring 2001 Presentation to Hamilton College trustees.

2001-present **Hamilton Information and Learning Liaisons (HILLgroup) member.** Coordinated formative collaboration between Hamilton's Reference Librarians and Instructional Technologists, served as Facilitator 2001 -2003. Instructional technology lead in developing collaborative interdepartmental academic support (Library, Oral Communication and Instructional Technology) of entire courses. The current "Course Support" model emphasizes planned and coordinated support of students through each phase of a learning process – research through presentation.

2004 – 2008 **Digital Asset Management Committee member.** Development and Implementation of digital asset management strategies supported by ITS and Library. Emphasis on content management for teaching and learning. Implementation of a ContentDM pilot.

- 2002 **June 24th–29th. MITC Teaching and Learning with Technology** in the Humanities. Participated as instructional technologist on the collaborative development of creative assignments in Art of Cinema with Professor Patricia O’Neill.
- 2003 **June 16th – July 16th. Vassar Summer Media Institute** research project, “Video Cellphones, War Metaphors, and Micro-Documentaries: Exploring the Rhetorical Constraints of Time and Place.” Instructional Technologist supporting Professor John Adams and Junior Josh Huling the production of persuasive multimedia messages with video enabled cellphones. Our focus was on the production of multimedia messages with incorporated rhetorical communication techniques that perform the social function of enabling value judgments about war.
- 2006-2007 **August – March. Planning committee member for the NITLE** sponsored symposium led by Eric Jansson and Elisa Lanzi at Smith College entitled "Managing Digital Collections: a Symposium on Technical and Organizational Interoperability." March 11-13, 2007.
November – May. Planning committee member for NERCOMP SIG “Leading Your IT Organization by Design. Collaborators: Fred Schmitt, Maureen Scoones, and Gina Siesing.
< http://www.nercomp.org/events/event_single.aspx?id=1308>
- 2007-2009 NITLE IIF Grant to the Moving Images Collaborative. Co-Project Leader with David J. Baird, and Christopher Watts. Collaboration among Colgate, Hamilton, and St. Lawrence liberal arts schools to develop media scholarship in the liberal arts. <http://academics.hamilton.edu/mediascholarship/>

Grants

- 2007 Moving Images Collaborative. NITLE Northeastern Instructional Innovation Fund. Collaborators: David Baird Colgate University, Nathan Wagoner Juniata College, and Chris Watts St Lawrence University.
<http://academics.hamilton.edu/mediascholarship/>
- 1999-2000 Strategic Technology Planning & Implementation Group, University of New Orleans. Enhancement of anatomy & physiology labs with computers and BIOPAC Systems. Collaborator, Dr. Frances M. Cashner.
- 1997 Pollinator mediated selection and interspecific competition for pollinators in *Lythrum salicaria*. National Science Foundation (Population Biology Panel), Research Opportunities Award; P.I. Dr. Pamela O’Neil; ROA researcher, Janet Thomas Simons.

Publications

- Thomas, J.S., R.G. Jaeger and E.V. Horne. 1988. Are all females welcome? Agonistic behavior of male red-backed salamanders. *Copeia* 4:915-920.
- Janet Thomas Simons and Patricia O'Neill. "Learning Through Experience: the dialogue necessary to learn *with* technology." *Transformations*, March 2005. Volume 2, Issue 2.
<http://www.colleges.org/techcenter/transformations/index.php?q=node/view/93>
- Patricia O’Neill and Janet Thomas Simons. “Using Technology in Learning to Speak the Language of Film.” Academic Commons First Edition, August 2005
<http://www.academiccommons.org/commons/essay/oneill-simons-film>
- Sharon Werning Rivera and Janet Thomas Simons. "*Engaging Students through Extended Simulations*" *Journal of Political Science Education*. Volume 4, Issue 3 July 2008 , pages 298 – 316.

Presentations

- 1987 “Are all females welcome? Agonistic behavior of male red-backed salamanders”. Janet Thomas. American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2003 “A Working Model of Proactive Interdepartmental Academic Support.” Nikki Reynolds, Janet Thomas Simons, and Kristin Strohmeyer. NERCOMP 2004. Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 2004 “Faculty Development or Overlapping Communities of Practice?”. Janet Thomas Simons and Patricia O’Neill. NERCOMP SIG October 2004, Danbury, Connecticut.
- 2004 “Video Cellphones, War, and Vidblinks: Exploring the Rhetorical Constraints of Time and Place,” John C. Adams, Joshua Huling, Janet Simons, in Eds. Mariano Alcañiz Raya and Beatriz Rey Solaz, *Seventh*

Annual Workshop: Presence 2004 (Valencia: Universidad Politécnia de Valencia, 2004): 279-82.
http://www.hamilton.edu/news/more_news/display.cfm?ID=8578

- 2004 “A Working Model of Proactive Interdepartmental Academic Support.” Janet Thomas Simons, Kristin Strohmeier and Susan Mason. EDUCAUSE 2004. Denver, Co.
<http://www.educause.edu/ir/library/pdf/EDU04148.pdf>
- 2006 “Pedagogy that SHINEs: Interdisciplinary Service Learning Experiences.” Janet Simons and Patricia O'Neill. NERCOMP SIG: The P Word: What is Pedagogy, and Should it Drive Instructional Technology? January 19, 2006, Southbridge, MA http://www.nercomp.org/events/event_single.aspx?id=336
- 2007 “Balanced Assessment: Where are we? Where are we going?”. Janet Simons, Maureen Scoones, and Nikki Reynolds. NERCOMP 2007 Annual Conference. Worcester, MA.
<http://www.educause.edu/LibraryDetailPage/666?ID=NCP07072>
- “Theory into Practice” or “The long ride home from ECAR Academy”. Invited presentation. Maureen Scoones and Janet Simons. ECAR Academy: follow-up SIG June 5, 2007 Norwood, MA. http://www.nercomp.org/events/event_single.aspx?id=1113
- “Leading Your IT Organization by Design”. Maureen Scoones and Janet Simons of Hamilton College, Gina Siesing of Tufts University, and Frederick Schmitt President of Teamwork Strategies Inc. NERCOMP Leadership Multiple Day event, November 13 -14, 2007 & March 4th 2008. UMASS Amherst. MA. http://www.nercomp.org/events/event_single.aspx?id=1237
- 2008 “Collaborative Pedagogy and Instructional Design”. Janet Simons, Sharon Rivera, Lynn Mayo, and James Helmer. Friday January 25th 2008 NERCOMP SIG: Collaborative Pedagogy and Instructional Design. Southbridge, MA. http://www.nercomp.org/events/event_single.aspx?id=1250
- “Building the Scaffolding: Supporting Student Use of Technology in the Learning Process - Innovative Practice”. Nikki Reynolds, Susan Mason, and Janet Simons. Educause Learning Initiative Annual Conference 2008. San Antonio Texas.
http://www.educause.edu/ELI081/Program/13300?PRODUCT_CODE=ELI081/SESS34#available_resources
- “Coordinated Academic Support” Nikki Reynolds, Janet Simons, and Kristin Strohmeier. Invited Presentation Carlton College InfoServices Retreat, Thursday July 24, 2008.
- “Focus on HOPE VI: The Demise of a Neighborhood”. Janet Simons and Judy Owens-Manley NITLE Service Learning and Social Justice Programs: The Role of Technology. Swarthmore College. October 25, 2008. <http://www.hamilton.edu/cache/>
- 2009 “Lights, Camera, Action! Analysis and Creative Expression: Improving the Quality of Student Media Scholarship”. David J. Baird, Janet Simons, and Krista Siniscarco. January 21th 2009 3 – 4 pm, Educause Learning Institute Annual Conference. Orlando, Florida.
http://net.educause.edu/ELI091/Program/1016199?PRODUCT_CODE=ELI091/SESS28
- “Media Scholarship” NERCOMP SIG. Organizers/Hosts- Janet Simons and David Baird. Faculty, Students, and Academic Support Presentations and Panel Discussions from Colgate, Hamilton, and St. Lawrence. College of the Holy Cross. Worcester, MA. NERCOMP Feb 2, 2009.
http://www.nercomp.org/events/event_single.aspx?id=1762
- “Digital Video in the Curriculum” Tamra Hjermstad and Janet Simons. Presented online in the NITLE MIV Auditorium. March 6, 2009 <http://academics.hamilton.edu/mediascholarship/index.cfm?PATH=Events-DigitalVid.html>

"Media Scholarship in the Liberal Arts Collaboration" Poster presentation by Janet Simons, Dave Baird, and Nikki Reynolds. NITLE IT Leaders - Tradeoffs: Leading Instructional Technology in Times of Hard Choices. Ursinus College, Collegeville, PA. March 27 - 29, 2009.

<http://academics.hamilton.edu/mediascholarship/index.cfm?PATH=Events-ITLeaders09.html>

"Constellations or "futzing around the edges"? Poster presentation by Janet Simons, Dave Baird, Nikki Reynolds, Carolyn Carpan, and Sondra Smith. NITLE Summit. DoubleTree Hotel, Philadelphia, PA. March 29-30, 2009

<http://academics.hamilton.edu/mediascholarship/index.cfm?PATH=Events-Summit.html>