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Professional Portfolio:

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**Education:**

Working towards Post Graduate Certificate in Reading, Virginia Commonwealth University, Expected  
Graduation: August 2012  
Foci: Technology, ESL, Adult Education

M.A., English, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2008  
Concentration: Writing and Rhetoric  
Thesis: *Developmental Composition: A Return to the Reading/Writing Connection*  
(3.87 GPA)

B.A., Political Science, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2006  
(3.892 GPA)

**Honors:**

Graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2006, Undergraduate Honors Student, Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award (2006)

**Experience:**

Lecturer, 2009-Present  
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Courses: College Composition I, College Composition II; English as a Second Language: Composition III, Writing Workshop II

Instructor, 2007-Present  
John Tyler Community College  
Courses: College Composition I; College Composition II, both in class and online; Preparing for College Writing I; Preparing for College Writing II; Preparing for College Reading; Reading in the Content Areas; Survey of American Lit I online

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2006-2007  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Course: Human Societies and Globalization

Student Athlete Tutor, 2006-2009  
Virginia Commonwealth University

Courses: Varied Humanities Courses

**Presentations:**

Downing, Mary (2011). Using Word Problems to Improve Success Rates in Developmental Reading Classes. VADE/VCCS Developmental Education Peer Group Meeting.

Downing, Mary (2011). Weebly: The Website Generator for Engaging, Academically Honest Essays VCCS Distance Education Peer Group Meeting

Downing, Mary and Brooks, Marty (2011). Tips for Using Blackboard to Support On-Campus Instruction. JTCC Spring English Seminar.

Downing, Mary (2010). Using Audio Clips to Enhance Reading Comprehension. Presented at the VCCS English/ESL Peer Group meeting

Downing, Mary (2010). Using Audio Clips to Enhance Reading Comprehension. Presented at the VCCS New Horizons Conference.

Downing, Mary (2008). Working Together to Create a Comfortable and Conducive Learning Environment for all Students. Presented at the Virginia Community Colleges Association Conference.

**Professional Association Memberships:**

National Council of Teachers of English

**Professional Service and Activities:**

Recipient of Paul Lee professional grant to incorporate word problems into Read 05 and 06, John Tyler Community College, Spring 2012

Participant in Information Literacy Assessment Project, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Spring 2012

Co-facilitator of a learning community, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, 2012

Conducted a literature review of *Writing that Matters*, Bedford St. Martin's, 2011

Co-facilitator of a learning community, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, 2010

**References:**

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