



## CONTACT

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## HONORS

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- Finalist for New Letters' Robert Day Award for Fiction.
- Received Neil M. Shank Award in 2022 for Distinguished Alumni under 40 from CLHS
- Reader for the Harvard Review

## RELEVANT SKILLS

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- Communication
- Leadership
- Teaching
- Mentorship
- Curriculum Development

# MARK ABDON

## ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

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Investing in the lives of undergraduates as both a Professor of English/Writing and long-time campus affiliate, I've accumulated 17 years of experience in teaching and mentoring university students across the country – from USC to Columbia and everything in between. In addition to ten years of non-profit management in academia, I bring a veteran up-front presence to the classroom, having regularly taught rooms of 20 to 400 in that same span.

## EDUCATION

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### Harvard University | Master of Liberal Arts | Extension Studies Creative Writing & Literature

August 2018 – May 2023

Awarded Dean's List Academic Achievement Award. 3.9 GPA

Published 75% of thesis (short stories) in literary journals



### DePauw University | Bachelor of Arts | Spanish

August 2004 – May 2008, Cum Laude

Admitted as a Rector Scholar – Tuition Waived for a combination of Leadership, Service, GPA, and Test Scores

Member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity

Studied Abroad through Butler University's IFSA Costa Rica Program

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Indiana Wesleyan University | Professor of English/Writing

August 2024 – Present

- ENG-120: Research Writing
- WRI-234: Advanced Composition
- WRI-459: Creative Nonfiction



### InterVarsity/USA | Associate National Director of Greek IV

September 2008 – June 2025

- Associate National Director of Greek IV | 2 Years (Current)
  - Supervised and Led Team of 12 Staff, including 6 Staff Directors
- Associate Director of Growth | 2 Years
  - Cultivated Dozens of New Chapters of Greek IV across the Country
- Greek Regional Coordinator | 5 Years
  - Oversaw creation of 8 semesters of study curriculum as Assoc. Editor
  - Fundraised more than \$1M over the course of staff career
- Campus Staff Member – Indiana University, DePauw | 7 Years
  - Grew membership from 30 to 150 undergraduates, a 500% increase, mentoring 100+ students

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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- Trained in CQ, Cross-Cultural Competency
- Trained in Myers-Briggs, Enneagram, and Strengthsfinder

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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- We're a Licensed Foster Family
- Served in various leadership roles in both our neighborhood and church over the years

## REFERENCE CONTACTS

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### FICTION

- *The Pinch Journal*, "Hello! from the Flyover States." In Print. Spring 2024.
  - Short-Listed for the New Letters Robert Day Fiction Award
- *Across the Margin*, "One Man's Trash." March 3, 2023. Online.
- *Door is a Jar*, "Operation Black Walnut." In Print. Issue 28, Fall 2023.
- *Gone Lawn*, "Airport Barn Swallows." August 2024. Online.
- *Maudlin House*, "Two-Party System." November 2024. Online.
- *BULL*, "Shades." Forthcoming, March 2025. Online.
- *MoonPark Review*, "The Worst Kind of Ghost." Spring 2025. Online.
- *Red Rock Review*, "The Steepest Mountains." Forthcoming in 2026.
- *The Offing*, "Finnegan's Wake Forest University." Forthcoming in 2026.

### NON-FICTION

- *X-R-A-Y*, "Farm Hands." November 15, 2023. Online.
- *JMWW*, "Dadophobia." May 15, 2024. Online.
- *Under the Sun*, "More Comfortable Couches." April 2025. Online.
- *Fourth River*, "I Was Asleep..." March 2025. Online.
- *Chautauqua*, "Some Kind of Record." June 2025. In Print.
- *Catamaran*, "Gardening." July 2025. In Print.
- *Porcupine Literary*, "Under the Gun." Forthcoming in 2026.
- *Third Coast*, "Blessed are the Meek." Forthcoming in 2026.

## OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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UNDERGRADUATE AUDIENCE | GREEK INTERVARSITY | 17 YEARS

### Six-Hour Weekend Seminars

- Indiana Fall Conference
- Urbana Conference
- Greek Conference Indianapolis

### Week-Long Intensive Courses

- Understanding Ancient Texts: Mark's Biography

### Keynote Speaker

- Indiana Fall Conference, October 2018
- Los Angeles Greek Conference, January 2024

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Harvard University | Higher Education Teaching Certificate

October 2023 - January 2024