# MARA KALLICH-VERA

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December 2016

December 2012

#### **EDUCATION**

MA Northern Arizona University, English Literature
Thesis: "The Benefits of Social Constructionist Theories

in Freshman Composition Courses"

MS Bethune-Cookman University, Transformational Leadership

Thesis: "Technological Literacy and Effectiveness

of an Online Master's Program at a Southern Historically Black College"

Advisor: Ranjna Patel

BS Stetson University, English

July 2010

Senior Thesis: "Misogyny in Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*"

Minored in Women and Gender Studies

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Title of Honors 2012

Graduated Bethune-Cookman Masters with Honors

Title of Honors 2016

Graduated Northern Arizona University Masters Honors with Distinction 4.0

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Indian River State College**, Fort Pierce, FL **Master Instructor**, English,

August 2016 to Present

- Taught Freshman English I & II, an undergraduate course averaging 120 students per semester, covering the basics of composition
- Developed guizzes, exams, and homework
- Revised the syllabus to meet accreditation standards
- Coordinated grading rubrics and policies

#### **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

### **Certificate in Effective College Instruction**

Association of College and University Educators, 2019

Description: ACUE's Certificate in Effective College Instruction, endorsed by the American Council on Education, is awarded to faculty members who completed the Course in Effective Teaching Practices. ACUE's course addresses over 200 evidence-based teaching practices that drive student engagement, retention, and learning around the following topics:

- Designing an Effective Course
- Establishing a Productive Learning Environment
- Using Active Learning Strategies
- Promoting Higher Order Thinking
- Assessing to Inform Instruction and Promote Learning

## QM Peer Reviewer Certification, Quality Matters, 2020

Description: The Peer Reviewer Course is designed to prepare experienced online faculty to serve as QM-Certified Peer Reviewers. It includes a review of the foundational principles of Quality Matters and the QM Rubric

Applying the QM Rubric, Quality Matters, 2017

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Association of Florida Colleges, 2017-Present

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

#### **AFC Volunteer Committee**

Indian River State College Branch, 2018-

### **ENC 1101 Online Redesign Committee**

Indian River State College 2019

#### **Essay Judge**

Financial Literacy Essay Competition, 2020

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

## **United Way of St. Lucie County**

Tools for Schools Shopper, 4800 S. U.S. Highway 1 Fort Pierce, FL 34982

## **Critter Haven Animal Sanctuary**

Clean up Volunteer, 5300 17<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Vero Beach, FL 32968