

Jennie F. Sekanics

PhD, University of Iowa, English, Expected 2027

MA *With Distinction* (the highest honor), The College of New Jersey, English Literature, 2018

Graduate Certificate, The College of New Jersey, Gender Studies, 2018

BA *Magna Cum Laude*, The College of New Jersey, English Literature and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, 2016

Professional Appointments

2022 – Present, University of Iowa, Teaching Assistant

2020 – 2022, The College of New Jersey, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Academic Writing

2018 – 2022, The College of New Jersey, Adjunct Faculty, Department of English Literature

2018 – 2020, The College of New Jersey Adjunct Faculty, Department of Liberal Learning

2016 – 2022, The College of New Jersey, Scholarship and Admissions Coordinator, Admissions

2014 – 2016, The College of New Jersey, Social Media Strategist, Department of Marketing,
Communications & Brand Management

2013 – 2016, The College of New Jersey, Community Advisor, Department of Residential
Education and Housing

Teaching Experience

Foundations of English, University of Iowa

All courses taught at The College of New Jersey

Approaches to Literature, Department of English

Cultures and Canons, Department of English

The Art of Resistance, Department of Academic Writing

Communicating Trauma, Department of Academic Writing

Communicating Trauma and the Imaginary in Literature, Department of Liberal Learning

Hashtagging Feminism: How Black Women Transform Digital Narratives, Department of
Liberal Learning

Publications

2018 “concrete.” Poem featured in *New Jersey's Best Emerging Poets*, Z Publishing House.

2017 “The Predetermined Deterioration of the Female Body in Emile Zola's *Nana*.” *Journal of
Scholarship*, The College of New Jersey.

Conference Presentations

2023 “Trauma Unseen: Decoding the Sexual Violence Trauma Narrative in Octavia
Butler's *Kindred*.” Paper accepted for the **International Society for the Study of
Narrative** Conference, Dallas, Texas.

2022 “The Body, Trauma, and Narrative Possibility in *Kindred* and *Cane*.” Paper accepted for
the **Northeastern Modern Languages Association (NeMLA)** Conference, Buffalo,
New York.

- 2021 “Forgotten #MeToos: Decoding the Misfires and Misreads of Sexual Violence Narratives in Henry James’s *The Bostonians* and Octavia Butler’s *Kindred*.” Paper presented at the virtual NeMLA Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2015 “Rupturing Social Norms: Status & Class in Jane Austen’s *Emma*.” Paper presented at the Sigma Tau Delta Convention, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Educational and Professional Service

- 2022 – Present, University of Iowa, Graduate Student Senator
- 2020 – 2022, George Washington Carver Foundation Early College Bridge Program, Instructor
- 2020 – 2022, The College of New Jersey, Honors and Scholars Council
- 2018 – 2022, NJ County High Schools Consortium, College Essay Writing Instructor
- 2018 – 2019, The College of New Jersey, Committee on Academic Programs
- 2017 – 2022, The College of New Jersey, Blue and Gold Hall of Fame Committee
- 2017 – 2018, Cooperman College Scholars, College Essay Writing Instructor
- 2016 – 2022, The College of New Jersey, Anti-Violence Initiatives Advisor
- 2016 – 2022, The College of New Jersey, Staff Senator
- 2016 – 2018, The College of New Jersey, Communications Committee

Academic and Service Honors

- 2023 Young Alumni Leadership Award, The College of New Jersey
“This award recognizes an alumnus or alumna of the last 10 years whose professional accomplishments, dedication to alma mater, and/or service to society are distinctive.”
- 2016 Blue and Gold Hall of Fame Inductee, The College of New Jersey
“Honors students who have made extraordinary and sustained contributions to The College of New Jersey. These individuals are critical change-agents, excellent role models for their fellow students, and dedicated and able leaders in and out of the classroom. They represent leadership, scholarship, service, and the core beliefs of the College.”
- 2016 Alice Paul Award for Activism and Academic Excellence in Gender Studies
- 2016 Phi Beta Kappa
- 2016 Lavender Graduate
- 2015 Academic Excellence in English Literature
- 2015 Community Advisor of the Year
- 2015 Phi Kappa Phi
- 2015 Elizabeth Allen 1869 Awardee for Excellence in the Humanities
- 2015 Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Award for Activism
- 2014 Iota Iota Iota National Women’s and Gender Studies Honor Society
- 2013 Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society
- 2012 – 2016 Founder’s Merit Scholar, The College of New Jersey

Associations

- Modern Languages Association
- Northeastern Modern Languages Association
- International Society for the Study of Narrative