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UWG Profile

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## LECTURER IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

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An award-winning educator and career development specialist committed to fostering inclusive pathways in computer science. Dedicated to a “Warm Demander” pedagogy that balances high professional accountability with digital literacy and a growth-mindset framework. Leverages over 20 years of technology-integrated professional experience and 30 years of legal industry leadership to bridge the gap between academic theory and modern labor market demands.

### EDUCATION

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- EdS, Workforce Education, University of Georgia, Athens, GA (Expected December 2026)
  - **Relevant Coursework:** Developing Curricula and Programs for Modern Work, Technology for Education in the Workplace, AI in Workforce Education
- MS, Information Technology, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA, 2016
- Graduate Certificate, Health Information Technology, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA, 2016
- BAS, Administrative Management, Clayton State University, Morrow, GA, 2010
- AAS, CIS Networking Specialist, Chattahoochee Technical College, Marietta, GA, 2013
- AAS, Office Administration, Clayton State University, Morrow, GA, 2007
- ABA-Approved Paralegal Certificate (Litigation), National Center for Paralegal Training, Atlanta, GA, 1994

### SUPPLEMENTAL GRADUATE COURSEWORK

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#### PEDAGOGY AND ADULT EDUCATION

- Adult Learning and Development, Electronic Courseware Design and Development, Design of Performance and Instructional Systems, College and University Teaching

#### COMPUTING AND DATA ANALYTICS

- Business Intelligence, Practical Data Analytics

### POSTSECONDARY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA, Carrollton, GA

2022–Present

**Lecturer in Computer Science**, Department of Computing and Mathematics (2023–Present)

**Part-Time Instructor in Computer Science**, Department of Computing and Mathematics (2022)

#### COURSES DEVELOPED

- COMP 2910 Sophomore Computing Seminar (Career Readiness)
- COMP 2350 Introduction to Digital Media

#### COURSES TAUGHT

- COMP 2200 Introduction to Databases
- COMP 4986 Computing Internship
- CS 1000 Practical Computing
- CS 1300 Introduction to Computer Science
- CS 1301 Computer Science I
- CS 2100 Introduction to Web Development
- CS 4986 Computing Internship

WEST GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE, Douglasville, GA

2023–Present

**Adjunct Faculty**, School of Business and Computer Science

- CISM 2201 Foundations of Computer Applications

- CIST 1001 Computer Concepts
- CIST 1122 Hardware Installation and Maintenance
- CIST 1401 Computer Networking Fundamentals

**CHATTAHOOCHEE TECHNICAL COLLEGE**, Marietta, GA  
**Adjunct Instructor**, Department of Computer Applications

2017–2020

- COMP 1000 Introduction to Computers

## **SECONDARY TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**, Atlanta, GA  
**CTE Teacher**, Atlanta College and Career Academy

2020–2022

- Designed and delivered curriculum for Game Design, Programming, and Web Development career pathways.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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- Faculty Focus Highlight, University of West Georgia, 2024
  - Institutional recognition for dedication to educational excellence
- Governor's Teaching Fellows Program, Summer Symposium, 2023
  - One of a select group of Georgia faculty recognized for excellence in higher education instruction
- Cognizant Innovation in Computer Science Education Award, Runner-Up, 2022
  - National recognition for innovative contributions to computer science education
- GBEA New Teacher of the Year, Nominee, 2021
  - Recognized for exceptional early-career teaching

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE & LEADERSHIP**

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- Member, Student Affairs Committee, Perry College of Mathematics, Computing, and Sciences, 2026–2028
- Member, Department Search Committee (Computer Science Faculty Member), 2026
- Faculty Sponsor, Association for Computing Machinery-Women (ACM-W) Student Chapter, 2024–Present
- Presenter, "Discover Your Hidden Network," Fall 2025
- Presenter, "Discover Your Career Fit with Holland's Code," Fall 2024
- Presenter, "Inclusivity Workshop: Using a Social Justice Approach," Institute of Faculty Excellence, 2023
- Member, University Search Committee (Data Analyst), 2024
- Member, School Computing Scholarship Committee, 2023–2026
- School Library Representative, 2023–2026

## **CERTIFICATIONS AND TECHNICAL CREDENTIALS**

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### **CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND COACHING**

- Global Career Development Facilitator – Instructor, CCE
- Certified Career Services Provider, NCDA
- Facilitating Career Development Instructor, NCDA
- Certified Student Career Coach, PARWCC
- Certified Professional Resume Writer, PARWCC
- Academy Certified Resume Writer, CTL
- Certified Hidden Job Market Coach, CTL
- Qualified Administrator
  - Strong Interest Inventory, MBTI, and MMTIC

### **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CREDENTIALS**

- Performance-Based Professional Teaching Certificate (2023–2028), GaPSC
  - Business Education (6-12), Computer Science Endorsement, IT/Programming and Software Development
- School Career Development Advisor, NCDA

### **TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES**

- CompTIA A+
- Microsoft Office Specialist, Word (Expert), Excel, and PowerPoint

## SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATES

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- Salon and Spa Support Specialist, Atlanta Technical College, 2024
- Social Media Specialist, Chattahoochee Technical College, 2021
- Computer Office Technology, Clayton State University, 2007
- Medical Office Technology, Clayton State University, 2005

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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**STUDENTS THAT CODE, INC.**, Atlanta, GA 2023–Present  
**Co-Founder and Program Director**

- Leads collaborations with organizations to empower underrepresented students in STEM.

**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE**, Atlanta, GA 2020–2022  
**AmericCorps Member**

- Served with federal agency for volunteering and civic engagement.

**CANNON & CANNON ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.**, Atlanta, GA 2018–Present  
**Co-Founder and Director of Training and Development**

## BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

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**ALSTON & BIRD LLP**, Atlanta, GA 1998–2020  
**Legal Administrative Assistant** (2014–2020)

- Provided high-level administrative support and document management for multinational legal operations.

**Resource Center Specialist** (2011–2014)

- Managed workflow for weekend overnight shift, ensuring timely production of complex legal documents across multiple offices.
- Coordinated IT-related projects and provided technical troubleshooting as needed to maintain department operations.

**Legal Secretary** (1998–2011)

- Supported attorneys through meticulous legal document preparation and administrative coordination.