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Recent Graduate Courses:

MENG 6510 Wordsworth's Prelude and Guide to the Lakes
MENG 5630 British Neo-Classical and /Romantic Literature
MENG 6840 Directed Readings
MENG 6830 Transcendentalism on both sides of the Atlantic
English 5640 British Victorian

Recent Undergraduate Courses:

HU Themes and Ideas in Literature 3750
Eminent Authors 4710
HU Literature of the Natural World 3520
English 4630 British Neo-Classical and /Romantic Literature
English 2220 Introduction to Literature
English 2200 Introduction to Fiction through Film

Education:

B.S., Weber State University
Dual M.A. American Studies and Literature, Bowling Green University, Ohio
Ph.D., 19th Century British and American Literature, Bowling Green University, Ohio.

Research and Teaching:

Environmental Studies, Mountaineering and Exploration Literature, British and American Romantic,19th Century British Literature, Poetry Writing.

Publications

Articles, Essays, Short Stories, Poems have appeared in:

- Climbing
- The Climbing Art,
- The Journal of Evolutionary Psychology,
- Weber Studies,
- Popular Culture Review,
- The Trumpeter,
- Utah Foreign Language Review,
- Wasatch Review International,
- Encyclia,
- The Junction,
- Word Works,
- rough draft.
- The Himalayan Journal #53 (1997).
- The John Muir New Letter
- The Journal of the World Wilderness Congress.

Books:

- On Mountains and Mountaineers (Mountain N' Air Books, La Crescenta, CA 1993)
- Rock and Roses vols. I and II; (Mountain N' Air Books, 1990 and 1999)
- Wilderness Tapestry (University Of Nevada Press, Reno, NV 1992)
- The Peregrine Reader (Gibbs M. Smith, Layton, UT 1997).

- Peering over the Edge (Mountain N' Air Books, La Crescenta, CA 2008)
- I Knew It Would Come to This (Poetry)(Mountain ‘N Air Books, La Crescenta, CA 1999). Green “At the Edge of Things” (Poetry) (Cat Press Salt Lake City, Utah 2007)
- “Looking for the Old Crown and other poems (Fusion: Salt Lake City: 2011)

Interviews:

- Interview with Waddie Mitchell. Weber Studies Spring/Summer 2004
- Interview with Ken Burns. Weber Studies Fall 2006
- Interview with Rodger McGuinn of the Byrds. Weber 2010
- Interview with Robert Hodgson VanWagoner Weber 2013 (forthcoming)

Essays:

- “Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: The Righter of Wrongs or Exposing the Crimes of the Mormons” in A Tangled Skein . Ed. Leslie S. Klinger New York: The Baker Street Irregulars, 2008.
- Note: I was also invited to read the above essay at “The Baker Street Irregulars” Expedition to The Country of the Saints” Conference Salt Lake City, 2008 (on the 75th Anniversary of Doyle’s visit to Utah) and a copy has been placed in the BSI Official Archive at Harvard University.
- “The Literature of Mountaineering” American Nature Writers ed. John Elder, (Scribner’s 1996).
- “We Were There” Red Thread Gold Thread (Logan, Ohio August 2009)
- “Haworth,” “St. Oswald’s Church: Grasmere,” and “The Pier at Brighton” Weber (2010)
- “It Was a Fall that Killed Him” ISLE 2011
- “Utah in the Morning" in Encounters in the American Mountain West: A Sinner Amongst the Latter-day Saints by Ian Mitchell Published by Neil Wilson Publishing, Glasgow, Scotland, 2012).
- "Elegy for a Sparrow" and "Darwin's Old Lie" in Clover: A Literary Rag, Vol. 3 Summer 2012 ed Mary Elizabeth Gillian, Published by the The Independent Writers' Studio, Bellingham, Washington.
- "Goddess Mother" in Wilderness and Environmental Medicine Vol.22 Number 3, 2011 ed. Dr Scott E. McIntosh (ISSN 1080-6032).
- "Outside Kathmandu" in Wilderness and Environmental Medicine Vol.22 Number 4, 2011 ed. Dr Scott E. McIntosh.
- "The Consequences May be Deadly," "Mani Walls," "Himalayan Thunder," and "Qomolangma's Frozen River of Tears" in Himalaya: The Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies, Vol. 31 Numbers 1-2 August 2012 ed. Arjun Guneratne .
- "In the Long Shadow of the Wasatch," "Standing Guard Sandhill Crane," "Time Out of Mind," "And So it Happens," and "Places of the Gods." in Clover: A Literary Rag, Vol. 4 Winter 2012 ed Mary Elizabeth Gillian, Published by the The Independent Writers' Studio, Bellingham, Washington .

- "Gower Village" The Parish Magazine of Llangennith, Llanmadoc, & Cheriton, July 2012 (page 11) ed. Revd. Canon Peter J. Williams, SSC Published by excel-sior, Wales, UK.
- "Forward" for Almost Back from the Edge: Living the Dream in Asia and Dying with Cancer by Mike and Jodi Dennison. Publisher: CreateSpace Independent Publishing. 2010).
- The Scent of Juniper: Poems of the Himalaya that is under consideration by Black Rock Press, University of Nevada.

Awards and Recognitions

Dr. Vause received the 1999 Distinguished Service Award from The Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters, as well as a number of teaching awards from Weber State University including the Crystal Crest Master Teacher Award and the George and Beth Lowe Excellence in Teaching Award. Dr. Vause received the 2004, 2007, and 2011 Hemingway Awards for scholarship from Weber State University, and a 2009 recipient of the Lindquist Fellowship for Creative and Artistic Endeavors. He is a member of the American Alpine Club, and was elected to The Alpine Club (Britain) (1998) and named the first non-British judge for the Boardman-Tasker Mountaineering Literature Award, chairing the committee during its 20th year (2002).

Dr. Vause was a visiting scholar during the month of November 1996 and 1998 at Bretton Hall College of The University of Leeds in Sheffield, England where he was also a featured speaker for The International Mountain Literature Festival. He has presented papers at a number of National and International professional conferences such as the World Wilderness Congress in Tromsö, Norway and Bangalore, India. During the 2006-07 academic year Dr. Vause was visiting professor in the English Department at Utah State University. Over the past ten years Dr. Vause has served as an outside reviewer for Utah State University, University of Wisconsin, University of Colorado, and Oregon State University Presses on the subject of mountaineering literature. He was the 2000-01 President of the Western Regional Honors Council. He served as editor of The Journal of the Utah Academy from 2003 to 2008.

In 1985 Professor Mikel Vause and Professor Michael Meyer had an idea to organize a conference unique in requesting submissions from undergraduates only, thus giving the undergraduate an opportunity to present papers both critical and creative, to an audience of peers from campuses across the country. That same year, their idea became the National Undergraduate Literature Conference, and since 1985, the NULC continues with the same mission, attracting some of the finest undergraduate students from every state to present their papers and to hear some of most important writers in contemporary literature.