

Darin L. Hammond

**Entrepreneur | University Writing Professor | Web Developer | Professional Writer at ZipMinis
Freelance Writing**

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Biography

I am a professional freelance writer, speaker, and teacher. I blog professionally at ZipMinis.com, and I write for Technorati Media, Social Media Today, BC Blog, and Broowaha. I am a professor of English and Humanities, applying new technology, methods, pedagogy, and cognitive science to my student centered, active classrooms. My skill sets include Spanish, technology, social media, and computer applications, and I apply this assets in my writing, speaking, and teaching.

Availability

Keynote, Panelist, Workshop, Corporate Training

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Writing and Editing

Areas of Expertise

Business Writing and Communication, Resume Writing, Professional Writing

Affiliations

National Council for Teachers of English and College Composition and Communication, Social Media Today, Technorati Media, BC Blog, Broowaha Newspaper, Idaho State University, American Public University

Sample Talks

Power Emails: Communicating Professionally and Efficiently

I discuss advanced tips and tools for perfecting the business email. The presentation is based on my corporate, university teaching, and professional writing expertise. I focus on professional techniques, power language strategies, polished grammar, marketing strategies, and design strategies.

Event Appearances

Advanced Composition for University Sophomores
English Department Faculty Meeting

Writing the Perfect Email
English Composition Meeting

Education

Brigham Young University
Bachelor of Arts (BA) English Language and Literature, General

Idaho State University
PhD Candidate English and The Teaching of English American Studies, Darwinian and Scientific Theory

Idaho State University
MA English American Studies, Discourse Theory, Rhetoric and Composition, African American Studies

Accomplishments

Tenured Professor of English
Over the course of 4 years I earned tenure status at the prominent Brigham Young University - Idaho. I remained teaching and developing courses there for 10 years.

Best and Brightest PhD Candidate, English Department, Idaho State University
Received special recognition and placement on the College of Language and Letters webpage for outstanding achievement in the doctoral program.

Internship and Career Coordinator, Brigham Young University - Idaho
Recognized as a leader in the English Department and chosen to direct the entire internship and career program.

New Course Developer, Brigham Young University - Idaho
Selected out of the English Department to lead new course development in 5 different areas. Created and organized the Advanced Composition course, among others, for the University.

English Department Speaker, Brigham Young University - Idaho
Chosen on many occasions to instruct professors of English and writing on teaching and pedagogical issues.

Testimonials

Scott Samuelson, PhD

Years ago Darin was a student of mine, one of the finest writers I have ever seen in my 35+ years as a university writing instructor. Darin's expertise as a writer is germane to this recommendation because Darin went on to become an instructor of writing, and we are now in the same English department, working as colleagues. I have seen Darin teach, and I can confidently affirm that the sensitivity to audience and the creativity of thought which made him an excellent writer also make him a wonderful teacher. He provides students with the tools they need to succeed in their goals to think more deeply and to succeed in improving their communication skills.

Jennifer Attebery, PhD

Darin L. Hammond has my highest recommendation as a scholar and teacher. Mr. Hammond is a graduate student pursuing the Ph.D. in English and the Teaching of English at my institution, Idaho State University. In my ethnic literature seminar during fall 2011, Mr. Hammond's scholarship and writing were sophisticated and perceptive, placing him as the top achiever in the course. His seminar presentations were a model of clarity, reflecting his excellence as a teacher of English composition and literature.

Curtis Whitaker, PhD

Mr. Hammond enrolled in a graduate seminar I taught two years ago on Darwinian approaches to literature and completed outstanding work in every way. His participation in class discussion was a model for students and instructor alike--curious and good-natured, but critical at the same time--and both of his papers connected the most intricate of details in selected primary texts to the larger themes of the course. I have never seen Mr. Hammond teach, but I have every reason to believe he brings the same combination of intellectual rigor and sensitivity for others to his own classroom.

Karen C. Holt, PhD

I have known Darin Hammond since Fall 2005 when he joined our faculty, and have served as his Department Chair for the past three years. As his chair I know him as one of the finest scholars of American Literature in our department, and a ready volunteer, cheerfully willing to accept any assignment. His professional development enriches his scholarship and translates immediately to classroom, a direct benefit to his students. As a person Darin is an attentive listener, always calm and engaged with those around him. As a professional he continually seeks opportunities to grow and improve. As a scholar he is an innovative thinker and accomplished writer. He has my highest, unqualified recommendation.

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