

# **Julia Combs**

**Associate Professor of English at Southern Utah University**

Cedar City, UT, US

Specializing in the history of feminist rhetoric, seventeenth century rhetoric, and international writing centers

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## **Biography**

Dr. Julia Combs is an associate professor of English at Southern Utah University. Her research focuses on the history of rhetoric, particularly feminist rhetoric of the seventeenth century, the rhetoric of place and space and writing in the disciplines. As the former director of SUU's Writing Center, Dr. Combs trained students to act as a campus resource, coaching and encouraging successful writers across all disciplines. Together with students, Dr. Combs proposed and collaborated on an extensive remodel and move of the Writing Center in 2018. She also proposed and developed the Technical Writing Certificate and developed the Writing Fellows, a program for faculty-nominated students to support specific classes in majors like biology, business, history and engineering. Dr. Combs earned a bachelor's degree in language with an emphasis in German from Southern Utah University. At the University of Nevada Las Vegas, she earned a master's degree in English with an emphasis in medieval literature and her Ph.D. in rhetoric and writing.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Writing and Editing, Research, Education/Learning, International Affairs

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## **Areas of Expertise**

World Literature, International Writing Centers, Professional Writing and Presentations, Grant Writing, Seventeenth-Century Rhetoric, Technical Writing, Editing, Medieval Literature, Rhetoric, Feminist Rhetoric, Academic Writing, Poetry, History of Feminist Rhetoric, Creative Writing in Higher Education, Creative Writing Techniques, Rhetoric of Place

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## **Affiliations**

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Wooden O Symposium, International English Honor Society, Rhetoric Society of America, Teaching Academy Training Program, SUU Center of Excellence for Teaching and Learning, National Council of Teachers of English, Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association, Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, Southern California Writing Center Association, Rocky Mountain Writing Center Association, International Writing Center Association, National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing

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## **Education**

**Southern Utah State College**

B.A. Language, German Emphasis

**University of Nevada Las Vegas**  
M.A. English

**University of Nevada Las Vegas**  
Ph. D. Rhetoric and Writing

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## **Accomplishments**

**Community Engaged Scholar Award**  
Southern Utah University, 2016

**Writing Fellows Program**  
Funded and approved at SUU in 2015

**Technical Writing Certificate**  
Collaborated with Jon Smith. Approved in 2015

**Writing Tutor Practicum Course**  
ENGL 3890 - Approved in 2015

**Outstanding Lecturer**  
Southern Utah University English Department, 2013

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