

(More Than You Wanted to Know)

About Me

Although I was born in Huntsville, Alabama, I spent most of my childhood in Europe, living in Italy, Germany, and in Holland, where I graduated from The American School of the Hague in 1981.

I graduated from Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi in 1985 earning a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in English and minoring in French. Because I was quite adamant that I would NEVER teach, I began working immediately as an advertising copywriter for a regional advertising agency where I was inadvertently writing persuasively (before Common Core!!) to sell an unsuspecting public exciting products such as bricks, subdivisions, lightbulbs, and United States Senators.

I met my husband in Jackson, and after we married in 1988, we immediately moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania., where I worked as a freelance writer and did temp office work.

After my oldest daughter was born, I developed an interest in homeschooling, and before I knew it, I was homeschooling all three of my children. When that same daughter graduated from high school, I went back to work in the field I had now come to love more than advertising.....you guessed it....teaching!

In 2008, I began teaching at Lincoln Trail College, teaching everything from GED courses to Composition I while tutoring at Palestine High School. In 2011, I began teaching English full time at PHS, where I've taught English I, II, III, Composition, Speech, Applied English, and Journalism (but not all at the same time!)