



FACULTY BIOGRAPHY



CLARE NORRIS, Assistant Professor of English

Clare Norris's goal in her classes every semester is to empower them to take on reading and writing as they never have before. She makes herself accessible to her students, and they respond by visiting her office regularly. Professor Norris strives to make each semester's classes more effective than the last and increase their value for her students. Recent students report that she is "helpful" a "great teacher" and that her class prepares them for the next level of English.

Professor Norris earned a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Riverside in Social Relations with a minor in English. She went on to teach for the Los Angeles Unified School district before pursuing a Master's degree in English from the University of Texas, San Antonio. There she completed an independent study in Pan-African women's literature. She discovered her love for community college work while tutoring in San Antonio's St. Philip's College writing lab during graduate school.

Professor Norris began her career at West in Spring 2004 when she taught one class as an adjunct instructor. She joined the full time faculty exactly five years later in Spring 2009.

Professor Norris is currently serving as secretary for West's Academic Senate, teaching in the Umoja program, participating in West's development of a new Foundation Skills plan, and has been contributing to the development of the college's global studies program.

When she is not working for West, Professor Norris loves to travel, salsa dance, attend concerts and plays, and, of course, read.