



FACULTY BIOGRAPHY

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Susan Herdzina hails from Omaha, Nebraska. She moved to California to attend Loyola Marymount University, where she received her B.A. and M.A. in English with an emphasis in writing, also focusing on Women's Studies. She began teaching at LMU, but soon found herself more at home teaching community college students in the Los Angeles area.

"Ms. H," as her students frequently call her, teaches courses of all levels, from grammar to critical thinking. Most often, she finds herself instructing intermediate composition (English 28) or college (transfer) level composition (English 101). She is certified to teach courses online as well as traditionally.

Ms. Herdzina loves teaching because she loves learning. She likes "demystifying" college writing for her students and giving them the tools to be successful students in her classroom and beyond! She realized the importance of education at a young age when her mom decided to go back to college to finish her degree. Watching her parents cooperate and sacrifice to make the decision work, Ms. H realized that if they took it that seriously, education must be important.

Ms. Herdzina's English-related interests include: Modernist literature, women's writing, fabulism/supernatural realism, linguistics, narrative theory, feminist theory, creative nonfiction, and eco-literacy.

Ms. Herdzina has many other interests and hobbies. She enjoys growing and maintaining a large garden, rooting for her favorite football team, playing piano, and taking road trips with her chocolate Labrador, Pearl. Ms. H also loves food and cooking. She has been a vegetarian since she was 11, and she recently established her own small catering company.