

# MAPS Summer Faculty Profile

**Name:** Brad Reisinger

**Title/Department:** Lecturer, English

**Learning Community & Theme:** Health and Wellness

**How long have you worked at WCU?** 10 years

**About Me:** I teach Rhetoric, Writing, and Literature. In former lives, I was a New York City Teaching Fellow, a high school English and Creative Writing teacher, and a performing musician. When I'm not Englishing, I try to avoid screens by gardening, hiking, and dancing with my kids.

**Why should students be excited about taking your course this summer?** We will be exploring how our narratives around health, wellness, and healing significantly impact the way we understand our selves and the world we live in. We look at literature that explores ideas around health and wellness. I'm especially interested in fiction that delves into the impact of poverty, mental health, abuse, and addiction on our local community. Finally, we will explore the rhetoric and debate around public health and look at how arguments are made and manipulated about health-related policy.