

MAPS Summer Faculty Profile

Name: _____ Emily Virtue _____

Title/Department: _____ English _____

How long have you worked at WCU? _____ 5 years _____

About Me: I received my BA in Writing from the University of Mount Union and my MA in Literature from UNC-Wilmington. I'm currently working on my PhD at Clemson University. My research interests include student identity development and the student transition to college. Before teaching at Western, I worked in student affairs doing campus programming, leading service opportunities, and running a wellness program. I guess you could say I love the college atmosphere so much I never really left! When I am not reading and researching I spend my time cooking, baking, exercising, and playing with my kids.

Why should students be excited about taking your course this summer?

This class is really *about* and *for* students who are coming to college for the first time. We'll read a number of texts with characters similar to you. Class is discussion and activity based so no two days are exactly alike. Even if students are nervous about reading and writing at the college level they'll walk out of class with strategies to do both well in future semesters.