

## The Erma Byrd Center Faculty Spotlight is on Concord University's Julia Jackson, Adjunct Instructor of English

An Interview with Concord University's  
Julia Jackson, Adjunct Instructor of English  
by Lisa Moten, Erma Byrd Center Director

Lisa Moten: How long have you been teaching at the Erma Byrd Center?

*Julia Jackson: I started teaching at the Erma Byrd Center and at New River Community & Technical College in 2015. As shared faculty, I teach the following courses:*

- English 101 (Composition & Rhetoric) for Concord University
- English 102 (Composition & Rhetoric) for Concord University
- English 204 (World Literature 1650 –2000) for Concord University
- English 101 (Composition I) for New River CTC online
- English 102 (Composition II) for New River CTC online



Julia Jackson

Lisa Moten: What do you enjoy most about teaching at the Erma Byrd Center?

*Julia Jackson: The students are great! They are smart and motivated! The most unique feature is that they seem really kind and take care of each other.*

Lisa Moten: Share your best teaching tip to keep students engaged in learning.

*Julia Jackson: I only use lecture when the content is fact based or when they need to learn about the more technical aspects of writing. Then, I switch to discussion and small group work. I also like to utilize questioning to engage the students in discussion on various topics because I think it is important for them to be able to articulate how they feel or relate to the readings. It is important for them to figure things out themselves but also to be given enough guidance to know where to start.*

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