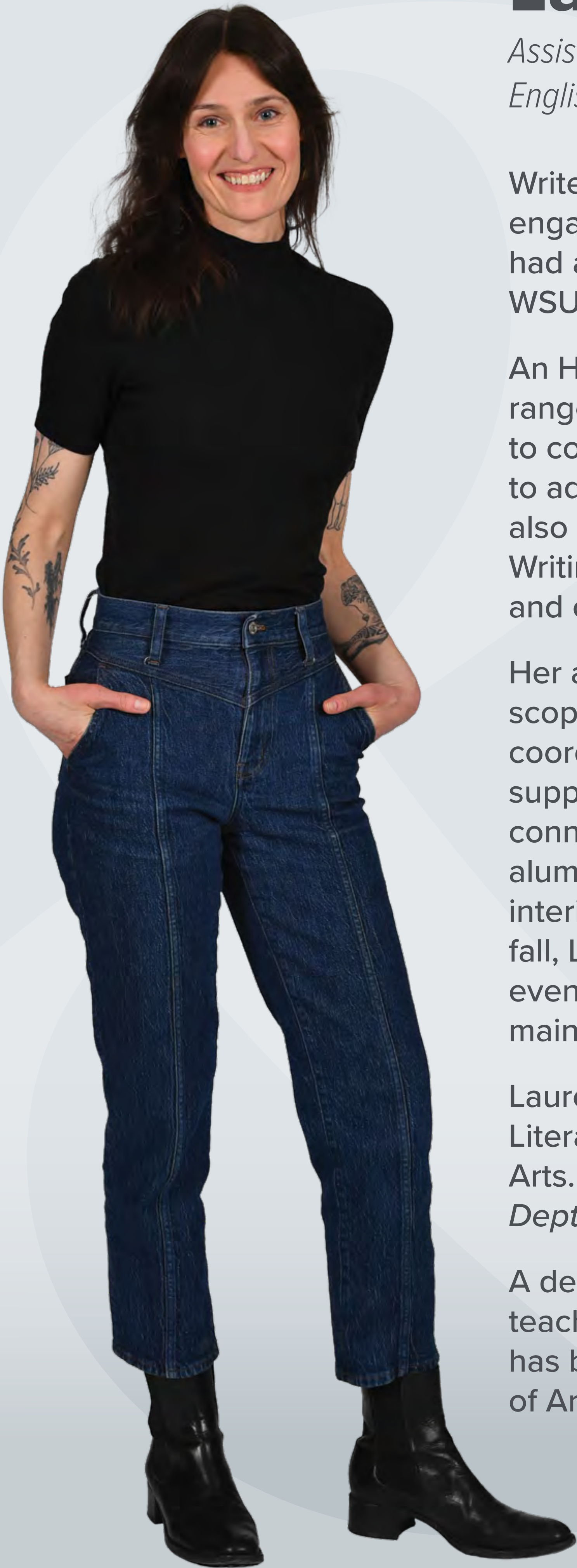


Early Career Achievement

Lauren Westerfield

*Assistant Professor, Career Track
English*



Writer and editor Lauren Westerfield is an engaging and innovative professor who has had a tremendous impact since joining the WSU faculty in 2018.

An Honors Faculty Fellow, Lauren teaches a wide range of courses—from digital storytelling (DTC) to contextual understanding in the arts (Honors) to advanced professional writing (English). She also developed a popular new course, *Creative Writing Now*, which explores contemporary craft and conventions across genres.

Her administrative skills span a similarly broad scope. As the editing and publishing certificate coordinator and editor-in-chief for the WSU-supported journal *Blood Orange Review*, Lauren connects students with valuable internships and alumni networking opportunities. In the role of interim director of undergraduate studies last fall, Lauren participated in student recruitment events, submitted UCORE courses approvals, and maintained a stellar internal assessment program.

Lauren is the recipient of a 2022 Fellowship in Literature from the Idaho Commission on the Arts. Her first book of essays and autofiction, *Depth Control*, is due out in 2025.

A delightful colleague with extensive talents in teaching, creative activity, and service, Lauren has become an invaluable member of the College of Arts & Sciences.

