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EDUCATION

MFA in Creative Writing

May 2015

Rutgers University, Camden, NJ

*Thesis with Distinction/ GPA 3.98

BA in Creative Writing, Minor in Theatre Arts

May 2013

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

*Cum Laude

TEACHING

English Composition Instructor

2015-Present

Liberal Arts Department, Rowan College at Burlington County

- Planned and taught research intensive writing course for incoming undergraduate students.
- Planned and taught a writing intensive course with focus in literary analysis.
- Engaged students in lively discussions of rhetorical strategies and techniques, as well as college-level creative literary texts.
- Workshopped student essays to foster growth of socially aware and linguistically competent young writers.
- Used instructional technology to enhance pedagogical technique.

English Composition/Reading Instructor

2015-Present

Liberal Arts Department, Rowan College at Gloucester County

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- Planned and taught a writing intensive course with focus in literary analysis.
- Engaged students in lively discussions of rhetorical strategies and techniques, as well as college-level creative literary texts.
- Workshopped student essays to foster the growth of socially aware and linguistically competent young writers.
- Cultivated college-level reading skills for incoming students through incorporation of diverse voices and varied genres.
- Used instructional technology to enhance pedagogical technique.

Reading/Writing Skills Instructor

2014-Present

Department of Academic Skills, Camden County College

- Planned and taught reading and writing intensive courses for at-risk developmental students.
- Used instructional technology to enhance pedagogical technique.
- Helped to workshop department-wide reading based prompts for developmental writers.
- Engaged students in lively discussions of rhetorical strategies and techniques.
- Cultivated college-level reading skills for developmental students through incorporation of diverse voices and varied genres.

Guest Teaching Artist**2014-Spring***Rutgers North Camden Schools Partnership, Cooper's Poynt Elementary*

- Developed activity-based creative writing workshops after school that introduced fourth and fifth grade students to basic level creative writing skills.
- Created a safe writing space for students to share their work and their experiences.
- Conducted both group and individual reading and writing activities.

Graduate Assistant to Pat Rosal**2013-Fall***Department of English-Literature, Rutgers University*

- Graded weekly writing assignments and provided detailed feedback.
- First point of contact for undergraduate students; responsible for answering questions pertaining to the curriculum.
- Conducted administrative duties (e.g. attendance, distributing make-up assignments, facilitated classes involving guest speakers).

Level 4 Camp Counselor**2013-Summer***Camp IDS at Corbett Preparatory School*

- Developed age-appropriate artistic curriculum with colleagues for elementary and middle school aged children weekly for summer day camp.
- Followed established Kagan Cooperative Learning curriculum with mentors in reading and mathematics for elementary school aged children.
- Fostered a safe yet enjoyable camp environment for all students.

PUBLICATIONS

"Metempsychosis: The Princess of Darkness" – <i>The Bleeding Lion</i>	2015
"Also Kind of About Breasts" – <i>Wordpool Press</i>	2014
"To My Darling Daughter (On the Day of Your Birth)" – <i>Wordpool Press</i>	2014
"In Restless Walks She'll Prowl the Night" – <i>Wordpool Press</i>	2014
"Black Ice" – <i>Four Ties Lit Review</i>	2014
"That Night" – <i>Four Ties Lit Review</i>	2014
"The Yellow Bassinet" – <i>Four Ties Lit Review</i>	2014
"High Fidelity" – <i>Eber & Wein Publishing Co.</i>	2012

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Summer Writing Seminar at Martha's Vineyard Creative Writing Institute	2016
40 th Annual Southampton Writers Conference	2015
Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference	2015
"Oversexualization: The Agency Stealer..." presented at EGSA Graduate Conference	2015
"Non-Traditional Teaching Methods..." presented at Graduate Research Symposium	2014
Teaching with Technology in the Developmental Writing Classroom	2014
Summer Fiction Writing Workshop with Peter Markus	2014
29 th Annual Rutgers University Camden Summer Writer's Conference	2014
Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference	2014
Travel Writing Course Abroad in Amsterdam with Lisa Zeidner	2014
27 th Annual Rutgers University Camden Summer Writer's Conference	2012

READINGS & INTRODUCTIONS

Participant Reading at 40 th Annual Southampton Writers Conference	2015
Rutgers-Temple Joint Student Reading (Poetry)	2014
Introduced Brenda Shaughnessy at Writers in Camden Series	2014
End of Conference Reading at 29 th Annual Rutgers Summer Conference	2014
Introduced Kathleen Graber at 29 th Annual Rutgers Summer Conference	2014
Reading in conjunction with University of Amsterdam (Poetry)	2014
Introduced Curtis Bauer at Writers in Camden Series	2013
“Postmarked: The Suburbs” Thesis Reading at Stageworks Theatre	2013
Rutgers Student Reading Series (Poetry)	2013
End of Conference Reading at 27 th Annual Rutgers Summer Conference	2012
Introduced Dana Spiada at 27 th Annual Rutgers Summer Conference	2012
“Reverberation” with Steve Everett (Poetry)	2012
“Fever” benefiting Metropolitan Ministries with Belinda Womack (Poetry)	2010
“La Rosa Negra” with local Tampa writers (Poetry)	2009

PROFESSIONAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Co-Chair

2014-2015

Rutgers Student Reading Series

- Organized monthly student readings on and off campus.
- Reviewed and solicited artists for participation in readings.
- Initiated relationships with students from other universities to create joint reading events.

Poetry Staff/Non-Fiction Editor

2014-2015

Cooper Street Journal

- Reviewed and solicited poems/essays for possible publication.
- Collaborated with a team of readers and editors to choose writing that best suited our goals as an organization and mission statement.

President

2014-2015

Rutgers University MFA Student Organization

- Organized and conducted monthly meetings to discuss department-wide initiatives.
- Organized fundraising events to benefit Cooper Street Journal, Student Reading Series, student attendance for the Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference, and annual MFA graduation reading.
- Actively encouraged involvement among the student body.
- Facilitated “Louder Than a Bomb, Camden,” youth poetry slam.

Freelance Technical Writer

Jul-Sep 2014

Innovative Payroll Services

- Created new marketing materials by synthesizing company initiatives and existing literature.

- Conducted company-wide interviews to write all new hiring packets and job descriptions.
- Engaged in weekly department meetings.

Judge

March 2014

Louder Than a Bomb, Camden

- Scored student poetry performances.
- Tallied results among judges and selected a winning team.

Volunteer Coordinator

2013-2014

Writers in Camden Series

- Supervised and facilitated all guest artists events.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of Writers and Writing Programs

LANGUAGES

- Spanish: Basic
- American Sign Language: Basic

REFERENCES

Julie Yankanich, Chair of Academic Skills Department
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