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EDUCATION

MFA in Creative Writing – Fiction

Northeast Ohio Master of Fine Arts. May 2022.

BA in Arts & Sciences – English

Kent State University. May 2018.

AA in Liberal Arts & Sciences

Cuyahoga Community College. May 2015.

PUBLICATIONS

Short Stories

“I Saw an Alien Today” *Camel Coat Press*. 2019.

“Wishful Thinking” *Luna Negra*. 2021.

“Universe On a Stick” *On the Run*. Forthcoming.

Poetry

“If Not for Me, for Them.” WKSU. 2021.

“Ms. Comet.” *Camel Coat Press*. 2019

ACADEMIC TEACHING

Hopkins Post-Graduate Fellowship

John Carroll University, Cleveland, OH. 2022 - Present.

- Contribute to the intellectual life of the English Department.
- Develop anti-racist lesson plans and workshops in the classroom.
- Introduce BIPOC and LGBTQ+ authors to students.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Kent State University, Kent, OH. 2019 – 2022.

- Instructor of college writing classes with a focus on author’s intent and audience’s interaction with different forms of media.
- Selected in a highly competitive environment to instruct a creative writing class.
- Manage classes both in-person and online.

Graduate Teaching Artist

Wick Poetry Center, Kent, OH. 2019 – 2022.

- Used poetry as an incentive for bringing the Edgewood, Akron community together in an 8-week workshop, and led a team of graphic designers to create visual designs of their poems.
- Collaborated with the Brain Health Research Institute at Kent State University to initiate poetry workshops for Kent State freshmen that aim to support their mental health and well-being.
- Created an anthology of poems from the result of leading an 8-week workshop at Skeels-Mathew Community Center.
- Lead Teaching Artist for Wick Juniors Writing Camp in 2021 at the Cuyahoga National Valley Park, grades 4th and 5th.
- Co-lead teaching artist for Textures, a creative writing workshop centered around the celebration of Black hair.

City Year AmeriCorps Member

Cleveland, OH. 2018 – 2019

- Provided more than 1,700 hours of service as a tutor, mentor, and role model to inner city schools in Cleveland.
- Recognized by City Year for “If I Were a Superhero,” an ELA lesson plan designed for third graders to learn vocabulary, paragraph formatting, and ways to help their communities.
- Contacted several food organizations such as Giant Eagle and successfully sponsored food for the Mound STEM 2019 Spelling Bee.

PRESENTATIONS & READINGS

Writing

“Imagining New Futures: Speculative Fiction.” Writing Workshop. Cuyahoga County Public Library. Zoom. 2022.

Teaching

“Creative Writing and Community: Connecting the Classroom to Worlds Beyond the Classroom.” Panel. Literary Cleveland’s Inkubator Conference. Cleveland, OH. 2022

“The Future is in Color: An Introduction to Afrofuturism.” Seminar.

Literary Cleveland’s Amplified Projects. Zoom. 2021.

Wick Poetry Reading Series. Kent, OH. 2021.

Cuyahoga County Public Library. Zoom. 2021.

Lakeland Community College. Kirtland, OH. 2021

Elizabeth’s Bookshop & Writing Centre. Akron, OH. 2022.

Winter Writing Camp. Youngstown, OH. 2022.

Chautauqua Institution. OH. 2022

Readings

Reading with Kari-Gunter Seymour, Ohio Poet Laureate. John Carroll University, Cleveland OH. 2022

“Cleveland Drafts Literary Festival.” Cleveland, OH. 2019.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Fiction Workshop Facilitator for Cuyahoga Community Public Library. Euclid, OH. 2022

Teaching Artist for Writer's in Residence. John Carroll University. 2022

Leading Fiction Instructor for John Carroll's Youth Writer's Workshop. John Carroll University. 2022.

Mentor

Community Compass. Chautauqua, NY. 2022.

- Lead dialogues with marginalized students from community colleges visiting Chautauqua.
- Created different debriefing activities to help students reflect on their Chautauqua visit.

Poet Residency at Fernway Elementary School. Shaker Heights, OH. 2022.

Judge for the Engleman Creative Writing Contest. Kent State University. 2022.

Bookshop Associate

Elizabeth's Bookshop & Writing Centre. Akron, OH. 2022 – Present.

- Promote and sell BIPOC and LGBTQ+ books in all genres.
- Pilot poetry workshops for first-time poets or individuals interested in poetry.

Intern

Literary Cleveland. Cleveland, OH. 2021.

- Developed a 2-hour seminar entitled "The Future is in Color: An Introduction to Afrofuturism" discussing the genre and movement of Afrofuturism, its history, and its purpose in "unlearning" misconceptions about African history.
- Collaborated with Twelve Literary Arts to compile an Afrofuturist playlist as part of my 2-hour seminar.
- Compiled a spreadsheet of creative writing non-profit organizations and bookstores all over Cleveland.

Volunteer Reader for Raven Literacy Agency. 2021.

Volunteer Beta Reader for *Through the Colors of a Butterfly*. 2019.

Recruitment Associate for City Year Cleveland. 2019.

Volunteer Reader for Northeast Ohio Medical University's Carlos Williams Poetry Competition. 2018.

Editor

Luna Negra. Kent State University. 2017 – 2018.

- Read, edit, and proofread submitted work by undergraduate students at Kent State.
- Applied creative ideas to advertise submissions for the magazines, such as small notes scattered across the college campus with writing prompts for writers to feel inspired.
- Hosted poetry readings in the Kent Community to encourage submissions.

Student Worker

Wick Poetry Center. Kent, OH. 2016 – 2018.

- Work with afterschool programs to implement poetry writing workshops for elementary students.
- Provide poetry workshops for refugees and immigrants at the International Institute of Akron.
- Combined poetry and digital technology in Wick Poetry’s Traveling Stanzas project, providing more ease of access to reading and writing poetry.

Volunteer Teacher for Wick Juniors Writing Camp. 2016.

Professional Solicitor for Ruffalo Noel Levitz. 2016 – 2017.

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Student Ambassador for Northeast Ohio Master of Fine Arts. 2021 – present.

Member of Kent State University’s Creative Writing Club. 2016.

Student Ambassador for Cuyahoga Community College (Eastern Campus). 2014 – 2015.

Leader of Cuyahoga Community College’s Social Dialogue. 2014 – 2015.

HONORS & AWARDS

“Giving Voice.” Featured in Article. *Kent State Magazine*. 2020.

“Passing on a Passion for Poetry.” Featured in Article. *Kent State Magazine* 2022.

City Year Purpose Award. 2019.

“City Year Cleveland 2019.” Featured in video. City Year. 2019.

“Wick Poetry Center Visits Skeels Youth.” Featured in Article. Wick Poetry Center. 2017.

REFERENCES

Matt Weinkam – Director of Literary Cleveland

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