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EDUCATION

M.F.A. Creative Writing, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
B.A. Geography, Writing Minor, Texas State University, San Marcos

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Winner, Backwaters Prize in Poetry, The Backwaters Press, 2023
Pushcart Prize Nominee, 2023
Outstanding Adjunct Teaching Award, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, UConn, 2022
Poet Laureate of West Hartford, CT 2017-2020
Winner, Poets Out Loud Prize, Fordham University Press, 2011

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor in English, University of Connecticut - Hartford, 2023-present
Adjunct Faculty, University of Connecticut, Storrs, 2012-2023
Adjunct Faculty, Tunxis Community College, Farmington, 2015-2020
Faculty, Writing Center, St. Edward's University, Austin, 2009
Lecturer, Merritt Writing Program, University of California, Merced, 2005-2007
Writing Instructor, College Prep and College Admissions Advantage Programs, Academic Study Associates, Berkeley, Summer 2005 and 2006
Teaching Associate, Writing Program, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2003-2005
Teaching Associate, English Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2004

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Creative Writing, Poetry, Environmental Writing, Feminist Poetics, 20th and 21st Century American Literature.

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Connecticut, 2012 to present

ENGL 1007 Seminar and Studio in Writing and Multimodal Composition
ENGL 1701 Introduction to Creative Writing
ENGL 2401 Poetry
ENGL 3701 Creative Writing II
ENGL 3703 Advanced Creative Writing Workshop in Poetry
WGSS 1104 Feminisms and The Arts

Tunxis Community College

Eng 101 Composition

University of California

Wri 10 Academic Writing

Wri 1 College Reading and Composition
Cor 1 Core: The World At Home

University of Massachusetts

Eng 354 Creative Writing II
Eng 112 College Writing
Eng 141 Lost In Translation: Translation, Adaptation, Rewriting, Response

SERVICE

University

Member, Wallace Stevens Committee, University of Connecticut, Storrs, 2023-present
Member, Long River Review Graduate Writing Award Committee, University of Connecticut, 2023-present
Member, ad hoc English Futures Committee, University of Connecticut, 2023-present
Member, UConn Reads Committee, University of Connecticut, 2022-2023
Member, English Dept. Adjunct Faculty Affairs Committee, University of Connecticut, 2021-2022
Panelist, MFA/Writer's Life Panel, University of Connecticut, 2016, 2018, 2020
Curriculum Committee Chair, Writing Program, University of California, Merced, 2006-2007
Writing Minor Planning Committee, Writing Program, University of California, 2006
Co-Founder, Faculty Reading Series, University of California, 2006
Field Representative, UC-AFT local chapter, University of California, 2006-2007
Professional Development Fund Committee, UC-AFT local, University of California, 2006
Advisor, UC Merced Creative Writing Club, University of California, 2006
Member, University Women of Merced Network, University of California, 2006-2007
Actress and Advisor, UC Merced V-Day, University of California, Spring 2006

Literary Community

Board Member, Hartford Friends & Enemies of Wallace Stevens, 2021-present
Member, Association of Writers & Writing Programs, ongoing
Curator, Asian American Poets & Community Dialogues, Hartford, 2021
Reader for *Pleiades* magazine, 2021-present
Reader for the Poets Out Loud Prize, Fordham University Press, 2012-present
Reader for the Mountain West Writer's Contest, 2021
Judge, Connecticut Book Prize for Poetry, 2020
Judge, De Caro Poetry Competition, Connecticut Poetry Society, 2020
Judge, Tanka Contest, West Hartford Public Library, 2020
Creator and Host, Poetry Now! program, West Hartford Public Library, 2019-present
Teaching Artist, Badgerdog Literary Workshops, Austin Public Library Foundation, Austin, TX, 2015
Curator, Edgings & Inchings Reading Series, Real Art Ways, Hartford, 2012-2014

Other Service

Poem In Your Pocket Day Assistant, Charter Oak International Academy, West Hartford, 2018-2019
Engagement Co-Chair, Charter Oak International Academy PTO, West Hartford, 2018-2019
English Language Learning Coordinator, Refugee Advocate Services, West Hartford, 2017-2019
Invited Poetry Instructor, Charter Oak International Academy, West Hartford, 2019

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Dear Wallace, The Backwaters Press, forthcoming Fall 2024
Winner, 2023 Backwaters Press Prize in Poetry

Finalist, 2021 Levis Prize, Four Way Books
Finalist, 2022 42 Miles Press Poetry Award
Finalist, 2023 Snyder Prize, Ashland Poetry Press

The Hello Delay, Fordham University Press, 2012
Winner, 2012 Poets Out Loud Prize
Finalist, 2007 Gatewood Prize, Switchback Books
Finalist, 2005 December Prize, Action Books
Finalist, 2005 Autumn House Poetry Contest, Autumn House Books

Chapbooks

The Inevitable Return of What We Do Not Love, Finishing Line Press, 2022.
The Chicories, Ethel Press, 2019.
Figures In A Surplus, Achiote Press, 2010.

Works In Progress

This Close, a book of poems
Finalist, 2019 Gatewood Prize, Switchback Books
Finalist, 2020 Washington Prize, The Word Works

Loop Hole, a book of poems

Poems In Journals & Anthologies

“The Problem of Immediacy,” in *Burrow Press Review*, forthcoming.
“Can’t,” in *Burnside Review*, forthcoming.
Three poems in *Bone Bouquet*, forthcoming.
Portfolio of poems in *Tupelo Quarterly*, Issue 30, Summer 2023.
“Texas Landscapes,” in *RHINO*, Summer 2023.
“Lint” and “In My Last Life I Was a Looper Pedal” in *Crab Creek Review*, Summer 2023.
“Accidental” in *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment*, Summer 2023.
“Having Been Born, Having Been Raised,” in *The Ekphrastic Review*, April 2023.
“Sowing It,” in *Radar Poetry*, Issue 35, February 2023.
“Another Story,” in *Barrow Street*, Winter 2022-23.
“What Was Happening,” in *Orion*, Winter 2022.
“How It Is,” in *Poetic Journeys*, May 2022.
Four poems in *Posit*, Issue 30, May 2022.
“Poem,” in *Painted Bride Quarterly*, Issue 101, March 2022.
“I Think About the Boys I Loved,” in *Sip Cup*, Issue 9, March 2022.
“Nest” and “The Walk” in *Trampoline*, Issue 10.2, November 2021.
“Professional Harpist,” *The Connecticut Literary Anthology*, October 2021.
“Portals Are Having a Moment,” *Zócalo Public Square*, September 17, 2021.
“Balm” and “Hibiscus,” in *New American Writing*, No. 39, 2021.
“Tired,” *Walkers in the City*, edited by Dennis Barone, OHM Editions, 2021.
Three poems from “Dear Wallace,” in *Western Humanities Review*, Vol. 74.1, Spring 2020.
Two poems from “Dear Wallace” in *Interim*, Vol. 36.5, Fall 2020.
Five poems from “Dear Wallace” in *The Wallace Stevens Journal*, Vol 44.2, Fall 2020.
Three poems from “Dear Wallace,” in *Salamander*, #50, Spring/Summer 2020.
“Eyelet,” in *Southern Humanities Review*, Vol. 53.1, Spring 2020.
“No Such Thing,” in *The Ilanot Review*, online, Spring 2020.
“Lottery,” in *Ghost City Review*, online, April 2020.
“Dear Wallace [Fortunately, my kid was wrong],” finalist for the Greg Grummer Poetry Contest, *Phoebe*, online, Vol. 48.2, Summer 2019.

Three poems in *Transom*, online, Issue 13, Summer 2019.
 Six poems from “Dear Wallace” in *the tiny*, online, Fall 2018.
 “Slave To The Real,” in *Borderlands: Texas Poetry Review*, No. 47, 2018.
 “Chicories: Ten Poems” in *The Seattle Review*, Vol. 8, No. 2, 2015.
 Three poems in *Divine Magnet*, online, Spring 2015.
 “You and Me Dear” and “Signal” in *Tinderbox Poetry Journal*, online, Winter 2015.
 “What’s Next” and “Portraiture, Modern” in *Coconut Magazine*, online, Fall 2013.
 “Catacombs” and “Why Don’t You” in *Lungfull!*, Spring 2012.
 Three poems in *CURÁ*, online, Fall 2012.
 Untitled poem, August Poetry Postcard Festival, Float Press, Summer 2012.
 “Something Must Be Described” in *Caketrain*, Winter 2009.
 “Producing For A While” in *make/shift*, Spring 2009.
 “Mindful Or” and “If Anything” in *aPlod*, Spring 2008.
 “Through Appetite” in *Back Room Live*, Spring 2008.
 “Assemblage” and “Can I Be A Part Of Your We” in *Mrs. Maybe*, Fall 2007.
 “In Your Rushes...” and “That Curious Slight Movement...” in *WOMB*, online, Winter 2007.
 Three poems in *Bird Dog*, Fall 2006.
 “Beside Ourselves” in *American Letters and Commentary*, Fall 2006.
 “The Sorrows” and “Synopsis” in *Denver Quarterly*, Fall 2006.
 Three poems in *27 Rue de fleurs*, online Spring 2006.
 “Of the Many Ways Back to the Body” in *Many Mountains Moving*, 2006.
 Three poems in *Glitter Pony*, online Spring 2006.
 Three poems in *the tiny*, March 2006.
 Five poems in *Art New England*, August/September 2005.
 “Rapunzelus Goldilocksii” in *Fairy Tale Review* debut issue, 2005.
 “Seven Parts on the Body” in *Diner*, Spring/Summer 2005.
 “Four” in *Four Corners*, Spring 2005.
 “More and Less” and “New Objectivism” in *Word for / Word*, online Winter 2005.
 “Incrementation (3)” in *POOL: A Journal of Poetry*, Fall 2004.
 “Incrementation (1)” and “Incrementation (2)” in *Verse*, online September 2004.
 “Convolvulus,” *Wild Earth*, May 2004.
 “The Unfolding,” *Indiana Review*, Spring 2003.

INVITED READINGS (selected, last five years)

Poetry reading for River Bend Bookshop, West Hartford, CT, April 2023.
 Poetry reading for UConn Hartford, Barnes & Noble, Hartford, CT, March 2023.
 Poetry reading for Third Thursdays Poetry, Brookline, MA, January 2023.
 Poetry reading for WordHouse Series, West Hartford, CT, December 2022.
 Poetry reading for Creative Sustenance Benefit, Storrs, CT, November 2022.
 Poetry reading for The Friends and Enemies of Wallace Stevens, on Zoom, April 2022.
 Poetry reading for the Connecticut Literary Anthology, Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT, October 2021.
 Poetry reading for Walkers in the City book release, on Zoom, May 2021.
 Poetry reading for CT Poets Respond, on Vimeo, April 2020.
 Poetry reading for Wintonbury Poetry Series, Bloomfield, CT, November 2019.
 Poetry reading for ArtSpace Open Studios, New Haven, CT, November 2019.
 Poetry reading for Wild Patience: A Feminist Poetry Reading, Austin, TX, July 2019.
 Poetry reading for Poetry In The Park, West Hartford, CT, June 2019.
 Poetry reading for Poor Mouth Poetry Series, The Bronx, NY, June 2019.
 Poetry reading for Noah Webster House Poetry Read-In, West Hartford, CT, April 2019.
 Poetry reading for Readings at The Mill Works, Willington, CT, April 2019.
 Poetry reading for Charter Oak Readings Poetry Series, Hartford, CT, February 2019.

Poetry reading for Poet Laureates Connect Series, Hartford, CT, February 2019.
Poetry reading for Imagine Main Street, Manchester, CT, August 2018.
Poetry reading for Poetry In The Park, West Hartford, CT, June 2018.
Poetry reading, University of Connecticut, Hartford, CT, April 2018.
Poetry reading for CT Coalition of Poets Laureate, Manchester, CT, November 2017.
Poetry reading for West End Poetry Society Reading Series, Hartford, CT, October 2017.
Poetry reading for Syllable Reading Series, Hartford, CT, October 2017.