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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**

Awardee, Community Collaborations Teaching Grant, UConn Hartford, Spring 2025  
Awardee, Community Collaborations Teaching Grant, UConn Hartford, Spring 2024  
Winner, Backwaters Press Prize in Poetry, The Backwaters/University of Nebraska 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, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century American Literature.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Books

*Dear Wallace*, The Backwaters / University of Nebraska Press, 2024.

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

*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 (submitted to presses)

*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.  
Finalist, 2024 YesYes Books Open Reading Selections  
Finalist, 2024 Colorado Prize for Poetry

*If You Had A Baby*, a poetry chapbook.  
Finalist, 2025 Chapbook Prize, Sixth Finch Books

#### Poems In Journals & Anthologies (selected, last 10 years)

"Foraging, No Meadow" in *Ocean State Review*, forthcoming.  
Three poems in *New England Review*, Issue 45.4, Winter 2024.  
"Dust Jacket" in *Rust + Moth*, Winter 2024.  
"Don't Call It Beauty," in *Conduit*, Issue 34, Fall 2024.  
"The Hinterlands," in *Birdcoat Quarterly*, Issue 16, Winter 2024.  
Three poems in *Bone Bouquet*, Issue 10.2, Fall 2023.  
"The Problem of Immediacy," in *Burrow Press Review*, September 12, 2023.  
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.

### CONFERENCE PAPERS

Panelist, “Write To It, Write Through It: Finding Community in Adversity,” Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP) Conference, Kansas City, MO, February 2024.

### INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

Visiting Writer, Westminster School, Simsbury, CT, scheduled for December 11-12, 2025.

Visiting Writer, Advanced Poetry Workshop, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, May 2024.

Guest Lecturer, UNIV 1820 Engaging With Nature, Prof. Cynthia Jones, UConn Storrs, October 2024.

### INVITED READINGS (selected, last five years)

Poetry reading for Politics & Prose Bookstore, Washington, DC, April 2025.

Poetry reading for Unnameable Books, Turners Falls, MA, April 2025.

Poetry reading for River Bend Bookshop, West Hartford, CT, April 2025.

Poetry reading for Riverwood Poetry Series, West Hartford, CT, March 2025.

Poetry reading for Mark Twain House, Hartford, CT, October 2024.

Poetry reading for Wild Patience at AWP Conference, Kansas City, MO, February 2024.

Poetry reading for Celebration of West Hartford Laureates, West Hartford, CT, October 2023.

Poetry reading for Poets at Large Reading Series, Pomfret, CT, October 2023.

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 Reading 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.

### COURSES TAUGHT

University of Connecticut, 2012 to present

ENGL 1007 Seminar and Studio in Writing and Multimodal Composition

ENGL 1601W Race, Gender, and the Culture Industry

ENGL 1616W Major Works of English & American Literature

ENGL 2401 Poetry

ENGL 2635E Literature and the Environment

ENGL 2701 Creative Writing I

ENGL 3701 Creative Writing II

ENGL 3703 Advanced Creative Writing Workshop in Poetry

ENGL 3715E Nature Writing Workshop

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

Co-Chair, Wallace Stevens Poetry Program Committee, University of Connecticut, Storrs, 2024-2025

Member, ad hoc English Futures Committee, University of Connecticut, 2023-present

Curator and host, Poetry Reading featuring Nathan McClain and Henk Rossouw, University of Connecticut, Hartford, October 2024

Secondary Advisor, English PhD Committee for Anh Le, Spring 2025

Honors Thesis Supervisor, English Major Leann Del Rio, 2024-2025

Coordinator, Poetry Banners Project, University of Connecticut, Hartford, 2024

Curator and host, Poetry Reading featuring Debora Kuan and Jared Stanley, University of Connecticut, Hartford, April 2024

Planner and participant, Fresh Check Day, University of Connecticut, Hartford, April 2024

Curator and host, Poetry Reading featuring Trace Peterson and m. mick powell, University of Connecticut, Hartford, April 2024

Planner and facilitator, Terrance Hayes Discussion and Workshop, University of Connecticut, Hartford, March 2024

Member, Wallace Stevens Poetry Program Committee, University of Connecticut, Storrs, 2023-2024

Member, Long River Review Graduate Writing Award Committee, University of Connecticut, 2023-2024

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, Merced, 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

Creator and Host, Poetry Now program, West Hartford Public Library, 2019-present

Reader for University of Nebraska Press, 2025

Member, Association of Writers & Writing Programs, ongoing

Curator, Asian American Poets & Community Dialogues, Hartford, 2021

Reader for *Pleiades* magazine, 2021-2023

Reader for the Poets Out Loud Prize, Fordham University Press, 2012-present  
Reader for the Mountain West Writer's Contest, 2021  
West Hartford Poet Laureate, 2017-2020  
Judge, Connecticut Book Prize for Poetry, 2020  
Judge, De Caro Poetry Competition, Connecticut Poetry Society, 2020  
Judge, Tanka Contest, West Hartford Public Library, 2020  
Teaching Artist, Badgerdog Literary Workshops, Austin Public Library Foundation, Austin, Texas, 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