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TEACHING AND RELATED EXPERIENCE

AUGUST 2016 – PRESENT

ELA TEACHER, HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

I teach six sections of ELA with experience at secondary level adhering to state standards.

AUGUST 2013 – MAY 2014

EDITORIAL INTERN, SMITHSONIAN BOOKS

Assisted the editor and editorial assistant on tasks ranging from running acquisition meetings, to making edits, to organizing contract archives.

JUNE 2012 – JUNE 2013

POETRY EDITORY, CATCH LITERARY MAGAZINE

Solicited and read through submissions to the magazine and made selections for publication. Facilitated signing of publishing contracts.

SEPTEMBER 2010 – DECEMBER 2010

TEACHING ASSISTANT, KNOX COLLEGE

Taught college level writing specifically targeting key areas such as outlining, the use of quotes and citation, and constructing thesis statements and introductory paragraphs.

EDUCATION

JUNE 2015

MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN WRITING, PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Thesis: *Old Tea: A Collection of Poems*

Narrative transcripts available upon request.

AUGUST 2013

CERTIFICATE IN PUBLISHING, UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Coursework followed the publishing industry from acquisitions, editing, and design to marketing and sales. All types of presses were covered. ranging from university presses to the big-five.

JUNE 2013

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING & POLITICAL SCIENCE, KNOX COLLEGE

Honors Thesis: *Bukhoor: A Collection of Poems*

GPA: 3.67, Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS, PERFORMANCES & READINGS, AND AWARDS

Publications:

Cavendish Square Publishing

- Countee Cullen: Poet, textbook, August 2016

Catch Literary Magazine

- "To Yesenin", poem, Spring 2012
- "God Songs" [excerpts], creative non-fiction essay, Spring 2012
- "Letters to Jim Harrison" [excerpts], 3 poems, Spring 2011
- "Prayers Under Blankets", poem, Fall 2010

The Interlochen Review

- "Lullaby", poem, May 2009

The Knox Student

Columnist for "World Politics Corner":

- *Last Thoughts: Finding Truth and Understanding*, May 22, 2013
- *Learning from the Tragedy at the Boston Marathon Bombing*, May 2, 2013
- *Marriage Inequality*, April 10, 2013
- *Immigration Reform: a personal experience*, February 20, 2013
- *Who is Kuwaiti?*, January 30, 2013
- *Can We Just Admit That Nobody Cares About Syria?*, January 16, 2013
- *Vice-Presidential Debates*, October 17, 2012
- *Dealing with Discrimination, Caste System in India*, October 3, 2012
- *A Muslim Student's Take on "Innocence of Muslims"*, September 20, 2012
- *When Good Men Do Nothing*, April 19, 2012
- *Questioning Western Terminology*, April 11, 2012
- *Keeping Western Hands Off Africa*, April 4, 2012
- *Love Around the World*, February 15, 2012
- *The Politics of Genocide Denial*, February 8, 2012
- *Nuclear Double Standards*, January 25, 2012
- *Iraq's Oily Problem*, January 11, 2012
- *Election Season Comes to Tunisia*, October 26, 2011
- *The Death of Anwar Al-Awlaki*, October 5, 2011
- *Pakistan's Problems*, September 28, 2011
- *Independent Palestine?*, September 22, 2011
- *Bin Laden*, May 5, 2011
- *Qur'an Burning*, April 21, 2011
- *Terrorist of Victim?*, April 7, 2011
- *Muslim Brotherhood*, February 17, 2011
- *Revolt in Egypt*, February 3, 2011
- *Weeding Out Disagreeables*, January 13, 2011
- *The Myth of Targeted Strikes*, October 28, 2010
- *You Are Either With US or We'll Sanction You*, May 26, 2010
- *Middle East Deportations?*, April 29, 2010
- *Islamophobia in Europe*, April 15, 2010

Reporter:

- *Obamacare and the Partisan Summit*, March 4, 2010
- *Student-run Forum Addresses Assault*, March 4, 2010

Letters to the Editor:

- *Open Letter on Diversity to Our Respected Faculty*, February 1, 2012
- *Women of Influence Raised Nearly \$800 for Pakistan Flood*, October 28, 2010
- *The Pitfalls of Anonymity*, February 25, 2010

Performances & Readings:

- **Thesis Reading**, Pacific University, June 2015
 - Reading series upon the completion and acceptance of a thesis.
- **Student Readings**, Pacific University
 - Reading series for current students at the MFA candidates, performances June 2013, January 2014, June 2014, January 2015, June 2015
- **Senior Night**, Knox College 2013
 - Readings for all senior creative writing majors
- ***For colored girls who have considered suicide / when the rainbow is enuf***, choreopoem, Knox College, spring 2011
 - Lady Orange and Lady Red
- ***Terrorist Airlines***, comedic monologue, Knox College, winter 2010
 - Wrote and performed monologue
- **Student Reading**, Interlochen Arts Academy, May 2009
 - Reading series for graduating creative writing majors
- **Poet's Night Out**, Traverse City Michigan 2008
 - "The man who dreamt he was a butterfly", poem, voted audience favorite

Awards:

- **Hermann R. Muelder Prize**; scholarship for excellence in American studies, 2009-2013
- **Alpha Delta Epsilon Award**; for a commitment to and passion for social diversity, 2012
- **Reverend Pete Hosutt Award**; for working with youth or within religious organizations, 2012
- **Pearl Harris Award**; for the greatest contribution as a campus citizen, 2012
- **Poet's Night Out**; audience favorite, 2008
- **Fresh! Literary Magazine**; Short Story Award, second place 2008
- **Live Poets Society of New Jersey**; American High School Poetry Award, second place 2008

MEMBERSHIPS

- **Oregon Poets Association**, member since 2015
- **Association for Writers and Writing Programs**, member since 2013
- **Mortar Board**, member since 2013
- **Pi Sigma Alpha**, member since 2013

ACTIVITIES

- **Student Petition**, Knox College – Galesburg, IL, 2011-2012

- Primary Sponsor: Presented minority student concerns over issues of inclusivity and discrimination to college faculty and administration by holding discussions, writing op-eds in the student paper, and attending faculty meetings. Teamed up with faculty to add a diversity credit requirement in the curriculum.
- **Women of Influence**, Knox College – Galesburg, IL, 2010-2013
 - President 2013: Created partnerships with community organizations to mentored at-risk middle school and high school girls dealing with issues of bullying, self-esteem, and body image through group talks, presentations, and educational materials such as documentary viewings.
 - Philanthropy Chair 2011-2012: partnered with local groups to create service opportunities for members, tracked and logged members service hours.
 - Member 2010
- **Islamic Club**, Knox College – Galesburg, IL, 2010-2013
 - President 2010-2013: Pioneered and moderated interfaith dialogue through "Faith Mixers," inviting other faith clubs for consistently high attendance of at least 20 active participants, spoke at panels and events as a featured guest lecturer on topics of religion and the Middle East.
- **Oriental Hipsters**, Knox College 2011-2013
 - Vice-President: Co-founded belly dance group centered on cultural exchange and positive body image, drafted charter, taught belly dance classes, organized events, and performed on stage.
- **I-Club**, Knox College 2010-2013
 - Member: A club for international students, performed and volunteered in I-Fair every year.