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EDUCATION

Goucher College Creative Non-Fiction MFA Program, 2018

Recipient of merit scholarship based on strength of scholarship, body of work, and potential of projects to come.

Old Dominion University, 1999, MA in Humanities

James Madison University, 1990, BS in Mathematics

Minors in English and Secondary Education

BOOKS

Your Daily Math, Fall River Press, 2016, Barnes & Noble, 2017

Math for Writers, Limitless Press (Laura Laing), 2014

Math for Grownups, Adams Media, 2011

MAGAZINE AND JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS (partial list)

Essays

"Open Season," *The Common, Dispatches*, August 25, 2021

"Your Leaving," *Consequence Magazine*, Volume 10, Anniversary Issue, Spring 2018

"Dancing between Distance and Intimacy: Peripheral Narratives in Memoir," *Creative Nonfiction*, Issue #66, Dangerous Creations, Spring 2018

"Scars of War: Watching *Battle of the Sexes*," The Rumpus (www.therumpus.com), October 24, 2017

"Clean Slates," Full Grown People (www.fullgrownpeople.com), May 16, 2017

"A Proof of Truth," The Rumpus (www.therumpus.com), March 7, 2017

"The Semi-Free State," Baltimore's *City Paper*, December 2006

"Zoe Has Two Mommies," *Parents*, 2002

Reporting/Long-Form Narrative Nonfiction

"Lifetime: Chase Brexton Celebrates 30 Years," *Baltimore's City Paper*, June 2008

"Rational Decisions: Baltimore's Mental Health Court," *Baltimore's City Paper*, April 2008

"Raising a Glass: Leon's Turns 50," *Baltimore's City Paper*, June 2007

"In Between Days: Baltimore's Transgender Population," *Baltimore's City Paper*, March 2007

"Speed Bump: Maryland Doesn't Have a Meth Problem—Yet," *Baltimore's City Paper*, October 2006

"Holy Mess: The Battle Over St. Stanislaus," *Baltimore's City Paper*, June 2006

Reporting

"Backlog Blues," *USA Today*, Veterans Administration Special Edition, September 2013

"Operation Recovery," *USA Today*, Army Corps of Engineers Special Edition, May 2013

"Creating a Family-Friendly Workplace," *Pet Age*, July 2007

"Shifting Gears: Transitioning Your Technology," *Chiropractic Economics*, August 2008

Profiles

"Union Craft Takes Beer Brewing Seriously," *JMore, Baltimore Jewish Living*, November 2016

"Now That's Magic! A Conversation with Magic Johnson," *Exceptional Americas*, Ernst & Young, 2013

"Heart of a Pioneer, Soul of a Scientist," *Exceptional Americas*, Ernst & Young, 2012

"HIV Positive: A Q&A with Dr. Robert Gallo," *Baltimore's City Paper*, August 2006

"Ingrid Newkirk, PETA," *Norfolk's Inside Business*, 2005

Op-Eds

"My No-Trump Vote Dedication," *Dedicate Your No-Trump Vote (website)*, October 18, 2016

"Marriage Equality Finally Passed in Maryland: Now the Real Battle Begins," *Baltimore's City Paper*, February 2012

"Selling Own Home No Piece of Cake," *Norfolk's Inside Business*, 2005

“Try to Make All Employees—Out or Not—Feel Valued,” *Norfolk’s Inside Business*, 2005

AWARDS

Best Essay, 2019, ASJA Awards for “Your Leaving,” *Consequence magazine*, Volume 10, Anniversary Issue, Spring 2018

AD Emmart Award, Honorable Mention, for exemplary writing in humanities by a Marylander, 2008, for “Raising a Glass: Leon’s Turns 50,” *Baltimore’s City Paper*, June 2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant
Goucher College
Fall 2018

Our Whole Lives (OWL)
Unitarian Universalist sexuality education program for middle and high school students
2010-2017

Mathematics
Math 8, Consumer Math, Geometry, Math Analysis
Windsor High School
1990-1994

TEACHING INTERESTS

Creative writing: essays
Creative writing: memoir
Women’s literature

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Authors and Journalists (ASJA)
Member, current Past President

Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP)

The Association of LGBTQ Journalists (NLGJA)
Former contributor to the organization’s RE:ACT blog, writing about unfair and inaccurate representations of LGBTQ people in the news

PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Gimme a Minute: A Real-Talk Procrastination Webinar for Freelance Writers” ASJA webinar, online 2023

“Stats for Writers” ASJA Conference, online, 2022

“Breaking the Traditional Narrative Arc” *Creative Nonfiction* magazine webinar, online, 2022

“Not Another Male Orgasm: Using the Shapes of Meander, Spiral, Explode in Creative Nonfiction” AWP Conference, Philadelphia, 2022

“Finding and Keeping a Solid Mentorship” AWP Conference, San Antonio, 2020

“Little to Big: When 800 Words Becomes a Book” ASJA Conference, Washington DC, 2019

“Book Pitch Slam” ASJA Conference, New York City, 2019

“Welcome Back Longform Narrative Nonfiction!” ASJA Conference, New York City, 2018

“Interviewing for Story,” ASJA Conference, New York City, 2017

“Spice Up Your Story Telling with Statistics,” ASJA Conference, New York City, 2013

“Math for Writers,” ASJA Conference, New York City, 2011

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Writer and Author, 2002-present

Staff Writer, *Inside Business* (Norfolk), 2004-2005

Online Content Producer, *Virginian-Pilot* (PilotOnline, HamptonRoads.com), 1999-2004

Sales Representative, *Virginian-Pilot* (PilotOnline, HamptonRoads.com), 1998-1999

Marketing Associate, Virginia Stage Company, 1996-1998

Development Director and Volunteer Coordinator, Tidewater AIDS Crisis Taskforce (TACT), 1994-1996

Mathematics Teacher, Windsor High School, Isle of Wight County, Virginia, 1990-1994