

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, January 2013.

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing; Concentration: Poetry; GPA 4.0

Thesis: Walking Across Glass

Advisor: Baron Wormser

Belemont Abbey College, Belmont, NC, December 1999.

Bachelor of Fine Arts in History

Concentration: American History; GPA 3.28.

LANGUAGES:

Intermediary Proficiency in Armenian

Basic Proficiency in Tagalog and Ilocano

RESEARCH AND COMPUTER SKILLS:

Highly proficient computer skills, from internet research to Word and PowerPoint.

Manage library website at Benedictine College Preparatory. The website offers links to reputable literary databases online, to provide Cadets and Faculty access to information, tools to facilitate teaching, learning and research, and to foster a lifelong love of reading.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Librarian: 2011 to Present

Benedictine College Preparatory

- Assist students with public access catalogs, library computer systems, and audiovisual equipment.
- Assist in special projects: researching local history and teaching internet research methods.

United States Peace Corps ESL INSTRUCTOR (Philippines) 2008 to 2010

- Developed and taught language lessons with an emphasis on reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Outside Tutoring.
- Initiated teaching seminars in classroom management and grant writing for local teachers.
- Initiated Feature Writing and Creative Writing classes on the high school level and university level.

United States Peace Corps ESL INSTRUCTOR (Armenia) 2006 to 2008

- Developed and taught language lessons with an emphasis on reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
- Developed an English Language Resource Center.
- Co-authored the booklet: English Language Education Project Framework.

PERIODICALS ASSISTANT 2005 to 2006

Belmont Abbey College

- Prepared bindery and made claims for missing periodicals for Duplicate Exchange.
- Updated Union Listing of periodicals with the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) Assisted students with public access catalogs, library computer systems, and audio visual equipment.
- Assisted in special projects: researching local history, teaching internet research methods and writing research papers.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT 2005

U.S. House of Representatives - Washington, DC.

- Advised the Congressman on the following issues: Education, Welfare Reform, International Relations, Environment, Small Business, and Social Issues.

OFFICE MANAGER 2004

McHenry for Congress

- Organized financial and campaign records.
- Organized incoming and outgoing mail.

MEMBER OF THE MONASTIC COMMUNITY 01/2000 to 03/2004
Belmont Abbey/Belmont Abbey College – Belmont, NC

- Religious Name: Brother Boniface.
- Wrote course materials such as syllabi, homework assignments, and handouts.
- Coached students on public speaking and presentation skills.
- Fostered students' commitment to lifelong learning by connecting course materials to broader themes and current events.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE:

Poetry Reader for Drunken Boat: 2013 to 2016: <http://www.drunkenboat.com/>

Freelance Editor: 2014 to present.

PUBLICATIONS:

Poetry Books:

The Land of the Four Rivers: My Experience as a US Peace Corps Volunteer in Armenia (2006-2008). Cervena Barva Press, 2012.

Lips Open and Divine. Forthcoming from Winter Goose Publishing, 2016.

Works in Journals and Magazines:

Poetry:

Kentucky Briar April 1975, [Gravel](#) : March 2015, USA (Online).

Iraq, [Off the Coast](#): Fall 2013, USA (Print and Online).

Pysch Interview with a Rape Victim and Aphroditus Walks the Streets of Bimini, [Atticus Review](#): 02 August 2011, USA (Online); [Atticus Review](#): 05 February 2013, USA (Online).

Surly, [Boston Literary Magazine](#): Spring 2010, USA (Online).

Mama's Funeral, [A-Minor Magazine](#): January 2011, USA (Online).

OD, [Muddy River Poetry Review](#): Fall 2011, USA (Online)

La Grotte and Three Drops of Wine, [Dappled Things](#): Easter 2010, USA (Print Only); [Dappled Things](#): SS Peter and Paul 2013-Volume 8 (Issue 3: Print Only).

The Origin of the Sun and Benezir Bhutto, [Cha: An Asian Literary Journal](#): September 2012 (Issue 18: Online) Hong Kong; [Cha: An Asian Literary Journal](#): June 2013 (Issue 21: Online) Hong Kong.

Transplant Tourism and Bad Voodoo, [Noctua Review](#): 18 June 2013, USA (Print and Online)

Chemo, [Bitterzoet Magazine](#): September 2013, USA (Print and Online).

Smoke Jumper, [Coe Review](#), Fall 2014, USA (Print and Online).

Lips Open and Divine, [Emerge Literary Journal](#), Issue 9 2014 (Print Only).

Leaving, San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA, The Hermit Kingdom, [The Transnational](#), Vol. 2: 2015. (Print Only).

Fiction:

The Dancing Lady, [Burnt Bridge](#): 02 February 2011, USA (Online).

Deathwatch, [The Battered Suitcase](#): Volume Three-Issue One-Summer 2010, USA (Print and Online).

November Moon, [Black Lantern Publishing](#): Volume II-Issue No. 4-August 2011, USA (Print Only)

The White Lady, [Crow's Nest Magazine](#): Volume I-Spring 2010, USA (Online).

Breadfruit, [Litsnack](#): 16 November 2010, USA (Online).

Essays and Book Reviews:

Deepening Union: The Life and Achievement of Thomas Oestriech, [The American Benedictine Review](#): Volume 58:2 2007, USA (Print Only).

WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Virginia Festival of the Book, 2012.

Bridgewater International Poetry Festival, Bridgewater, Virginia, 2014.

Panel Judge for Creative Writing Contest in Fiction, Cagayan State University, Philippines, 2009.

Creative Writing Lecturer in Poetry and Fiction, University of Baguio, Philippines, 10 June – 15 June 2009.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member of James River Writers

Poets and Writers Directory

Member of the Modern Language Association

Representative of At the Inkwell, Richmond, Virginia Branch: <http://attheinkwell.com/>

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

Working on a YA Novel that examines the Armenian Genocide of 1915.

Working on a Third Poetry Collection. Working Title: *The Meal that Renews in Love*

CERTIFICATES

How Writers Write Fiction 2015, The University of Iowa.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Winner of the 2013 Best Poetry Book from Peace Corps Writers
- Winner of the 2002 Junior Monk Essay Contest for the essay: "Deepening Union: A Benedictine Commitment." Full text article here: <http://www.osb.org/aba/2002/proceedings/html/Hamilton.html>
- 4 time Pushcart Prize Nominee
- Anselm G. Biggs Scholarship Award (History): 1998-1999