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EDUCATION

- M.F.A. Fiction** Spalding University. Low-residency program in creative writing. May 2013.
- M.A. English** Western Illinois University, Quad-Cities Campus, 2008. Writing emphasis. Awarded full assistantship, 2006-2007. Blue Key Honor Society, 2008. Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 2008. 4.0 GPA.
- B.A. English** St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa, 2006. Minor in Writing, Psychology, Art. 4.0 GPA, PsiChi Honor Society, National Dean's List.
- A.A. Liberal Arts** Scott Community College, Bettendorf, Iowa, 2004. 4.0 GPA. Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Honors Program completed. SCC Environmental Club Treasurer, Fund-Raising Chair (Spring 2003), Green Campus Chair (Fall 2003), President (Spring 2004).

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Who's Who Among Executives, Professionals & Entrepreneurs**, 2011
Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals (Metropolitan), 2006-07
Who's Who in American Women, 2005-06
Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, 2004
National Dean's List, 2003-2006
Who's Who in U.S. Writers, Editors & Poets, 1988

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Royal Neighbors of America, Chapter #20039, President and Poetry Street Project founder, 2008-2009
 Quad-City Labyrinth Project, Director of Web Development, Vice President, 2006-2007
 Midwest Writing Center, Mentor, 2006; Volunteer, 2003, 2009-2012
 Quad City Botanical Center, Writing Internship, 2003-2004
 Friends of Pine Creek Grist Mill, Writer, Wildcat Den State Park, 2004
 SCC Environmental Club, various chair positions, President, 2003-2004
 American Red Cross, Member Disaster Action Team, 1992 - Present

MEMBERSHIPS

- Emerald Art Center, Springfield, OR
- Willamette Writers Association, Eugene, OR
- Writer's Coffee Talk, Eugene, OR
- National Association of Professional Women, New York, NY
- International Women's Writing Guild, New York, NY
- Academy of American Poets, New York, NY
- Association of Writers and Writing Programs, Fairfax, VA
- American Association of University Women, Davenport-Bettendorf Chapter, IA
- Society of Environmental Journalists, Jenkintown, PA
- Association for the Study of Literature and Environment, Keene, NH
- AmericorpsAlums, Atlanta, GA
- American Association of Psychics, Estes Park, CO
- National Association of Professional Women, New York, NY

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- 2017-Present **Instructor**, Lane Community College Continuing Education, Eugene, OR
Teaching personal enrichment classes in writing and a variety of other topics.
- 2016-Present **Founder / President**, The Poetry Street Project, Eugene, OR
Current president for this start-up non-profit organization that seeks to aid writers, artists and other creatives experiencing extreme poverty or homelessness.
- 2015 **Tutor**, Lane Community College, Trio Program, Eugene, OR.
- 2011-Present **CEO**, Psycards USA, Davenport IA (Now Eugene OR)
Heads this single-person company, importing, packaging, marketing, and selling of Psycards and Psycards products. Promotions include public speaking engagements, teaching classes, participating in psychic and metaphysical fairs, and creating marketing materials.
- 1981-2011 **Freelance Writer / Photographer** with a variety of publications including: The Poetry Street Project, Davenport IA; *Acres, USA: A Voice for Ego-Agriculture*, Austin TX; *BackHome Magazine*, Hendersonville NC; *Quad City Times*, Davenport IA;; *SCENE: The Magazine of St. Ambrose University*, Davenport IA; *Transitions Abroad*, Bennington VT; *QC Magazine*, Bettendorf IA; *Dispatch Publishing*, Moline IL; *Desert USA* website; *USATourist* website; *Travelbase* website; *Amateur Chef*, New York NY; *Ephemera, Inc.*, Phoenix OR; *West Valley Times*, Avondale AZ; *The Desert Sun*, Buckeye AZ; *The Awareness Journal*, Tuscon AZ; *The Grapevine*, Phoenix AZ; *Krystal Light'N*, Scottsdale AZ; *Arizona Light*, Phoenix AZ; *Compeer Newsletter*, Phoenix AZ; *Village Life*, Houston TX; *Intuitive Explorations*, Springfield IL; *Katy Kalendar*, Katy TX; *Alief Advocate*, Alief TX; *Colonial House Community Newsletter*, Houston TX; *Plus 60 Magazine*, Davenport IA; *The River Cities Review*, Moline IL; *The Rock Island Argus*, Rock Island IL; *The Prairie Sun*, Peoria IL; *The Daily Dispatch*, Moline IL.
- 2010 **GED Instructor**, Scott Community College Career Assistance Center, Davenport, IA
- 2009 **English Instructor**, Adjunct Faculty, Kaplan University, Davenport, IA
- 2008-09 **Caseworker**, Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc., Davenport, IA
- 2008 **English /Social Sciences Instructor**, Black Hawk College Outreach, East Moline, IL
- 2008 **Community Activist**, BeTheChange, Inc., Cambridge, MA
- 2007 **Tutor**, Scott Community College, Bettendorf, Iowa.
- 2007 **Writing Consultant / Teaching Assistant**, Ashford University, Clinton, Iowa.
- 2006 **Writing Internship**, English Department, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa and Cuenca, Ecuador.
- 2005-2006 **Americorps Volunteer**, VanderVeer Botanical Conservatory, Davenport, Iowa
- 2005-2006 **Writing Tutor**, Student Success Center, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa, Tutor Certification, College Reading & Learning Association, May 2006
- 2001-2002 **Americorps *VISTA Volunteer**, Community Liaison, American Red Cross of the Quad Cities Area, Moline, Illinois
Served one year assignment in Disaster Services training new volunteers, and educating the community. Served as volunteer on 2001 Mississippi River Floods and in New York following the World Trade Center Disaster.
- 2000-2001 **Contract Writer**, Organic Valley/CROPP, La Farge, Wisconsin

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS & PUBLICATIONS

- Author, *Bartleby: A Scrivener's Tale*, Zharmae Publishing, 2017
- Columnist, *The Cartomancer*, 2016-Present
- Blogger, *Spirit Garden*, Pagan Square, <http://www.witchesandpagans.com>, 2016-Present
- Sixth Place, Short Story Contest at Adirondack Editing, "I Can't Help It," 2014.
- "Bountiful Barley," *BackHome Magazine*, Jan-Feb 2014.
- "Catching Up with 'Doc' Holliday: In-Depth Look at Animal Nutrition, Part I," *Acres, USA*, September 2013. "Part II," October 2013.
- "Use Safe & Effective Indoor Pest Control," Chapter 5: Basement & Attic, *The Country Almanac of Housekeeping Techniques That Save You Money*, Fair Winds Press, 2012.
- "Sweet Smell of Success: Iowa Flower Farm Offers Complete Experience," *Acres USA*, September 2012.
- "The Well-Stocked Medicine Cabinet," *BackHome Magazine*, Jan/Feb 2012.
- Author, *Psycards: A New Alternative to Tarot*. London: Psycards Digital, Ltd., 2011.
- "Farm of a Different Feather: Mulberry Grove Raises Pastured Poultry in Iowa," *Acres, USA*, February, 2012.
- Poem, "River Morn," published in St. Ambrose University literary journal, *Quercus*, 2007.
- "Spirit of the Earth" essay: Finding the Wild, *The Leader*, Dispatch/Argus Publications, Rock Island, IL. Weekly newspaper column.
- "Nature, Nurture, Mothers & Myth: An Ecofeminist Analysis of Barbara Kingsolver's "Homeland." Presented at: St. Francis Undergraduate English Language & Literature Conference, Joliet, Illinois, May 2006.
- "Nontraditional Students Abroad," *Transitions Abroad Student Guide, Transitions Abroad Magazine*, Fall 2006.