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### EDUCATION

- M.F.A. Fiction** Spalding University. Low-residency program in creative writing. Estimated graduation date May 2012.
- 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). National Dean's List. Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

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

### MEMBERSHIPS

- Academy of American Poets, New York, NY
- Association of Writers and Writing Programs, Fairfax, VA
- Royal Neighbors of America, Chapter #20039, Davenport, IA
- 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
- Midwest Writing Center, Rock Island, IL
- Scott County Democratic Party, Davenport, IA

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**EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1998-2011 **Freelance Writer / Photographer** with a variety of publications including:
- Cover Photographer**, Scene: The Magazine of St. Ambrose University.
  - Contributing Writer**, Transitions Abroad, Bennington, Vermont.
  - Contributing Writer**, The Leader, Rock Island, Illinois.
  - Contributing Writer**, QC Magazine, Bettendorf, Iowa.
  - Correspondent**, Quad City Times, Davenport, Iowa.
  - Correspondent**, Dispatch Publishing, Moline, Illinois
  - Contributing Writer** of various articles in the following publications:
    - o **Acres, USA: A Voice for Eco-Agriculture**, Austin, Texas
    - o **BackHome Magazine**, Hendersonville, North Carolina
    - o **DesertUSA** website
    - o **USATourist** website
    - o **Travelbase** website
- 2010 **GED Instructor**, Scott Community College Career Assistance Center, Davenport, IA
- 2009 **English Instructor**, Adjunct Faculty, Kaplan University, Davenport, IA
- 2008-09 **Service Coordinator**, Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc., Davenport, IA  
Providing referrals and guidance for residents of a homeless shelter.
- 2008 **English /Social Sciences Instructor**, Black Hawk College Outreach, East Moline, IL  
Teaching returning high school dropouts seeking to achieve their diplomas.
- 2008 **Change Agent**, BeTheChange, Inc., Cambridge, MA  
One of 30 agents working as community organizers promoting the ServiceNation campaign to increase awareness of and support for greater national and community service opportunities by generating events and participation in a National Day of Action on September 27, 2008. Four-month assignment.
- 2007 **Tutor**, Scott Community College, Bettendorf, Iowa.  
Tutoring in English, writing, and Spanish.
- 2007 **Writing Consultant / Teaching Assistant**, Ashford University, Clinton, Iowa.  
Reviewing, grading, and tutoring adult students in online programs
- 2007 **Copy Supervisor**, SEO Copywriters, Rock Island, Illinois.  
Writing and overseeing the production of search-engine-oriented copy.
- 2006 **Writing Internship**, English Department, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa  
Spent three weeks in Ecuador, studying and researching the St. Ambrose study-abroad program, and the CEDEI School in Cuenca. Wrote articles to promote the program.
- 2005-2006 **Americorps Volunteer**, VanderVeer Botanical Conservatory, Davenport, Iowa
- 2005-2006 **Writing Tutor**, Student Success Center, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa
- 2004 **Host/Interpreter**, Pine Creek Grist Mill, Wildcat Den State Park, Muscatine, Iowa
- 2003-2004 **Work-Study**, Psychology Dept., St. Ambrose University. Fall 2004.  
**Work-Study**, Eastern Iowa Community College District, Bettendorf, Iowa  
Tutor, Trio Program, Spring 2004. Intern, English Department, Fall 2003 & Spring 2004.  
Intern, Quad City Botanical Center, 2003-2004. Clerk, Continuing Education Center, Fall 2002.

### EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd.)

- 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  
Writing web site content and product copy as assigned for the largest organic farming cooperative in North America.
- 1981-1997      Various freelance positions in Illinois, Texas, and Arizona: The Daily Dispatch, Rock Island Argus, River-Cities Review (publisher), Entertainer's Review, Prairie Sun, Katy Kalendar, Alief Advocate, Awareness Journal, The Grapevine, Colonial House Community News (editor), American Resume Service, Professional Resume Service, Plus 60 Magazine, Village Life, Krystal Light'n, Intuitive Explorations, Arizona Light.

### RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS & PUBLICATIONS

- Author, *Psycards: A New Alternative to Tarot*. London: Psycards Digital, Ltd., 2011
- "The Green Fleet: Rock Island replaces Ford Focuses with Honda Civic hybrids," *Rock Island News*, Quad City Times, December 30, 2007.
- "Hiking club explores nature in all seasons," *Rock Island News*, Quad City Times, December 30, 2007.
- 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.
- Cover photograph, "Women Weavers, Principal, Ecuador," *SCENE: The Magazine of St. Ambrose University*, Summer 2006.
- "Nontraditional Students Abroad" *Transitions Abroad Student Guide*, *Transitions Abroad Magazine*, Fall 2006.
- Tutor Certification, College Reading & Learning Association, May 2006