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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

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- 2011-Present **CEO**, Psycards USA, LLC., Davenport IA
 Heads this single-person company, importing, packaging, marketing, and selling of Psycards and Psycards products. Promotions include public speaking engagements, participation in psychic and metaphysical fairs, and creating marketing materials of all kinds.
- 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:
 - **Acrs, USA: A Voice for Eco-Agriculture**, Austin, Texas
 - **BackHome Magazine**, Hendersonville, North Carolina
 - **DesertUSA** website
 - **USATourist** website
 - **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

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd.)

- 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.
- 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
- "Farm of a Different Feather: Mulberry Grove Raises Pastured Poultry in Iowa," *Acres, USA*, February, 2012.
- "The Green Fleet: Rock Island replaces Ford Focuses with Honda Civic hybrids," *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