

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- M.A. December 2004, Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Field of Study: American History, 1960s and 1970s
 - Thesis: *Camilla Hall's Involvement in the Symbionese Liberation Army*
 - GPA: 3.66
- B.A. December 1997, Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Majors in Mass Communications (News/Editorial emphasis) and History (Middle East history emphasis)
 - Graduated Summa Cum Laude
 - GPA: 3.80

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION POSITIONS

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR, August 2002-present, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Teach and develop various sections of mass communications courses, including *Introduction to Mass Communications* 110, *Life as Journalism: The Personal Essay* 220, *Editorial Process* 341, and *Media Writing II* 322. Also teach and develop *First Year Experience seminar*, FYEX 100, and *Pornography and American Society*, HON 201/401.

ONLINE ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR, December 2005-present, Kaplan University. Teach *American Film and Society*, SS120, and *American Woman*, SS360.

ONLINE ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR, October 2005-present, Rasmussen College. Teach various courses, including *Foundations of English II*, 098, *Humanities* 176, and *Popular Culture and American Society, Post World War II*, G236.

CONTENT WRITER, Summer 2007, Kaplan University. Create course for Humanities Department, *African American Leadership in the 20th Century*. Write course outcomes, develop assignments, choose textbook.

CONTENT WRITER, November 2005-February 2006, The Learning House, Inc. Created *World Civilization to 1648*, HIS 103. Developed 10-week lesson plan including assignments, quizzes, PowerPoint presentations, and midterm and final exams.

TEACHING SPECIALTIES

News editing and writing
Popular Culture
World History
Humanities
English

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Popular Culture
American History, 1960s and 1970s
Pornography and the First Amendment
Cemeteries and funeral customs

PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISM POSITIONS

FREELANCE JOURNALIST, January 2005-present

- *TODAY* alumni magazine, Minnesota State, Mankato
- *TOMORROW* research magazine, Minnesota State, Mankato
- Technical writer, Minnesota State, Mankato
- *Mankato Free Press*, news and advertising
- *From House to Home* magazine
- MSP Communications (*Mpls./St. Paul* magazine and various publications)
- Researcher/Writer, A Prairie Home Companion
- *Static* magazine

COPY EDITOR, May 2002-December 2004, *Mankato Free Press*, Mankato, Minn. Edited stories, wrote headlines, selected photographs, designed pages and proofed pages, all under nightly deadline pressure

REPORTER, October 1997-May 2002, *Mankato Free Press*, Mankato, Minn. Covered local government and wrote feature stories.

SKILLS

Angel, KU-ACE, and Desire2Learn online platforms
Quark, InDesign, Photoshop, Microsoft Office

MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

BOARD MEMBER, August 2006-present, Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, representing Blue Earth County

VOLUNTEER HOST, August 2005-present, KMSU *Weekly Reader*. Host weekly radio show focusing on Minnesota writing and writers. Notable guests include published authors Kate DiCamillo, Susan Orlean, Danielle Trussoni, David Paterson, and Nicole Helget.

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER, Deep Valley Book Festival, Summer-Fall 2007

JUDGE, Young Writers Contest, Deep Valley Book Festival, November 2006

MEMBER, Faculty Certificate Teaching Program I & II, 2004-05; 2005-06, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Organization dedicated to developing best teaching practices for new faculty.

MEMBER, The Loft, Minneapolis, Minn.

MEMBER, Association for Gravestone Studies, Greenfield, Mass.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

MODERATOR, Writing Nonfiction panel, Deep Valley Book Festival, Mankato, Minn., November 11, 2006.

PANELIST, "Got Porn? We Do." Women's Studies Collective Action Class, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Minn., November 9, 2006.

PRESENTER, "Anonymous Death: The Forgotten Patients at the State Hospital for the Insane, St. Peter, Minn." Death and Loss in America conference hosted by the Museum of Funeral Customs, Springfield, Ill., October 21, 2006.

PRESENTER, "Using Active Classroom Strategies in Creating *Pornography and American Society* Honors class," Faculty Teaching Certificate Program luncheon, Minnesota State University, Mankato, May 2006.

"We'll Be the Last Ones to Let You Down," *Bellingham Review*, Spring 2007.

Days of Change: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. 2007, The Creative Co., Mankato, Minn.

Days of Change: The Slave Trade. 2007, The Creative Co., Mankato, Minn.

Fighters: Gladiators. 2007, The Creative Co., Mankato, Minn.

Fighters: Pirates. 2007, The Creative Co., Mankato, Minn.

Fighters: Samurai. 2007, The Creative Co., Mankato, Minn.

Fighters: Knights. 2007, The Creative Co., Mankato, Minn.

Koalas. 2008, The Creative Co., Mankato, Minn.

Lions. 2008, The Creative Co., Mankato, Minn.

Parrots. 2008, The Creative Co., Mankato, Minn.

Penguins. 2008, The Creative Co., Mankato, Minn.

Tigers. 2008, The Creative Co., Mankato, Minn.

Japanese-American Internment Camps. 2008, Capstone Press, Mankato, Minn.

We'll Be the Last Ones to Let You Down: A Memoir (in pre-publication).

HONORS

PARTICIPANT, 2007-08 Loft Mentorship Series in Creative Nonfiction. Working with writers Barrie Jean Borich and Elmaz Abinader

FINALIST, 2006 Annie Dillard Award for Creative Nonfiction, *Bellingham Review* literary journal at Western Washington University.

SEMIFINALIST, 2006 Creative Nonfiction contest, *Gulf Coast* literary journal at the University of Texas, Houston.

ARTS GRANT RECIPIENT, 2006 and 2002, Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

RESIDENCY GRANT, Summer 2005, Cornucopia Arts Center, Lanesboro, Minn.

SASE WRITING MENTORSHIP, Winter 2005. Worked with creative nonfiction author Jane Jeong Trenka

PARTICIPANT, Summer 2004, limited enrollment Advanced Creative Nonfiction class with author Cheri Register through The Loft, Minneapolis.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Writing for the Children's Educational Market, The Loft Literary Center, Minneapolis, Minn.,
June 24, 2007

Children's Literature Festival, The Loft Literary Center, Minneapolis, Minn., April 21, 2007

Memoir conference, The Loft Literary Center, Minneapolis, Minn., January 12-13, 2007

Death and Loss in America conference, Springfield, Ill., October 19-21, 2006

South Dakota Festival of Books, Sioux Falls, S.D., September 22-23, 2006

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