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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
M.F.A. in Creative Writing, Fiction, April 2000
Winner of three Hopwood Writing Awards (Novel, Short Fiction, and Essay)
Colby Fellowship

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania
B.A. in English and History, May 1995
Graduated Phi Beta Kappa with High Honors

EMPLOYMENT

Lecturer IV, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
July 2011 – Present

- Conduct one-to-one writing tutorials for graduate and undergraduate students (2000+ tutorials)
- Design and teach Ford School writing courses, including “Introduction to Policy Writing,” “Storytelling in Policy Writing: People and Numbers,” and “Writing Effectively for Public Policy”
- Design and lead outreach programming on policy writing, including orientation seminars, workshops for various student groups, and workshops on applications and professional materials
- Support Ford School faculty in the teaching of writing through outreach and class visits

Writer, Reverb
June – December 2020

- Worked with communication and design firm Reverb to support pro-Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) messaging
- Collaborated on and ghost wrote numerous op-eds for newspapers and national publications

Instructor, Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) program, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
Summers 2009 – 2018

- Conducted writing and career-related seminars and individual tutorials for the 18 rising college seniors in the Public Policy and International Affairs Junior Summer Institute

Writing Instructor, Sweetland Center for Writing and English Department, University of Michigan

September 2002 – June 2011

- Designed and taught 39 courses for the Sweetland Center for Writing, the Lloyd Hall Scholars Program, and the English Department
- Conducted 1000+ individual writing tutorials for undergraduate and graduate students from across the university

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Publications

“Hamilton County’s Mental Health Court: battling addiction, mental health issues during a pandemic,” *Cincinnati Enquirer*, June 8, 2020

“Teaching Policy Writing After the Election,” *Inside the Ford School*, Student Services Blog, Nov. 2016

“Trout Lake,” *Virgin Fiction*, New York: Rob Weisbach Books, William Morrow and Co., 1998

Awards

The Ben Prize in Recognition of Exceptional Teaching of Writing, University of Michigan, 2009

New York State Writer’s Institute Fellow in Lugano, Switzerland, Summer 2001

Hopwood Major Fiction Award (Novel), University of Michigan, 2000 (2nd Place)

Hopwood Major Fiction Award (Short Story), University of Michigan, 2000 (2nd Place)

Hopwood Major Essay Award, University of Michigan, 1999 (1st Place)

Grants

LEO Lecturers’ Professional Development Fund, University of Michigan, November 2013

Course Connections Grant, University of Michigan, Fall 2010

CRLT Instructional Development Fund Grant, University of Michigan, Summer 2010

CRLT Lecturer’s Professional Development Grant, University of Michigan, March 2008