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EDUCATION

2010 Master of Fine Arts — Creative Writing. Degree Earned: May 2010

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Thesis: Because You Flinch (a study in verse of affects of child

abuse and domestic violence)

Committee: Robin Behn (advisor, English), Joel Brouwer (English),

Peter Streckfus (English), Stanley Brodsky (Psychology)

2005 Bachelor of Fine Arts — Creative Writing. Degree Earned: May 2005

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

013 – Present All from Ball State University						
Spring 2017	English 104 (Composing Research) — Three Sections Course Theme: Monsters					
	English 285 (Intro to Creative Writing) — One Section					
Fall 2016	English 104 (Composing Research) — Two Sections Course Theme: Monsters					
	English 285 (Intro to Creative Writing) — Two Sections					
Spring 16	English 104 (Composing Research) — One Section Course Theme: Monsters					
	English 285 (Intro to Creative Writing) — Two Sections					
Fall 2015	English 103 (Rhetoric and Writing) — Two Sections Course Theme: College					
	English 285 (Intro to Creative Writing) — Two Sections					
Spring 2015	English 285 (Intro to Creative Writing) — Four Sections					

Summer 2014	English 104 (Composing Research) — One Section Course Theme: Monsters						
Fall 2014	English 103 (Rhetoric and Writing) — Two Sections Course Theme: College						
	English 285 (Intro to Creative Writing) — Two Sections						
Spring 2014	English 103 (Rhetoric and Writing) — Three Sections Course Theme: Myth, Legends, and Lies						
	English 285 (Intro to Creative Writing) — One Section						
Fall 2013	English 103 (Rhetoric and Writing) — Four Sections Course Theme: Myth, Legends, and Lies						
2007 – 2013	All from the University of Alabama						
Spring 2013	Composition II (second semester composition seminar) — Two Sections Theme—Advancing Mind and Body						
	American Literature II (survey from 1865 to Present) — Two Sections Including—Twain, Hemingway, Faulkner, Morrison, Alexie						
Fall 2012	Advanced Composition (honors composition seminar) — Two Sections ThemeFolklore and LegendThe Rhetoric of Science Fiction						
	American Literature II (survey from 1865 to Present) — Two Sections Including—Twain, Hemingway, Faulkner, Morrison, Alexie						
Spring 2012	Advanced Composition (honors composition seminar) — Two Sections Theme—The Story of Stuff						
	American Literature II (survey from 1865 to Present) — One Section Including—Twain, Hemingway, Faulkner, Morrison, Alexie						
	Advanced Creative Writing— One Section Theme: Writing in the Dark (a study of writing on fear)						
Fall 2011	British Literature I (survey from Anglo-Saxon to 1800) — Two Sections Including—Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton						
	Poetry Tour (seminar, intermediate poetry writing) — One Section						
	Advanced Composition (honors composition seminar) — One Section						

Spring 2011	British Literature I (survey from Anglo-Saxon to 1800) Including—Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton					
	Composition II (second semester composition seminar) — Two Sections Theme—Imagining the 22nd Century					
Summer 2010	British Literature I (survey from Anglo-Saxon to 1800) — Two Sections Including—Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton					
	Introduction to Poetry—Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project					
Spring 2010	American Literature II (survey from 1865 to Present) — Two Sections Including—Twain, Hemingway, Faulkner, Morrison, Alexie					
	Introduction to Poetry—Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project					
Fall 2010	Fellowship: Introduction to Poetry—Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project					
Spring 2009	Advanced Composition (honors composition seminar) — Two Sections Theme—Language and Its Constructs					
Summer 2008	British Literature II (survey from 1865 to the present) — Two Sections					
	Including—Wordsworth, Keats, Browning, Yeats, Woolf, Eliot					
Spring 2008	Including—Wordsworth, Keats, Browning, Yeats, Woolf, Eliot Composition II (second semester composition seminar) — One Section					
Spring 2008						

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

2013 – Present All from Ball State University

Spring 2017 Designer and moderator of Take 3: Faculty Reading Series

I organize two events (featuring three faculty members each presenting on their current research) in the fall, and one (featuring four faculty members) in spring.

Faculty Steering Committee

This committee has recently finalized a faculty salary document (prepared by the committee the previous year).

Fall 2016

Designer and moderator of Take 3: Faculty Reading Series

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Spring 2016

Writing Program Mentor

I was responsible for Robert Young and Andrew Wurdeman, both first-year graduate students in creative writing. They attended all of my English 103 course meetings and under my supervision taught a unit of this class themselves.

Designer and moderator of Take 3: Faculty Reading Series

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Annual Report of Scholarship Committee

This committee is charged with evaluating contract faculty annual reports and assessing them in regard to merit, satisfactory, or unsatisfactory performance.

Faculty Steering Committee

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Writing Program Committee

We have recently completed textbook assessment.

Designer and moderator of Take 3: Faculty Reading Series

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Writing Program Mentor

I was responsible for Jeremy Flick, a first-year graduate student in creative writing. He attended all of my English 103-18 meetings and under my supervision taught a unit of this class himself.

2007 – 2013 All from the University of Alabama

Fall 10-Spring 13 Composition Committee Member

Voted on First-Year Writing Program common rhetoric/themed reader textbooks and other FWP matters. Also served on several subcommittees.

Fall 2012 Coordinator of English 103 Honors College

Responsible for choosing themes of Advanced Composition courses, selected teachers based on call for proposals, built textbook list, met regularly with chosen instructors, and procured funding.

Fall 2010-Fall 2011 Event Coordinator of Slash Pine Poetry Festival, Slash Pine Press

Chose writers/readers for both fall events (Slash Pine Writers Festival) and spring events (Slash Pine Hike and Slash Stitch Burn), planned housing and transportation for all writers/readers, arranged readings and venues, chair delivery, and sound equipment setup, worked with Slash Pine interns directly.

Spring 2008 Committee Member, English Dept. Space Committee

Responsible for voicing concerns over office space for GTAs and instructors (limited space, lack of privacy, etc.), which led to larger, more private work space.

Spring 2011 Teaching Mentor for the First-Year Writing Program, University of Alabama

RELATED EXPERIENCE

<u>2013 – Present</u>	All from Ball State University
2017	Digital Literature Review—Visiting Writing I read from my current manuscript about monsters and small towns.
2016	Faculty Reading Series—Coordinator In conjunction with the Creative Writing Program, I helped to organize the annual Faculty Reading Series.
2015	Creative Writing Department—Contest Judging I have recently judged a contest in which three winners were chosen to read alongside Silas Hansen and myself at the Faculty Reading Series event held on January 28 th .
	Faculty Reading Series—Coordinator In conjunction with the Creative Writing Program, I helped to organize the annual Faculty Reading Series.
2014	Writing Program—Contest Judging I was a judge for both the annual Writing Program Contest and the graduate students' Doggerel contest.
2006 – 2013	All from the University of Alabama
Fall 2009	English Tutor for the Intrafraternity Council, University of Alabama
Fall 2008	Creative Writing Instructor for <i>Poetry Out Loud</i> , Poetry Foundation and Tuscaloosa City Schools
2006 – 2007	English Tutor at <i>The Writing Center</i> , University of Alabama British Literature Research Assistant for Dr. John Burke, Department of English, University of Alabama.
FELLOWSHIPS AND AV	<u>VARDS</u>
2015	Nomination: Pushcart Nomination from Rust + Moth
2012	Nomination: Pushcart Nomination from Ghost Ocean
2011	Nomination: Pushcart Nomination from Cave Wall
	Nomination: Best New Poets from The University of Alabama
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2009 Prison Arts Fellowship, Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project

(APAEP)

2008 Nomination: Best New Poets from The University of Alabama

Nomination: AWP Intro Award, Associated Writers Programs from The

University of Alabama

Nomination: Ruth Lilly Poetry Fellowship, The Poetry Foundation from The

University of Alabama

Nomination: Discovered Voices Award, Iron Horse Review from The

University of Alabama

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

2009 - 2010	Editorial Assistant,	Assistant Ga	rant Writer	Clach Pine	Drece	University of
2007 – 2010	Editoriai 7155istarit,	. 115515taiit Oi	iani winci.	Siusii I iii	1 / (3),	OTHIVEISH OF

Alabama

2006 - Present Assistant Poetry Editor, Black Warrior Review, University of Alabama

2004 – 2005 Interning Editor, Mid-American Review, Bowling Green State University

2004 – 2005 Head Poetry Editor, *Prairie Margins*, Bowling Green State University

PANEL DISCUSSION

Spring 2005 Panel Discussion Leader, Mid-American Review, Spring Harvest Festival,

Bowling Green State University

PUBLICATIONS

"On Tether, the North Star Does Not Move," Bear Review: Forthcoming.

"A Small Town Election" (an excerpt from a graphic novel in progress), Slippery Elm Press: Forthcoming.

"The Last of a Heart," A-Minor Magazine: September 2016 Issue.

"A History of Lines," The Olive Press: Issue 4 (Fall, 2017).

"A History of Growth" and "The Last of the Orange Peels," *Umbrella Factory:* Issue 23 (March 2016).

"A History of Pigs" and "A History of the Forklift," Ninth Letter: Online.

"A History of Fatherhood," Juked: Forthcoming.

- "A History of Poverty," Blue Mesa Review: Issue 32.
- "A History of Beauty," Ghost Ocean: Issue 18.
- "A History of Exigency" and "Marvin the Martian Goes to the Beach," Kettle Blue Review: Issue 3.1.
- "The Idea of Canaries," Heavy Feather Review: Forthcoming.
- "Nothing Contributes So Much to Tranquilize the Mind as a Steady Purpose," Jersey Devil Press: 71.
- "The Last of Libation," Oddball Magazine: October 2015.
- "A History of Biting Circa 1599," West Branch: Spring/Summer 2015.
- "Fur Elise Played Quietly in a Room on Fire," Rust + Moth: Spring 2015.
- "A History of Fashion," The Knicknackery: Issue 3.
- "A History of Love," The Bitter Oleander Press: Volume 21: Issue 1.
- "A History of Meatloaf Circa 1807," "Don't Forget about Freddy Krueger," "The Last of Blood," "A History of Biology," and "A Day in the Life" (Five Poems): *Story Magazine*: 2014 (Online).
- "A History of Sacrifice," Midwestern Gothic: Issue 14 (Summer 2014).
- "The Stranger, Inquisitive." Tuscaloosa Writes This (Anthology). Sept. 23^{rd,} 2013. Page 220-221.
- "My Name Is Russell Brand, and I Am a Zombie." *Tuscaloosa Writes This* (Anthology). September 23rd, 2013. Page 222.
- "On 'My Name Is Russell Brand, and I Am a Zombie' and 'The Stranger Inquisitive." *Tuscaloosa Writes This.* Sept. 23^{rd,} 2013. Pages 223-225.
- "A Homeowner's Apology for City-Dwelling," Paper Nautilus: Spring, 2013.
- "Hand-Washed Laundry," Niche Magazine: Spring, 2013.
- "Uprooting after a Dry Spell," Heavy Feather Review: Jan. 20, 2013.
- "Lungful," Verse Daily: March 24th, 2012.
- "Lungful," Copper Nickel: Issue 17.
- "On Linden Avenue, I Turned on the Light Too Soon" Yemassee: Issue 19.1.
- "How to Hang a Wall," 491 Magazine: Winter 2012.

"The Boy in the Nickel Well," The Dirty Napkin: Volume 5.1.

"Salvage" and "Stranger, Because You Flinch," Ghost Ocean 2011.

"When the Cinderblocks Came" and "I Will Take with Me the Emptiness of My Hands," Armchair/Shotgun, Issue 1.

"An Oar in the Mud" and "A Measure of Binding," Cave Wall: Issue 8.

"Ode to Wood," a poem forthcoming in Plain Spoke, Volume 4: Issue 2.

"Forgive Me These," a poem appearing in 751 Magazine, Issue 2.

"Some Assembly Required," Cider Press Review, Volume 11.

"Returning Home," a poem appearing in Margie, Volume 9.

"At Eight, I Learned the Wind," Fourteen Hills, Volume 15.2.

"Everything that Does Not Appear Has Disappeared," Greatcoat, Issue Two.

"Disclosure," 42opus: January 24th, 2008.

"Why I Died Today," Prairie Margins, Fall 2005.

PUBLIC READINGS

Fall 2015 Midwestern Gothic/Punchnell's Reading

These two literary journals collaborated on a reading in Indianapolis in which I was invited to participate.

Spring 2015 Faculty Reading Series, Ball State University

I read alongside Silas Hansen at a reading featuring English

Department faculty at Ball State University.

Fall 2014 Gallery Walk Reading Series

I read alongside Angela Jackson-Brown and M. Ann Hull on 11/6/14

at Brother Animal Coffee Shop in Muncie.

Spring 2012, 13 University of Alabama, Pure Products Reading Series, Tuscaloosa, AL

Fall 2011 University of Alabama, Pure Products Reading Series, Tuscaloosa, AL

2007, 2008, 2009 University of Alabama, Student Reading Series, Tuscaloosa, AL

Spring 2009 Slash Pine Festival, The Kentuck Art Center Courtyard in Northport, AL

Bowling Green State University, BFA Reading, Bowling Green, OH

REFERENCES

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