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#### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Literature & Creative Writing: Poetry, University of Utah, 2014 Awarded a Vice-Presidential Fellowship & an Academy of American Poets Levis Prize
- M.F.A. Poetry, Northern Michigan University, 2010
  Awarded a Future Faculty Fellowship & the Outstanding Graduating MFA Graduate Student Award
- M.A. Creative Nonfiction, Northern Michigan University, 2007
- B.A. English & Humanistic Studies, Magna Cum Laude, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, 2004

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

Society of Midland Author's Best Book of 2015 Award (*Errata*, finalist), Chicago, IL: 2016
Foreword Reviews' 2015 Book of the Year Award (*Errata*, Finalist), Traverse City, MI: 2015
Crab Orchard Series in Poetry Open Competition Award (*Errata*), Southern IL Univ. Press, IL: 2014
NEA Literature Fellowship (Poetry), National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C.: 2013
Academy of American Poets Levis Prize, chosen by Dana Levin, Univ. of Utah: SLC, UT: Fall 2012
Bread Loaf Writers' Conference Rona Jaffe Scholarship, Middlebury College, VT: Summer 2012
Sewanee Writers' Conference Tennessee Williams Scholarship, U of the South, TN: Summer 2011
Vice-Presidential Fellowship, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT: 2010-2012
Sewanee Writers' Conference MFA Scholarship, University of the South, Sewanee, TN: Summer 2009
Future Faculty Fellowship: A King Chavez Parks Initiative, NMU/State of Michigan: 2008-2009
Excellence in Education Summer Research Grant, NMU: Summers 2008 & 2009

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Book

Errata. Southern Illinois University Press, 2015. Winner of the Crab Orchard Series in Poetry Open Competition Award, selected by Adrienne Su.

\*Finalist for Foreword Review's 2015 Book of the Year Award

tether. Currently a finalist at Persea Books (and under review at Norton and Alice James)

\*Finalist in Copper Canyon Review's 2015 Open Reading Period

\*Finalist for 42-Miles Press 2015 Poetry Award

#### Chapbooks

In the Carnival of Breathing. Black Lawrence Press, 2011. Winner of the Black River Chapbook Competition Back-Talk. Articles Press, Spring 2010. Winner of the Rooms Chapbook Contest

### Anthologized Poetry & Prose

Thirty Days: Best of Tupelo Press' 30/30 (ed. Marie Gauthier), Tupelo Press: "Never & One-Thousand Years" Here: Women Writing on Michigan's Upper Peninsula (ed. Ron Riekki), MSU Press: "Errata" & "My Lake" Double Kiss: Writers on the Art of Billiards (ed. Sean Thomas Dougherty), Mammoth: "Why to Run Racks" The Way North (ed. Ron Riekki), Wayne State University Press: "Post-Storm" Best of the Net Anthology 2013 (ed. A.E. Stallings), Sundress Publications: "Careo" Best of Kore Press 2012: Poetry (ed. Ann Dernier), Kore Press: "Barefoot on the Pulpit" Best New Poets 2010 (guest ed. Claudia Emerson), Samovar Press: "My Lake"

Verse Daily (eds. Hunter Hamilton & Campbell Russo): "To Sleep" (Sept 8, 2011); "Barefoot on the Pulpit" (July 7, 2011 & named a Verse Daily Favorite); "View from the High Road" (Nov 6, 2010)

**Selected Poems** (\*Nominated for a Pushchart Prize)

Crab Orchard Review, "Back-Talk II" & "Astronaut at the Window" (forthcoming), Summer 2016 Vinyl Poetry, "June: Tinea," June 2016

\*Sugar House Review, "Astronaut Sees Upheaval Dome," "On Impact," & "The Dream Speaks," 2016 San Pedro River Review, "Rural Utah: I" & "Dear DirecTV Hook-Up Guy," Winter 2016

Kenyon Review Online, "Researchers Find..." & "Delayed Communiqué to Astronaut," Spring 2015

\*Dialogist, "Love in the Language of Aviation," "What Have You," & "Blue Sky Thinking," Winter 2015 Connotations, "The Way the Plot," "Relinquere," & "Self Portrait as Facts of Energy," Spring 2015 Crazyhorse, "Cloud Experiment," Spring 2014

Gulf Coast, "50 Degrees," Spring 2014

Sou'wester, "When He Comes at Me," Spring 2013

*Iron Horse*, "Family Portrait as the Language of Disaster" & "Small Break in Cirrocumulus," Spring 2013 *Ecotone*, "Astronaut & Poet" & "Poet Sees a Partial Eclipse, Astronaut Feels Hail," Spring 2013

\*Drunken Boat, "Ode to Post-Partum" & "Ode to Pain," Spring 2013

Cream City Review, "Driving Up-Canyon..." & "Self-Portrait as Pyrocumulonimbus," Winter 2012

Ninth Letter, "Careo," Fall 2012 \*Selected for Best of the Net 2013

The Journal, "Conflating the Wrecks," Summer 2012

American Literary Review, "Shooting Geese," Spring 2012

Third Coast, "Patientia," Spring 2012

Barn Owl Review, "For My First Dog," Spring 2012

Seneca Review, "Recent Studies Show Underdeveloped Hippocampus..." & "Dear Morpheus," Fall 2011 American Poetry Journal, "Ode to the Apple" and "My Desert," Fall 2011

Hayden's Ferry Review, "Barefoot on the Pulpit," Summer 2011

RHINO, "Listen," Spring 2011

Poet Lore, "Ode to the Bottle," Spring 2011

Cave Wall, "My Lake" & "View from the High Road," Summer/Fall 2010 \*Selected for Best New Poets 2010 \*DMQ Review, "Coffee," Summer 2010

Juked, "The Lapidary Speaks," Spring 2010 \*Nominated for Best of the Net 2010

Fugue, "Woman from Water," Winter 2010

Hollins Critic, "On Home," Winter 2010

Sewanee Theological Review, "Guy & Realdoll," Fall 2009

Pebble Lake Review, "What He'll Say if You Ask," Fall 2009

Blackbird, "Why to Bury a Parrot" & "During the Final Scene," Fall 2009

32 Poems, "Respiration," Fall 2009

Linebreak, "Errata," Summer 2009

Boxcar Poetry Review, "Elegy for a Skinwalker," Summer 2009

The Pedestal Magazine, "Posing for Aunt Sandy," Winter 2008

The Brooklyn Review, "Back-Talk," Spring 2008

Terminus, "Small Girl on a Green Floor with Jacks," Summer 2004

Main Street Rag, "Midnight Baseball" & "Planetary Articulation," Spring 2004

### Selected Prose (Critical & Creative)

Double Kiss: An Anthology, "Why to Run Racks" (forthcoming), Spring 2016

Birmingham Poetry Review, "Enacting Models, Copies, & Simulacra: Terese Svoboda's When the Next Big War Blows Down the Valley: Selected & New Poems" (forthcoming), Spring 2016

Prairie Schooner, "Why to Run Racks" (forthcoming), Winter 2015

\*Ocean State Review, "As the Water Recedes," Spring 2015

Poets & Writers, "The Private Dwelling: On Keeping (and Destroying) Journals," Sept/Oct 2014

Passages North: Writers on Writing, "Why to Kill Your Paradise," Fall 2013

Litbridge, "Patientia: Ph.D. Reflecting," Summer 2013

Sapling, "Chapbooks Have Feelings Too," Winter 2011

# University of Nebraska Writer's Workshop, Omaha, NE: August 2016 - Present

Assistant Professor of Poetry

Poetry Writing Studio

Fundamentals of Poetry

Creative Writing for the Arts

# University of Oregon, Eugene, OR: December 2015 – June 2016

o Visiting Assistant Professor of Creative Writing—Poetry

MFA Poetry Workshop

Intermediate Creative Writing—Poetry

Advanced Creative Writing—Poetry

MFA Theses Tutorials

# Snow College, Ephraim, UT: Aug 2014 - Present (currently on leave)

Assistant Professor of English—Poetry

Creative Writing—Poetry

*Introduction to Poetry—Poetry & Other* 

Composition I—Expository Writing

Composition II—Intermediate Research Writing

# University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT: Aug 2012 – May 2013

University Writing Program Instructor / English Teaching Fellow

Introduction to Creative Writing

Intermediate Research Writing

#### Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI: Aug 2005 – July 2010

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Composition I & II

Introduction to Creative Writing

Narrative & Descriptive Writing (Creative Nonfiction)

Technical & Report Writing

# Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Green Bay, WI: Spring 2005

o Communications Instructor

Communicating Effectively

#### EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

### Black Lawrence Press

- o Manuscript Consultant: 2015 & 2016
- o Contest Judge, Black River Chapbook Competition: 2014—Present
- o Assistant Poetry Editor: 2012 2014

# Linebreak: an online journal of original poetry: 2011 – Present

Assistant Poetry Editor

Quarterly West, University of Utah: 2011 – 2013

Poetry Editor

Western Humanities Review, University of Utah: 2011 – 2013

o Assistant Editor

Passages North, Northern Michigan University: 2008 – 2010

o Associate Poetry Editor

Department of Technology and Occupational Sciences, NMU: 2007 – 2010

Web Editor / Copywriter

Sheepshead Review, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay: 2002 – 2004

Poetry Editor

#### **SELECTED READINGS & PRESENTATIONS**

Crab Orchard Series in Poetry AWP Onsite Reading, Los Angeles, CA: March 2016

University of Oregon (poetry reading), Eugene, OR: February 2016

Oregon Writers' Collective (featured reader, poetry), Eugene, OR: February 2016

University of Idaho (poetry reading), Moscow, ID: January 2016

Granary Art Center Reading (poetry reading), Ephraim, UT: November 2015

University of WI-Green Bay Reading, Q&A, and Guest Editing, UWGB, Green Bay, WI: October 2015

Devil's Kitchen Literary Festival Panel & Reading, Southern Illinois Univ., Carbondale, IL: October 2015

Media Meet: U.P. Women Authors Panel—Public Broadcasting Service, Marquette, MI: August 2015

Best New Poets Reading & Panel, AWP onsite, Minneapolis, MN: April 2015

Formed Landscapes: Four Writers on the North Reading & Panel, AWP onsite, Minneapolis, MN: April 2015

City Arts Reading Series—Salt Lake City Public Library, Salt Lake City, UT: November 2014

Kore Press Best of 2012 AWP offsite reading at Black Coffee Coop, Seattle, WA: February 2014

Middle Coast Poets Quarterly Reading Series: Milwaukee, WI: October 2013

University of Utah's Guest Writers Series (Levis Prize Reading), Salt Lake City, UT: November 2012

Working Dog Series featured reader (nonfiction), University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT: March 2013

Country Dog Review AWP offsite reading (poetry) Boston, MA: March 2013

Black Lawrence Press/Devil's Lake Review AWP off-site reading (poetry), Chicago, IL: March 2012

Ken Sanders Rare Books (poetry), Salt Lake City, UT: Fall 2011

U.P. Book Tour, Upper Peninsula of Michigan: July 2011

Sewanee Writers' Conference (Tennessee Williams Scholarship), Sewanee TN: July 2011

Best New Poets Reading, Salt Lake City, UT: September 2010

Sewanee Writers' Conference (poetry), University of the South, Sewanee, TN: July 2009

WNMU-FM Public Radio 90 (poetry), NMU: January 2006, 2008, 2009, & 2015

Indiana University Graduate Conference: Open Secrets (nonfiction), Bloomington, IN: November 2008

Graduate Writers' Association Featured Reader (poetry/nonfiction), NMU: October 2006 & 2007

UWGB Honors Reading (poetry), Neville Museum, Green Bay, WI: December 2004

#### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

# Snow College

o Faculty Advisor for the student-run campus literary journal, Weeds: Fall 2014 – Present

#### Black Lawrence Press

- o Manuscript Consultant: Spring 2015 & Spring 2016
- o Contest Judge (annual): Black River Chapbook Competition: Fall 2012 Present

### University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

- o Contest Judge: Sheepshead Review Rising Phoenix Contest (poetry): Spring 2016
- o Contest Judge: Sheepshead Review Rising Phoenix Contest (nonfiction): Spring 2012

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, CONT'D

#### Northern Michigan University

- o President of Graduate Writers' Association: 2009 2010
- o Intern for Visiting Writers Program, Department of English: Fall 2008
- o Featured Speaker for Graduate Teaching Assistant Q&A: Summer 2008 & 2009
- Contest Judge: Elinor Benedict Poetry Contest, 2009; Barnard/Houston Awards (composition), 2006 – 2010
- Coordinator & Judge: Legler Memorial Poetry Prize: 2009
- o Representative for Graduate Curriculum Committee, Department of English: 2005-2010
- o Appeal Essay Reader, Department of English: 2008-2010
- o Facilitator for Teaching Colloquia, Department of English: 2006-2007

# Green Bay Area Campus & Community Reading Series & Workshops

- o Writers' Union Coordinator, Reading & Workshop Series, UWGB: 2002 2003
- o Facilitator & Emcee for The Attic Books & Coffee Reading Series, Green Bay, WI: 2002-2004

### **INTERVIEWS & TALKS**

University of Oregon: "The Structure of Grief: Transcending Elegy" (craft talk): Feb. 2016

Prairie Schooner: 'The Strange Spinning that is Grief' interviewed by Katie Schmid Henson: Jan. 2016

Southern Illinois University Classroom Visit (Skype) with Emily Rose Cole's poetry class: Dec. 2015

Sheepshead Review & UWGB Creative Writing Blog, Interviewed by Roberto Rodriguez, UWGB: Nov. 2015

University of Wisconsin—Green Bay: "Editing & Publishing" (classroom visit): Oct. 2015

Daily Egyptian Newspaper, Interviewed by Cory Ray, Southern Illinois University: Sept. 2015

Southern Illinois University Press Blog, Interviewed by Kirk Schlueter, Southern Illinois University: Sept. 2015

WNMU-FM, Interviewed by Stan Wright at Northern Michigan University: July 2015

Speaking of Marvels: interviews about chapbooks, Interviewed by William Kelley Woolfitt: Feb. 2014

Linebreak Blog, Interviewed by Ashley McHugh, ed.: July 2009

#### **ACADEMIC MENTIONS & MEMBERSHIPS**

Academy of American Poets: 2010 – Present

Modern Languages Association (MLA): 2010 – Present

Associated Writers and Writing Programs (AWP): 2007 – Present

Graduate Writers' Association (member), NMU: 2005 – 2010

Writers' Union Student Organization (founding member), UWGB: 2002 – 2004

Sheepshead Review Student Organization (founding member), UWGB: 2002 – 2004

Sigma Tau Delta (member), 2003 – Present

Phi Kappa Phi (member), 2003 – Present

FOREIGN LANGUAGE