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Academic Degrees

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, 2019
Florida International University | Miami, Florida
Thesis: *Kaleidoscope: Essays in Color*

Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing, 2006
Roehampton University of Surrey | London
Thesis: *Niecheze, Fruit & Sacred Geometry:
Ekphrastic Poems*

Publications

BOOKS

Little Cauliflower. Dancing Girl Press, 2019 (U.S)

Beyond Gravity. Loebertas Publishing, 2001 (UK)

POEMS IN JOURNALS & PERIODICALS

“Canoe Trip on the Tatum Waterway,” *december*. Forthcoming, 2021.

“The Window Frames Mum,” *Night Heron Barks*. Forthcoming, Spring 2021

“Empty House,” *3Elements Review*, 2021. Web.

“Coin Laundry,” *Sinking City* 2021 Web.

“Kneel,” *The Bangalore Review* 2020 Web.

“Does Anyone Know Where to Begin?” *SWWIM Everyday Series* 2020. Web.

“Klimt,” *Sliver of Stone* 2017 Web.

“Love and Excavation,” *Sundog* 2017 Web.

“Poem,” *Saw Palm* (2017). Print.

“STAND,” *Crosswinds* (2017). Print.

“The Night Stretches Its Limbs,” *Print Orientated Bastards* 2017 Web.

“There’s a Supermassive Black Hole at The Center of Every Galaxy,” *poets.org*, 2017 Web.

“A Ghazal for Dartmoor,” *Crannog*, 2016 Print.

“Atlas,” *Bird’s Thumb*, 2016 Web.

“Cabbage Flower,” “An Art Model Studies Five Lines by Anne Carson.” *Cosmonauts Avenue* 2016 Web.

“Her First Day of School.” *The Grief Diaries* 2016 Web.

“Tranny Cat,” *Reading Queer Reading Series*. 2016 Web.
“War Poem,” *Crab Fat* (2015): n. pag. Web.
“Lil’Bro,” *Arsenic Lobster* (2015): n. pag. Web.
“My father raised me,” *Every Writer’s Resource poem-a-day series* (2014): n. pag. Web.
“The Sad Truth,” “Walnut Ontology,” and “A Poem for My Mum Across the Atlantic,” *Fish Food Creative Literary and Arts Magazine*. (2014): n. pag. Web.

COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

“We Who Rise from Saltwater, Let’s Sing!” *A Heroic Sonnet Crown for Mayor Daniella Levine Cava and the Residents of Miami-Dade County*. *Miamidade.gov*. 2021

“The Hybrid Forms Club: An Eight-Spoked Collaborative Interview,” *Tinderbox*. 2021

OTHER PRINT PROJECTS

“Travelators Broadside.” Photograph broadside collaboration with the Arts Center South Florida for SWEAT Broadside Project II (2014).

RADIO FEATURE

“Haikus”— Selected for live reading, *NPR Radio*, and *O’ Miami*, Poetry Month, April 2012

LYRIC ESSAYS & MEMOIR

“Biography of Orange.” (Excerpt) *Grist* (2020): n. pag. Web.
“Heirlooms.” *The Offing* (2019): n. pag. Web.
“Biography of Orange.” (Excerpt) *Honeysuckle Press* (2019): n. pag. Web
“Blue: A Katabasis.” (Excerpt) *Tupelo Quarterly* (2018): n. pag. Web
“Touchstoned.” *Fjords* (2018). Print.
“Ponds.” *Origins* (2015): n. pag. Web

SHORT STORIES

“IOUS From Baghdad.” *Inspicio* (2018): n. pag. Web
“Cats.” Burrow Street Press (2018): n. pag. Web

CRAFT ESSAY

“Notes Towards an Articulation of the Lyric Essay: Bearing Witness to an Ever Changing Landscape.” *Tupelo Quarterly*, (2016): n. pag. Web

BOOK REVIEW

“Just Johnson: A London Delivery by Timothy Schmand.” *The Florida Book Review* (2017): n. pag. Web

REPORTAGE

Littoral Event Coverage. Key West Literary Seminar. “Sports Poems: An Oxymoron?” Presented by Billy Collins.

Teaching Experience

Everglades Correctional Institution | Exchange for Change. Miami, FL

Adjunct Professor of Creative Writing, September 2018 - March 2020

Telling True Stories

Flash Nonfiction: Form, Theory, & Practice

Ephrastic Poetry

Florida International University | Miami, FL

Adjunct Lecturer in Creative Writing, September 2016 - 2020

Introduction to Creative Writing: Forms and Practices

Creative Nonfiction

Narrative Techniques

Sabal Palm Elementary School | Miami, FL

Community Outreach Program Director (representing Florida International University), 2017

Poetic & Narrative Techniques, & Playwriting. STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) certified.

The Miami Book Fair | Miami, FL Virtual Workshop, 2020

Writing the First Draft

Palm Beach Poetry Festival | Palm Beach, FL Poetry Workshop and Seminar, 2019

Introduction to Forms and Practices

Literary Experience

InnerLasting Lit Arts | Bethel, ME

Author Assistant to President Obama’s Inaugural Poet Richard Blanco, February 2020

Gulf Stream Magazine | Miami, FL

Poetry Editor, 2017
Staff Reader, 2016- 2019

Tupelo Press | New Adams, ME
Preliminary Judge for The Berkshire Prize (Poetry), 2019 - 2020

Key West Literary Seminar | Key West, FL
Preliminary Judge for The Scotti Merrill Emerging Writer Award (Poetry), 2020

Miami Book Fair | Miami, FL Solicited Poet for The Poem Depot, 2014-2019

O, Miami Sunroom Poetry Fair | Miami, FL Volunteer at Poinciana Park Elementary School, 2016

Honors & Awards (Poetry)

Winner, Scotti Merrill Emerging Writer Award (final judge Billy Collins) 2020
Runner-up, Florida International University Graduate Student Literary Awards (judge David Hernandez) 2019
Honorable Mention, Academy of American Poets Christopher F. Kelly Award for Poetry (judge Steve Kronen) 2019
Semi-Finalist, *Magma Poetry Competition* (Arts Council England) 2018
Winner, Academy of American Poets Christopher F. Kelly Award for Poetry 2017
Runner-up, FIU Graduate Student Literary Awards (judge Oliver de la Paz) 2017
Honorable Mention, Academy of American Poets Christopher F. Kelly Award for Poetry 2016
Runner-up, FIU Graduate Student Literary Awards (judge Daisy Fried) 2015

Honors & Awards (Nonfiction)

Runner-up, FIU Graduate Student Literary Awards (judge Brenda Miller) 2019
Semi-Finalist, *Honeysuckle Press* Chapbook Competition (final judge Zinzi Clemmons) 2018
Finalist, *Tupelo Quarterly* Open Prose Competition 2018
Winner, FIU Graduate Student Literary Awards (judge Peggy Shumaker) 2018
Finalist, *Diagram* Chapbook Competition 2017

Readings

Emerging Writer Awards | San Carlos Theatre, Key West, FL | January 2020
Sundress Academy for the Arts Reading Series | Knoxville, TN | September 2019
Chapbook Launch for *Little Cauliflower* | Books & Books, Miami, FL | October 2019

Florida International University Alumni Reading | Books & Books, Miami. FL | March 2019
Florida International University, Student Literary Awards | Campus Bookshop, Miami FL | 2016-2019
Florida International University Honest Liars' Club | North Miami, FL | March 2015 - 2019
O, Miami Reading Series, "The Soul of Miami." | Vintro Hotel, Miami FL | April 2015
O, Miami Reading Series | The Betsy Hotel, Miami. FL | April 2014

Memberships

Academy of American Poets (since 2016)
Association of Writers and Writing Programs (since 2016)
Golden Key Honors Society (since 2015)

References Available upon request.