

**GOAL** To craft effective and engaging works and help others achieve their best writing.

**EDUCATION** **MFA** **PACIFIC UNIVERSITY** · FOREST GROVE, OREGON JUNE 2015

- Studied short stories, novels, and essays under Christina Garcia, Laura Hendrie, Bonnie Jo Campbell, and Carolyn Coman
- Served as Student Liaison for incoming MFA candidates
- Completed academic essay:  
“Original Imitation: A Fresh Application for an Old Educational Tool”

**PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY** · PORTLAND, OREGON SEPT 2011 – MAY 2012

- Studied advanced fiction writing in Post-Baccalaureate program
- Earned 3.89 GPA

**JD** **SANTA CLARA SCHOOL OF LAW** · SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA MAY 1993

- Served as Associate Editor, Santa Clara Law Review
- Wrote for *The Advocate* law school student newspaper
- Passed the California Bar Exam and worked as mediator for S.C. County
- Earned 3.22 GPA

**BA** **STANFORD UNIVERSITY** · STANFORD, CALIFORNIA JUNE 1988

- Focused on Political Science, Creative Writing, and French
- Studied overseas in Tours, France
- Earned 3.50 GPA

## WORK EXPERIENCE

*in writing and education*

**Freelance Writer and Writing Consultant** (*see publications below*) 2000 – PRESENT

- Craft essays and articles for local and national publications
- Consult with clients such as business people, doctors, and prospective college freshmen to improve the effectiveness of their writing
- Copyedit fiction, non-fiction, and legal writing

**Teaching Assistant** · PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALL TERMS 2016

On-line classes: Sociology 231 and Gerontology 240

- Researched and developed new course material for class redesign (GRN 240)
- Edited all new class content
- Assisted in grading weekly discussion posts and replies
- Served as on-call writing consultant for students

**Composition Tutor** · PACIFIC UNIVERSITY – *Tutoring and Learning Center* 2016

- Provided weekly one-on-one essay editing
- Assisted students in developing future writing projects

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*in writing and education*

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### **In-class Composition Tutor · SUNSET HIGH SCHOOL** 2012–2014

- Attended every class session, supporting students unable to pass the OAKS writing test
- Coached students to improve their composition and grammar, enabling them to develop a successful writing portfolio required for graduation
- Worked with a diverse student body from countries including Mexico, Nepal, Afghanistan, and Korea

### **Writing and Poetry Workshop Leader** 2001–2014

- ARTS AND COMMUNICATION MAGNET ACADEMY (2014)
- OREGON WRITING FESTIVAL (2003–2013)
- MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF BEAVERTON (2005)
- FINDLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (2001, 2003)

### **Public Speaker**

- “Just Enough” · *Women of Vision* (DECEMBER, 2015)
- “A Year without Buying” · *A.M. Northwest* (MARCH, 2009)
- “Transforming How Americans Consume” · *The Wanderers* (FEBRUARY, 2009)
- “How to Survive the Forties” · *A.M. Northwest* (FEBRUARY, 2009)
- “Stop Spending For a Year?” · *Fox Television* (JANUARY, 2009)

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Books**

- “My Ambassador of Fun” in *Knowing Pains: Women on Love, Sex, and Work in Our 40’s*. *WingSpan Press* (2008) · Essay featured on *The Today Show*

### **Magazine and On-line Articles**

- “Home is Where the Heat Is” · *Cedar Mill News* (2016)
- “Our Year Without Shopping” · *Good Housekeeping* (2009)
- “Enough is Enough” · *Portland Monthly Magazine* (2008)
- “Not Buying It” · *Stanford Magazine* (2008)
- “Tuesday Night Potluck” · *MJ’s Table Talk website* (2008)
- “Wednesday Warriors” · *Wisdom Quilts website* (2002)

### **Academic Articles**

- Kym C. Miller, *Abused Women Abused by the Law: The Plight of Battered Women in California and a Proposal for Revising the California Self-Defense Law*, 3 S. Cal. Rev. L. & Women’s Stud. 303 (1994)

## ADDITIONAL ROLES AND INTERESTS

- Mentor for homeless youth ([PEARmentor.org](http://PEARmentor.org))
- Administrator of the charitable wing of the MEM Family Trust
  - Research and recommend donations to charities benefiting Africa
- Proficient in French
- Enthusiastic backpacker, community builder, and world traveler