

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL — Ph.D. English/Creative Writing: Poetry, 2020

Dissertation: *Telling the Bees*

Telling the Bees is a collection of poems that approaches grief, confession, tradition, and community from a queer perspective. It uses a tradition Quaker poet John Greenleaf Whittier describes in his 1858 poem of the same name in which families were sure to go out and tell their beehives of important domestic events—births, marriages, and especially deaths—believing that if they didn't the bees would leave and therefore stop producing essential resources like wax and honey for the household.

Committee: Dr. David Kirby (chair), Dr. Alisha Gaines, Dr. Andrew Epstein, Dr. Reinier Leushuis (outside supervisor)

Ashland University, Ashland, OH — MFA Creative Writing: Poetry, 2015

Thesis: *Kindling*

Committee: Dr. Angie Estes, Prof. Carmen Giménez Smith, Dr. Mark Irwin

Weber State University, Ogden, UT — ESL Teaching Endorsement, 2010

Lesley University, Cambridge, MA — M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction: Literacy, 2008

The Master's College, Santa Clarita, CA — BA, English, 2004

Word of Life Bible Institute, Schroon Lake, NY — Certificate, 1999

Epping High School, Epping, NH — Diploma, 1997

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 2016-current

Undergraduate, Instructor of Record

Poetic Technique CRW 3311

Article and Essay Technique ENC 3310

Introduction to English Studies ENG 2012

Research, Genre, and Context ENC 2135

Graduate

Queer Studies Reading Group ENG 5988, Facilitator

PUBLICATIONS

Poetry:

- "The Green," *Hobart*, August 2020 (online)
- "Ode to My Sink Moths," *Homology Lit*, issue 4, 2019 (online)
- "To the Person I Was Then, Living in Someone Else's House," *Lambda Literary Poetry Spotlight*, 2019 (online)
- "After the Angel of Ginsberg's Whitman," and "Sticks.," *Stay Thirsty Poets*, vol. 1, 2019
- "I," *Shift - A Journal of Literary Oddities*, issue 1, 2019
- "Animatronic Armful of Groceries." *Carve Magazine*, Fall 2018
- "Bible Student Burns New York Church." *Crab Fat Magazine*, August 2018 (online)
- "The Things They Said." *Queer Me Out Zine*, 2018
- "Hey." *Written Here: The Community of Writers Poetry Review*, 2016
- "Sissy Blood." *Glass: A Journal of Poetry*, 2016. (online)
- "Bridge," "Convalesce," "Ina Coolbrith Park," and "Rain." *Emerge: A Lambda Fellows Anthology*, 2016
- "No Man is an Island, Except St. John of Patmos." *Off the Rocks Anthology*. Vol. 19, 2015
- "#ididnoteatallthepistachios," "Loretta," and "Percocet." *Guide to Kulchur Creative Journal*, Issue 4, 2015
- "New Hampshire." *Right Hand Pointing*, Issue 87, 2015 (online)
- "Communion of Suffering," and "Please Excuse This Sex Poem." *Penumbra Art and Literary Journal*, 2015
- "A Boy Named _____," and "On Your Thirtieth Birthday," *Glitterwolf Magazine*, Issue 8, 2015

Scholarly:

"Archie got hot: How embracing the queer art of failure allows *The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina* to open up new ways of representing queerness." *Riverdale: A Land of Contrasts*, University of Fraser Valley, forthcoming.

Book Reviews:

- "*Conflict is Not Abuse: Overstating Harm, Community Responsibility, and the Duty of Repair* by Sarah Schulman." *American Book Review*, May-June 2018
- "*Translating the Queer: Body Politics and Transnational Conversations* by Héctor Domínguez Ruvalcaba." *Feminist Theory*, Vol. 20, Issue 1, 2018
- "*Until the Cows Come Home* by Alain Ginsberg." *Southeast Review*, 2018
- "*Sky Ward* by Kazim Ali." *Puerto del Sol*, Vol. 49, No. 2, Spring 2014

Lesson Plans:

Weber Reads Tom Sawyer. Expanding literacy through graphic novels, "Superstition in Tom Sawyer," "Making connections in Tom Sawyer," 2009

Zines:

#mycorrhizine, Fall, 2020

#mycorrhizine, 2019 (archived at Sherwood Forest Zine Library in Austin, TX and the Tallahassee Zine Fest library in Tallahassee, FL)

Haiku, vols. 1-10

Emily Dickinson Made Zines

FEATURES/INTERVIEWS

Q&A, *Carve Magazine*, September 2018 (online)

Featured Emerging Writer at *Stay Thirsty Media*, Winter 2017 (online)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Poetry:

YesYes Books Vinyl 45 Chapbook Semifinalist, 2019

Pushcart Prize XLVI: Best of the Small Presses Board of Contributing Editors nomination, 2018

Notable Manuscript for the 2017 BOAAT Book Prize, *BOAAT Press*, manuscript *Kindling*, 2017.

FSU Spotlight Award, Runner-up for Graduate Poetry, judged by Dana Levin, 2017

Salt Lake City Pride Festival Poetry Contest Winner, 2015

Lambda Literary Fellow, 2015

River Styx International Poetry Contest Finalist, 2014

"This is My Ogden" haiku contest winner, 2014

Teaching:

Robert O. Lawton Award for Excellence in Teaching College Composition, 2019

Award for Excellence in Teaching College Composition nomination, Florida State University, 2018.

ETS Recognition of Excellence Award - English Language, Literature and Composition: Content Knowledge, 2008

Dr. William Strong Utah English Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalist, 2008

Leadership Development Award, Utah Council of Teachers of English, 2007

PRESENTATIONS

Workshop Facilitating:

A Day on Queer Writing, invited by Queer Voices Against Hate with SJ Sindu, 2017

Wasatch Range Writing Project 1 Week Facilitator, 2011, 2013

Wasatch Range Writing Project 4 Week Facilitator, 2008

Poetry Readings:

Poetry Storm: Rising Waters, FSU Museum of Fine Art, invited by Eleanor Boudreau,

Tallahassee, January 2020

A Night of Punk and Poetry at The Bark, Tallahassee, January 2019

Jerome Stern Distinguished Writers Series, Florida State University, Spring 2018

A World With Guns: Poetry of Protest and Memorial, invited by 100 Thousand Poets for Change, 2018

Queer Voices Open Mic, invited by Queer Voices Against Hate, 2017

Jerome Stern Distinguished Writers Series, FSU, Spring 2017

100 Thousand Poets for Change, Tallahassee, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

QUEER Voices United Against Hate: An Open Mic, Tallahassee, 2016

Warehouse Reading Series, FSU, Summer 2016

Jason Stoneking at E.M. Wolfman, invited by Jason Stoneking, Oakland, 2015

SpokenWord au Chat Noir, Paris, 2015

Breakout Session Presentations:

UCTE Fall Conferences:

Local Author Panel facilitator, 2013

Survivor of the Poets: Reality TV meets poetry appreciation, 2011

A Teacher's Digital Life: How to use technology in a reading and writing classroom, 2009

Found Poetry, 2007

Other:

Christian Heritage High School Commencement Speaker, 2011

Invited presenter for Summer Teaching Assistant Training, FSU, 2017, 2018, 2019

SECONDARY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

DaVinci Academy of Science and Art, Ogden, UT 2013-2015

Courses Taught: English 9-10, English 9-10 Pre AP, English 7, Creative Writing 7-12, Reading 7-12, Advisory

Snowcrest Jr. High, Eden, UT 2010-2013

Courses Taught: English 8-9, Advisory

Highland Jr. High, Ogden, UT 2008-2010

Courses Taught: English 9, English 9 Honors, Advisory

Christian Heritage School, Riverdale, UT 2005-2008

Courses Taught: English 7-11, Creative Writing 9-12, Drama 7-8, Media Literacy 11-12, Drama 7-8, Life Skills 7-8

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Creative Writing:

Jerome Stern Distinguished Writers Series Host, FSU, 2016, 2018

Southeast Review Fiction Reader, FSU, 2018

Southeast Review Creative Non-fiction Reader, FSU, 2018
Southeast Review Poetry Reader, FSU, 2016-2018
Community of Writers at Squaw Valley Participant, 2016
Poetry Out Loud School Coordinator, Christian Heritage School, 2008
Literary Magazine Advisor, CHS, 2008

Pedagogy:

Mentor Teacher, FSU, 2018
Utah Council of Teachers of English Quest (state English competition) Coordinator, 2010-2011, 2014-2015
Utah Council of Teachers of English Awards Chair, 2012-2013
Utah Council of Teachers of English President, 2011-2012
Utah Council of Teachers of English Vice President, 2009-2011
Small Learning Community Leader, Highland Jr. High School, 2008-2010
Wasatch Range Writing Project Teacher Consultant, 2007-2015
Utah Council of Teachers of English Board Member, 2006-2015
National Council of Teachers of English Member, 2006-2015

University Involvement:

English Graduate Diversity Committee Member, Florida State University 2018-2020
Graduate Assistants United (GAU) Vice-President of Membership, FSU, 2017-2019
Graduate English Student Organization (GESO) Representative, FSU, 2017-2019
FSU College Composition Committee Member, 2016

Secondary Extra-curricular:

Cross-Country Coach, DaVinci Academy of Science and Art, 2014
Boys Track and Field Coach, Snowcrest Jr. High School, 2011-2013
National Academic League Coach, Snowcrest, 2010-2013
StARTS (Weber State University's summer writing program for youth) Coordinator, 2009
Academic Quiz Bowl Coach, CHS, 2006-2009
Pioneer Theatre Productions Chaperone, CHS, 2005-2008
Utah English Quest Advisor, CHS, Highland, Snowcrest, 2005-2010
Assisted Living Memoir Project Co-leader, 2006-2007
School-wide Clubs Coordinator, CHS, 2005-2006

Community Involvement:

Queer Tallahassee [meetup.com](#) Group founder/coordinator, 2016-current
Utah State Senate Democratic Party Candidate, District 18, 2014

Non-degree Courses:

Comics: Art in Relationship, California College of the Arts, Kadenze, 50 hours, April 2016

Extensive General French Courses at the Alliance française, Paris, France, Level A2, 30 hours,
2015

INTERESTS

LGBTQIA+ studies and poetry

Cross-genre/multi-genre/trans-genre

Critical pedagogy

Zines

RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. David Kirby dkirby@fsu.edu

Dr. Robin Truth Goodman rgoodman@fsu.edu

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