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Objectives

To apply for and be accepted into a writing mentorship
To publish a collection of literary short stories
To continue to study the craft of writing (short fiction, creative nonfiction, playwriting)

Education

Massive Open Online Course, Power of the Pen: Identities and Social Issues
in Fiction and Nonfiction, The University of Iowa 2017
Massive Open Online Course, How Writers Write Fiction: Storied Women
The University of Iowa 2016
Playwriting Workshop, 5 days, Expect Theatre/Spark, Toronto 2016
One Day Playwriting Workshop, Gil Garrett, Artistic Director, Blyth 2015
UBC's Booming Ground Mentorship Program, Children's Writing/ Short Fiction 2013
Sarah Selecky, Story Intensive 2012
Additional University Courses 1982-2011
Bachelor of Education, Brock University 1979
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, University of Waterloo 1978

Writing Awards

More Than a Job Offer
2nd Prize, Blank Spaces Picture Prompt Writing Contest 2017

Nesting
1st Prize, Creative Nonfiction Category ~ Annual Writing Competition 2017
Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop

The Drive
Shortlisted, Fiction ~ Annual Writing Competition 2017
Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop

Split Second
Nominated, Pushcart Prize, Nonfiction category by Two Cities Review 2016

Hedy & Flo
Long-listed, carte blanche/CNFC Contest 2015

Clutched by the Hair
Top 3, Desi Writers' Lounge Fiction Writing Competition, South Asia 2015

<i>Ringo</i> 3rd, NOWW Creative Nonfiction Writing Competition	2015
<i>Nothing by Mouth</i> Shortlisted, Event Creative Nonfiction Writing Competition	2014
Experience	
Queen's University, Instructor, additional qualification courses for teachers	2006-present
School Administrator, WRDSB, special education	2004-2012
Teacher, special education, elementary and secondary	1982-2004
Instructor, Parent Education, KW Counselling	1992-1996
Teacher, English for New Canadians, Conestoga College	1979-1982
Professional Affiliations	
<i>Member of NOWW (Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop)</i>	2015-present
<i>Initiated / Lead a Face-to-Face Writers' Group</i> Walkerton, Ontario	2015-present
<i>Participant, Face-to-Face Writing Group</i> Paisley, Ontario and online	2016-present
Publications (online/print literary journals and anthologies)	
Fiction	
<i>Words for a Friend's Headstone</i> Blank Spaces, Literary Magazine, Grey County, Ontario	Forthcoming
<i>Something for Rain</i> The Belle Journal, USA	2017
<i>Crisp and Savoury</i> Five2One Magazine	2016
<i>Factitious</i> The Winnipeg Review	2016
<i>Die Ordnung in Intercourse</i> Rhubarb Magazine	2015
<i>Three Connected Stories (Neon Pink Sign, Cloistered, and Legs Like Stilts)</i> Pure Slush--Feast! Edition	2015

<i>Little More than a Boy</i> Severine Lit Mag, Volume 1, (Be)Longing	2015
<i>A Threadbare Towel</i> Synaesthesia, UK	2015
<i>Five Distancing Habits</i> Crab Fat Magazine: The Best of Year One, An Anthology	2015
<i>Heads of Candy Floss</i> The Bohemyth, Ireland	2014
<i>A First-Rate Boy</i> New Contrast, South Africa	2014
<i>The Haze in the Smoke</i> Ricochet Magazine, AU	2014
<i>In a Clinch</i> The Gambler	2014
<i>Vinegar Chips</i> The Gambler	2014
<i>Mayor der Wolf Meets the Three Little Pigs</i> The Steel Chisel, Toronto	2014
<i>Verrueckt Play</i> Rhubarb Magazine—Mental Health Issue	2011
<i>Dear Ella</i> Ascent Aspirations Online Magazine	March, 2011
Creative Nonfiction	
<i>Square Dance</i> Paths of Fear (Anthology), The Pebbled Lane Books Series, USA	2016
<i>Split Second</i> Two Cities Review, Online, USA	2016
<i>Red Beets Mingle with Potato Skins</i> Nom-Fiction (Big Truths) Print Edition (Anthology), USA	2016
<i>Where Dogs Fart</i> Foliate Oak Literary Magazine, USA	2015

<i>Room with a View</i> Morelmag.ca	2015
<i>When One Treatment Won't Do</i> Jenny, USA	2015
<i>AKA Robin</i> Unfinished Chapters (Anthology), USA	2015
<i>Nothing by Mouth</i> Tincture, AU	2015
<i>Ringo</i> Tincture, AU	2015
Non-Fiction (articles / opinion editorials)	
<i>Planning the Summer Nearing</i> <i>Why Vacationing Close to Home Makes Sense</i> Renaissance Magazine, Retired Teachers of Ontario	2017
<i>People's Best Friend--Why Having a Dog Matters</i> Renaissance Magazine, Retired Teachers of Ontario	2017
<i>Caught up in the Truth--an essay about writing creative non-fiction</i> The Town Crier, blog of the Puritan	2015
<i>Back to Nature</i> Rural Voice	2014
<i>Move Over Three R's</i> CAP Journal	2011
<i>Lead at the Elbow,</i> Leaders and Learners	Summer 2011
<i>Technology in the Classroom Isn't Utopia</i> SNOW Online	2011
<i>What's the skinny on social networking for teens?</i> <i>Do the benefits outweigh the concerns?</i> Ontario Principals' Council magazine, Register	Winter 2010
<i>The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Being selective in the fuel choices we make</i> Girlworks Magazine	August 2010

<i>The Meaning of Green</i> Open Magazine: A magazine of Integrated Health	January 2010
<i>The Word Hermaphrodite is Inappropriate for People</i> Waterloo Region Record Community Editorial Board	October 2009
<i>Far North</i> New Hamburg Independent	Nov. 2009
<i>Natural to the Rescue</i> Open Magazine: A magazine of Integrated Health	Sept. 2009
<i>Just because you cannot see your colon, do not ignore</i> Waterloo Region Record Community Editorial Board	Sept. 2009
<i>When you Drive, Do not Talk on the Cell Phone</i> Waterloo Region Record Community Editorial Board	Aug. 2009
<i>Turmeric! Super Food or Just a Spice?</i> Open Magazine	2009
<i>Today's High-Tech Students Make Me Feel Like a Digital Immigrant</i> Waterloo Region Record	2009
<i>Bee Population Decline Threatens Food Supply</i> New Hamburg Independent	Aug. 2009
<i>Today's High-tech Students Make me feel like a Digital Immigrant</i> Waterloo Region Record Community Editorial Board	July 2009
<i>Herbes de Provence: A Taste of the French Riviera</i> Open Magazine: A magazine of Integrated Health	July 2009
<i>If you Help Another You just Might help Yourself</i> Waterloo Region Record Community Editorial Board	May 2009
<i>Simple Flu Shot could have Saved me Considerable Misery</i> Waterloo Region Record Community Editorial Board	March 2009
<i>Lyndon Fish Hatcheries Always Striving to Move Forward</i> New Hamburg Independent	March 2009
<i>Buzz on Bees</i> Open Magazine: A magazine of Integrated Health	March 2009

<i>The Roundabout Dance—Who is Leading?</i> Waterloo Region Record Community Editorial Board	Jan. 2009
<i>Tipping the Scales of Balance your Way</i> Open Magazine: A magazine of Integrated Health	Winter 2008
<i>Experiencing Different Culture</i> Korea Times	August 2008
<i>Changes to Safe Schools Act gives Educators more Options</i> Waterloo Chronicle	April 2008
<i>Attention Deficit Disorder and Girls</i> The CAP Journal, Resources for school-based leadership	Winter 2007
<i>From Nigeria to Yellowknife to Qatar</i> New Hamburg Independent	July 2007
<i>Claynook Farms Owners help 14-year-old grow his business</i> New Hamburg Independent	March 2007
<i>A Diary of a Successful Wilmot Township Farmer</i> New Hamburg Independent	March 2007
<i>Putting down the Chalk</i> New Hamburg Independent	Nov. 2006
<i>Students are Fortunate to have Many Educational Options</i> Waterloo Chronicle	Nov. 2006
<i>Bonding over books: Friendships and Love of Reading Grow</i> Abilities: Canada's magazine people	Fall 2006
<i>Whose Wellness? Theirs or Ours?</i> The CAP Journal	Spring 2006
Book / Resource Reviews (sample of titles; contact for more samples)	
<i>Tim Wynne-Jones' book Rex Zero</i> Waterloo Region Record	April 2011
<i>Lesley Choyce's book Random</i> Waterloo Region Record	April 2011
<i>Eric Walter's book Shaken</i> Waterloo Region Record	Feb. 2011

Dogfight: A Love Story
Waterloo Region Record Feb. 2011

Poetry

A 6-word poem
2 Elizabeths love-themed anthology, USA 2018

A Glacial Stalker
From This Day Forward, an anthology celebrating Canada's 150th
Editor: Margaret Bird 2017

Readings / Workshops / Other

Clutched by the Hair
<http://playme.podbean.com/e/29-playme-clutched-by-a-hair/>
PlayME Podcast, Expect Theatre, Toronto 2016

Canadian Federation of University Women, Saugeen Branch
'Getting Started' on Writing ~ A Talk for Beginning Writers April 2016

Author Reading via Skype
Rhubarb Magazine, Winnipeg Feb. 2016

Community Involvement

Pre-screening writing contest judge, Alice Munro Festival 2015-present
Crohn's and Colitis Canada, Gutsy Walk, Grey Bruce 2012-present
Saugeen Artists Group 2013-2015