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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

<i>If I Could Take Words</i> Top Ten, William Willard Campbell Poetry Competition, Wiarnton	2018
<i>Donor #0378Q</i> Short-listed, Elora Writers' Festival Writing Competition	2018
<i>More Than a Job Offer</i> 2nd Prize, Blank Spaces Picture Prompt Writing Contest	2017
<i>Nesting</i> 1st Prize, Creative Nonfiction Category ~ Annual Writing Competition Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop	2017
<i>The Drive</i> Shortlisted, Fiction ~ Annual Writing Competition Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop	2017

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

Ringo
3rd, NOWW Creative Nonfiction Writing Competition 2015

Nothing by Mouth
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

Member of NOWW (Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop) 2015-present

Initiated / Lead a Face-to-Face Writers' Group
Walkerton, Ontario 2015-present

Participant, Face-to-Face Writing Group
Paisley, Ontario and online 2016-present

Publications (online/print literary journals and anthologies)

Fiction

Words for a Friend's Headstone June 2018
Blank Spaces, Literary Magazine, Grey County, Ontario

Something for Rain
The Belle Journal, USA 2017

Crisp and Savoury
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
<i>Thong Again?</i> What if?	2003

Creative Nonfiction

Square Dance

Paths of Fear (Anthology), The Pebbled Lane Books Series, USA 2016

Split Second

Two Cities Review, Online, USA 2016

Red Beets Mingle with Potato Skins

Nom-Fiction (Big Truths) Print Edition (Anthology), USA 2016

Where Dogs Fart

Foliate Oak Literary Magazine, USA 2015

Room with a View

Morelmag.ca 2015

When One Treatment Won't Do

Jenny, USA 2015

AKA Robin

Unfinished Chapters (Anthology), USA 2015

Nothing by Mouth

Tincture, AU 2015

Ringo

Tincture, AU 2015

Non-Fiction (articles / opinion editorials)

ONGOING ~ monthly opinion column for SPOTLIGHT West Grey
and bi-monthly column for Walkerton Herald-Times and
SouthwesternOntario.ca (contact me to acquire copies of work)

June 2018 to
present

Some titles of these columns are:

Transform Houseguests into Something Wunderbar

Walkerton Herald-Times Aug., 2018

Mi Casa es su Casa. My House is Your House. Not! - Column

Walkerton Herald-Times July, 2018

A Lazy Person's Guide to Housecleaning - Column

Walkerton Herald-Times June, 2018

Planning the Summer Nearcation

Why Vacationing Close to Home Makes Sense

Renaissance Magazine, Retired Teachers of Ontario Summer, 2017

<i>People's Best Friend--Why Having a Dog Matters</i> Renaissance Magazine, Retired Teachers of Ontario	Winter, 2016
<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
<i>Dogfight: A Love Story</i> Waterloo Region Record	Feb. 2011
Poetry	
<i>A 6-word poem</i> 2 Elizabeths love-themed anthology, USA	2018
<i>A Glacial Stalker</i> From This Day Forward, an anthology celebrating Canada's 150th Editor: Margaret Bird	2017
Readings / Workshops / Other	
<i>Clutched by the Hair</i> http://playme.podbean.com/e/29-playme-clutched-by-a-hair/ PlayME Podcast, Expect Theatre, Toronto	2016
<i>Canadian Federation of University Women, Saugeen Branch</i> 'Getting Started' on Writing ~ A Talk for Beginning Writers	April 2016

Author Reading via Skype
Rhubarb Magazine, Winnipeg

Feb., 2016

Community Involvement

Website Captain, Retired Teachers of Ontario ~ District 10 (Grey Bruce Dufferin)	Currently
Pre-screening writing contest judge, Alice Munro Festival	2015-2018
Crohn's and Colitis Canada, Gutsy Walk, Grey Bruce	2012-present
Saugeen Artists Group	2013-2015