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On-going Objectives

Publication of a collection of literary short stories
(Publication of debut collection with the Porcupine's Quill projected for Spring 2022)
Ontario Arts Council grant(s) for writing
Study the craft of writing (short fiction, creative nonfiction, playwriting, poetry)

Education

CSARN Mentorship with professional writer, Max Layton	2019-2020
Online Writing Course (6 week/12 lessons) through Brampton Library	2019
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

Grants

Recommender's Grant, Ontario Arts Council	Dec 2020
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Writing Awards

<i>Lost Innocence</i> 1st place, Creative Nonfiction Category ~ Annual Writing Competition Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop	2021
<i>The Roach Family</i> 3rd place, Creative Nonfiction Category ~ Annual Writing Competition Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop	2021
<i>In Honour of Miriam</i> Honourable Mention, Fifteen Stories High Writing Competition, Niagara	2021
<i>What Will You Do Without It?</i> 2nd place, Saugeen Memorial Hospital Fundraiser Writing Contest	2020

<i>Threadbare Smile</i>	3rd place, Creative Nonfiction Category ~ Annual Writing Competition Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop	2020
<i>Unfolding Recipes</i>	3rd place, Niagara-on-the-Lake Writers' Circle, Rising Spirits, fiction category	2019
<i>White Things</i>	Top Ten, William Willard Campbell Poetry Competition, Wiarton	2019
<i>Unfolding Recipes</i>	Short-listed, Rotary Club of Stratford Writing Contest (adult)	2019
<i>Lovina</i>	Top Twelve, Desi Writers' Lounge Short Story Contest, Pakistan	2019
<i>Canal Street Cathouse</i>	Honourable Mention, Fifteen Stories High Writing Competition, Niagara	2019
<i>If I Could Take Words</i>	Top Ten, William Willard Campbell Poetry Competition, Wiarton	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>	Short-listed, Rotary Club of Stratford Writing Competition, adult	2017
<i>The Drive</i>	Shortlisted, Fiction ~ Annual Writing Competition Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop	2017
<i>Split Second</i>	Nominated, Pushcart Prize, Nonfiction category by Two Cities Review	2016
<i>Hedy & Flo</i>	Long-listed, carte blanche/CNF Contest	2015

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

Ringo
3rd place, Creative Nonfiction Category ~ Annual Writing Competition 2015
Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop

Nothing by Mouth
Shortlisted, Event Creative Nonfiction Writing Competition 2014

Work Experience

Queen's University, Instructor, additional qualification courses for teachers 2006-2019
School Administrator, WRDSB, special education 2004-2012
Teacher, special education, guidance, kindergarten, 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 2016-present
Paisley, Ontario and online

Publications (online/print literary journals and anthologies)

Fiction

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

It's an Oven in Here
Polar Expressions Anthology, BC Dec 2018

Something for Rain
The Belle Journal, USA 2017

Crisp and Savoury
Five2One Magazine 2016

Factitious
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 <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), Canada	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) ONGOING ~ monthly opinion column for SPOTLIGHT West Grey and bi-monthly column for Walkerton Herald-Times (contact me to acquire copies)	2018 to March 2020
Some titles of these columns are: <i>Transform Houseguests into Something Wunderbar</i> Walkerton Herald-Times	Aug., 2018
<i>Mi Casa es su Casa. My House is Your House. Not! - Column</i> Walkerton Herald-Times	July, 2018
<i>A Lazy Person's Guide to Housecleaning - Column</i> Walkerton Herald-Times	June, 2018
<i>Planning the Summer Nearcation</i> <i>Why Vacationing Close to Home Makes Sense</i> 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>Never Forgotten</i> 100 Words of Solitude (100 poems posted on Twitter/FB for COVID19)	Apr 2020
<i>March into Spring</i> Polar Expressions Anthology (Poetry), BC	Dec. 2019
<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

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

Website and Social Media Captain / Member of the Executive,
Retired Teachers of Ontario ~ District 10 (Grey Bruce Dufferin) Currently
Social Media Contributor (FB), Chesley Horticultural Society Currently
Member, Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts Currently
Member, Headwaters Arts Currently
Pre-screening writing contest judge, Alice Munro Festival 2015-2018
Crohn's and Colitis Canada, Gutsy Walk, Grey Bruce Planning Committee 2012-2019
Saugeen Artists Group 2013-2015