

## **EDUCATION**

MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY, West Long Branch, New Jersey

*Master of Arts in English and Creative Writing*, May 2015, Thesis in Creative NonFiction:  
“Holy Heart”

KEAN UNIVERSITY, Union, New Jersey

*Bachelors of Arts in English and Creative Writing*, January 2010

MORRIS COUNTY COLLEGE, Randolph, New Jersey

*Associate in Arts*, January 2003

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Kean University, Union, New Jersey

September 2015-Present

Monmouth University, Long Branch, New Jersey

September 2015-May 2017

Union County College, Cranford, New Jersey

April 2016-Present

### ***Adjunct Professor***

- Facilitator of five sections of College Composition 101&102, four sections of World Literature, and one section of Creative Writing.
- Created a unique multidisciplinary EN 102 course themed Identity.
- Teach College Composition classes that include the following: critical thinking, reading, and modes of rhetoric evaluation; summary, analysis and argumentation; grammar and vocabulary; content development; thesis statement development; rhetorical analysis strategies and rhetorical modes; researching and citing sources; and individual conferences with students throughout the semester.
- Manage between 50-100 plus students through email, Skype, phone calls, and conferences.
- Develop creative curriculum relevant to the student body.
- Score papers, tests, quizzes, and homework assignments in a timely manner, and with pertinent feedback.
- Provide mentorship and guidance for special needs students.
- Facilitate conferences and workshops between students to create community between students.
- Privately guide and assist student’s in need of extra help.

### ***Youth Program Instructor***

June 2016 – Present

Union County College

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- Instruct and prepare high school students for the SAT Reading, Writing, & Language section.
  - Teach the principles of the new SAT.
  - Enforce effective test taking strategies specific to the verbal section to help ensure a high score: critical thinking skills, rhetorical modes, command of evidence, and contextual reading.
  - Practice appropriate essay writing development and composition skills.
  - Read essays of various disciplines and practice annotating, discussing, and rhetorically analyzing.

### ***Educational Consultant***

May 2016-Present

#### Summit Prep

- Instruct college-preparatory students on proper ACT and SAT test preparation.
- Develop test taking strategies needed to increase scores on college entrance exams.
- Manage 8-15 students a week, all with various schedules and different needs.
- Assist students with college essay writing.
- Consistently achieved a 5-10 point increase in ACT Reading and English, and a 25 point increase in Reading and Writing & Language SAT within a 2-4 month time period.
- Communicate weekly or monthly with students or parents through email, phone calls, etc., to encourage, guide, and check on the student's progress.
- Maintain records of the student's scores and progress in a binder, and review the scores every session to keep student goal-oriented and focused.

### ***Private Tutor***

October 2010 – Present

- Provide private instruction for an individual or small groups to improve academic performance.
- Collaborate with students and parents to develop a pertinent curriculum.
- Communicate progress to students and parents in person, by phone, or email.
- Give pertinent feedback using positive reinforcement techniques to encourage and build confidence in the student.
- Act as a mentor and facilitator for college preparation by teaching the ACT and SAT English, Reading and essay.
- Administer college prep tests and monitor progress.
- Help with college applications and essays.
- Assist with Literature, History, and English school homework.
- Teach valuable study skills, i.e. time management, planning, and organization.

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## **WRITING & EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE**

PFM HOBBY PUBLICATIONS, INC., Freehold, New Jersey    September 2013 – August 2014

### ***Editorial Intern***

- Copy editing articles by restricted deadlines.
- Copywriting articles appealing to the magazines target audience.
- Advising the editor-in-chief on layout and article selection prior to publication.

THE WARREN SHOWCASE, Warren, New Jersey

April 2010 – April 2012

### ***Freelance Writer***

- Interviewed small business owners and wrote articles successfully promoting their business.
- Edited articles to meet the standards of clients and publishers.
- Took photos to accurately depict targeted businesses.
- Authored column entitled, *Discovering New Jersey*; increased tourist interest in the area and state.

## **AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Graduated Magna Cum Laude from both Kean and Monmouth.
- Dean's list.
- Sigma Tau Delta member, 2007-present.
- Read as a published poet at Sigma Tau Delta's 2016 International Convention, *Coming Home*.
- Read as an honorary poet at the Sigma Tau Delta Kean University inductee ceremony May 2016 and 2017.
- Awarded first place in poetry contest from the Department of English, Kean University.
- Attended Chautauqua Writers' Festival on scholarship from Monmouth University.
- Won *Spirit of the Heart Award* from the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark.
- Published poem "My Father's Wine" in Vol 91 of *The Sigma Tau Delta Rectangle*.
- Participant at the 2014 NJCEA Annual Conference.

## **CAREER RELATED ACTIVITIES AND HOBBIES**

- Former editor and writer for Kean's independently run newspaper, *The Steaming Pipe*.
- Contributed to *The Creation Space*, Kean University's Literary Magazine.
- Published in *Monmouth Review*. Encourage student body to contribute.
- Facilitate writing groups and workshops, ongoing.
- Contributor to Monmouth University's Graduate Symposium.

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