

## GRADUATE & UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Ph.D in English & Humanities <i>St. John's University   Queens, NY</i>	May 2017
MFA in Creative Writing <i>Manhattanville College   Purchase, NY</i>	August 2015
Certification Online Teaching <i>St. John's University   Queens, NY</i>	June 2015
Shakespeare Graduate Course <i>SUNY New Paltz College   New Paltz, NY</i>	August 2010
Masters of Arts in Writing <i>Manhattanville College   Purchase, NY</i>	May 2007
Bachelors of Science in Marketing and Management <i>Mercy College   Dobbs Ferry, NY</i>	May 1989

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

St John University   <i>Queens, NY</i> Literature as Global Context: Diary as Literature & Autobiography & Memoir in English Department, First Year Writing Program in the Institute for Writing Studies	Fall 2016
Culinary Institute of Arts   <i>Hyde Park, NY</i> College Writing and Literature	2014 - Present
Dutchess Community College   <i>Poughkeepsie, NY</i> Basic Patterns of Writing; Freshman Composition I, English Composition II: Introduction to Literature; Journal/Memoir Writing; Liberal Arts and Humanities Introductory Seminar	2007 - 2016

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles & Essays

"Where are the Diarists Who Look Like Me?" <i>Forthcoming in Virginia Woolf Miscellany</i>	Spring/Summer 2016
"Becoming a Writer, Again: From Research to a Personal Writer's Retreat" <i>#Arspoeticus Issue of White Stag Publication</i>	October 2015
"Is a Woman's Identity Based on her Last Name?" <i>BrainChildMag.com</i>	June 2013
"Embracing my Southern Roots"   "Sisters Saving Sisters" <i>Contemporary American Women: Our Defining Passages</i>	Spring 2010
"The HPV Vaccine: Does it Promote Promiscuity or Save Lives?" <i>Hudson Valley Parent, Travel Issue</i>	2010
"The Last Eight Months" <i>The Truth About the Fact: International Journal of Literary Nonfiction</i>	Fall 2009

"The Unbroken Love Story"

*Dutchess Magazine*

July/August '07

"Love's Comedies: As You like It"

*Taconic Weekend*

July 2007

## *Fiction & Poetry*

"Seventh Avenue Brownstone"

Prose Poetry | *Sequoia Literary Journal of St. John University*

Spring 2016

"Forgiving Benjamin"

Novel Excerpt | *Noise Medium*

April 2016

## *Books*

*WWJD, What Would Jesus Do?*

*Peter Pauper Press*

2004

*The Other Side of Motherhood, Mercy on the Journey*

*Publish America*

2002

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

College English Association 2015 Conference

"Private Writing Shapes Voices for Public Discourse: Verna Dozier, Alice Dunbar-Nelson, Ida B. Wells"

March 2015

Current Research in African American Studies

"Private Writing Shapes Voices for Public Discourse: Verna Dozier's Private Writing"

August 2014

Ecology Graduate Conference, Ecopoetics Panel

"Then and Now: Recovery and Discovery" | St. John's University

April 2014

Space and Place Graduate Conference

"Private Writing Shapes Voices for Public Discourse: Ida B. Wells, Daniel Coker" | University of Dayton Ohio

March 2014

Critical Pedagogy and Creative Writing Workshop

Chair Panel | Manhattanville College

June 2013

McGraw Hill English Composition Symposium

Composition Writing Panel

October 2011

ICCD, a SUNY Institute at Cornell University

Successful Teaching Conference

April 2011

McGraw Hill Developmental Reading Symposium

Developmental Writing Panel

November 2010

## SPEAKING & READING ENGAGEMENTS

"Creating the Autobiography"

*CUNY City College, Center for Worker Education | New York, NY*

October 2015

"What is Literacy?"

*Fishkill Rotary | Fishkill, NY*

August 2015

5x5 MFA Poetry Reading

*Sarah Lawrence College | Bronxville, NY*

April 2014

DCC Writing Center Featured Writer

*Dutchess Community College | Poughkeepsie, NY*

2010

Literary Reading

*Millbrook Literary Festival | Millbrook, NY*

May 2007

Literary Reading  
*Poets & Bus Boys | Washington, DC*

July 2006

AmiGirls Literary Retreat  
*Fishkill, NY*

June 2005

## GRANTS & AWARDS

Research Travel Grant, *African American Episcopal Historical Collection*  
*Bishop Payne | Library of the Virginia Theological Seminary |*  
*"Private Writing Shapes Voices for Public Discourse"*

2014

DCC CSTEP for Mentoring, Inspiring & Caring about Students

2012

Winner of April Script Frenzy

2012

Winner of National Novel Writing Contest

2009

Merit Scholarship to Power of Journal Writing Conference  
*Colorado*

2008

Nonfiction Scholarship to Flanked Women's Conference  
*Washington, DC*

2006

Dutchess County Arts Council Project Grant for *The Art of Journal Writing*  
*Dutchess County Arts Council Art for Brinckerhoff & Vail Farms Elementary Schools*

2004

Poets & Writers Reading/Journal Writing Workshop Grant

2003

## WRITING WORKSHOPS

Wind Stirs Writing Workshop  
*House of Hope Women's Shelter*

2012 - 2014

Ethnic Pen Conference  
*Bay Shore High School*

2009 - 2013

Kids Short Story Connection  
*Town of Greenburgh Arts and Culture Committee*

2010 - 2011

Girls Write  
*Poughkeepsie AAUW "Live Your Dream" Conference | Poughkeepsie, NY*

2009 - 2010

Art of Journal Writing Workshops  
*Libraries, Community Centers, Churches | Dutchess, Ulster, Westchester Counties and the Bronx*

2001 - 2007

Guest Lecturer  
*Van Wyck Jr. High School Writer's Club*  
*John Jay Senior High School English Class*  
*Dutchess Community College Newspaper Club and Journalism 101 Class*  
*Millbrook Elementary School Fourth and Fifth Grade Classes*  
*Brinckerhoff Elementary School Fourth Grade Class*

2011

2007, 2009

2007

2006

2002 - 2003

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

AWP: Association of Writers & Writing Program

College English Association

Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society

Historic Second Baptist Church of Poughkeepsie  
*Diaconate Ministry, Sunday School Teacher*