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**EDUCATION**

MFA in Creative Writing Lesley University, Cambridge, MA	2016
M.A. Antioch University, Seattle, WA Interdisciplinary Degree: Psychology & Movement Education	1982
B.A. Antioch College, Yellow Springs, OH Interdisciplinary Degree: Psychology & Dance	1976

**FACILITATION/TEACHING**

The Words To Say It: Writing & Reading Poems About Illness, Trauma & Healing; The Writers Workshope, Port Townsend, WA	April 2020
The Words To Say It: Writing About Illness, Trauma & Healing; Richard Hugo House, Seattle WA	2017 - 2019
Waking Up in the Garden: A Poetry Workshop The Dunn Garden, Seattle, WA	Spring 2018
Writing New Poems; a 4 hour workshop Richard Hugo House, Seattle, WA	Oct. 2016
Reflective Writing/Narrative Medicine Workshop U of WA Wellness Program for Doctors Seattle, WA	May 2015
Poetry and Prose Rounds, co-teaching with Josephine Ensign, FNP, PhD; U of WA Health Sciences, Seattle, WA	Fall 2014
“Teens Writing from the Heart of Illness & Healing” 8 week workshops for teens living with chronic health / mental health issues; in collaboration with Odessa Brown Children’s Clinic, Seattle, WA	Fall 2014 Spring 2014 Fall 2013

**Writing as a “Righting” Journey** writing workshops for parents of children with chronic illness  
 Seattle Children’s Hospital, Seattle, WA 2011-2017  
 UCSF Children’s Hospital, San Francisco, CA April 2020  
 August 2019

Led a monthly parent support group for families with a child with Juvenile Myositis; Seattle Children’s Hospital March 2009-2011

**SPEAKING-READINGS-PRESENTATIONS-PAPERS**

*Town Hall Seattle*; reading from The Body Lives Its Undoing September 2019  
*The Pacific Science Center*; Seattle, WA March 2019  
*Merrill Gardens*, Burien, WA November 2018  
 conversations with scientists, artists & collaborators on the book

*Richard Hugo House*; *Telling Tough Stories: reading and discussion from The Body Lives Its Undoing*; in collaboration with Kathryn Trueblood; Seattle, WA September 2019

*The Examined Life Conference*; Carver College of Medicine Iowa City, IA; Presented a workshop on *Writing as a Righting Journey: How to set up workshops for parents whose child has a chronic illness* October 2018

*Humanities in Medicine* conference; The Mayo Clinic, Phoenix, AZ November 2016  
 Presented a paper on *Writing as a Righting Journey* workshop

*5<sup>th</sup> International Health Humanities Conference*, Seville, Spain September 2016  
 Presented *Writing as a Righting Journey* workshop & *Evaluating Creative Modalities with Marginalized Populations*

*KUOW/Weekday radio- interview with Steve Scher*, Seattle, WA January 28, 2013

*The Effects of Chronic Illness on Families*

- NIH, Pediatric Oncology Unit; Bethesda, MD. October 2012
- Residence Inn, NIH, Bethesda, MD. October 2012
- Behavioral Medicine; Family Doctor Residency Program, University of Washington, Swedish Hospital-Cherry Hill March 2009

*Coping with the Effects of Chronic Illness: Needs and Resources*  
*A workshop for parents*

- Cure JM Foundation National Conference 2009-2017
- The Pacific NW Arthritis Foundation-Summer Camp July 2010 & 2017

**AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS (see Publications addendum)**

Residencies:

Hedgebrook residency—juried applications Fall 2019

Grant Awards:

Artist Trust GAP grant October 2017

City Artists, Seattle Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs June 2008

City Artists, Seattle Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs February 2012

Youth Arts, Seattle Arts and Culture February 2013

Youth Arts, Seattle Arts and Culture May 2014

City Artists, Seattle Office of Arts and Culture October 2017

4Culture, King County Arts, Washington June 2008

June 2012

May 2017

**EARLY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**THERAPY**

Private Practice as a psychotherapist , Seattle, WA 1982-1992

School Counselor, The Northwest School, Seattle, WA 1984-1985

**OTHER TEACHING**

Adjunct Faculty- Lesley College, Boston, MA (Appleton, WI) 1991

Masters in Education program, Creative Movement in Learning

Designed and taught courses in Movement Education: 1982-1988

Psychology Graduate students-Antioch University, Seattle, WA

Massage Therapy students: Seattle Massage School; Brian Utting

School of Massage, Seattle, WA

Pacific Oaks College-Teacher Training, Seattle, WA

The Northwest School, Seattle, WA

**BUSINESS**

Owner, Edison Landscape Design 1992-2009

Residential Design, Installation and Management

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Cure JM Board of Directors (2017), Research Committee, 2009-present

International Family Support Director

Member of Seattle Children’s Hospital Parent Advisory Committee 2010-2014