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### **EDUCATION**

MFA in Creative Writing  
Lesley University, Cambridge, MA 2016

M.A. Antioch University, Seattle, WA 1982  
Interdisciplinary Degree: Psychology & Movement Education

### **FACILITATION/TEACHING/OTHER WORK**

Mental Health Coordinator; Cure JM Foundation Sept. 2021 – present

Reflective-Expressive Writing for Caregivers;  
UCSF Wellness Center for Youth with Chronic Conditions 2019 - present

Integrative Medicine: Evidence-Based Approach for Medicine  
CME course at Virginia Mason Hospital, Seattle, WA May 2020

Narrative Medicine/Reflective Writing  
Hugo House, Seattle, WA June 2021 / May 2022

*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: Reading & Writing Poems About Illness,  
Trauma & Healing;* Richard Hugo House, Seattle WA 2017 - 2021

*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 quarterly 2019-  
2022

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,  
RNP, 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  
Fall 2014  
Spring 2014  
Fall 2013

Brown Children's Clinic, Seattle, WA

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**

*Global Genes Week in Rare*—Kansas City, MO; Panelist for Medical Gaslighting and PTSD; *Health Equity Conference*—Writing and Visual Art Workshop Sept. 2024

*The Scleroderma Foundation; Kids Get Scleroderma Too*; Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.—Workshop on Coping for Caregivers and a writing workshop for teens June 2024

*American College of Rheumatology Medical Conference* Panelist on Mental Health & Parental Experience in Rheumatological Disease November 2023

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

*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 Presented a paper on *Writing as a Righting Journey* workshop November 2016

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

*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 2009-2022

- The Pacific NW Arthritis Foundation-Summer Camp July 2010 & 2017

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

**Residencies:**

Hedgebrook residency—juried applications Fall 2019

**Writing Workshops** (juried submissions)

Palm Beach Poetry Festival—Major Jackson January 2020  
 Napa Valley Writers Workshop—Linda Gregerson Summer 2013  
 Jane Hirshfield Summer 2011  
 Centrum Writers Workshop—Erin Belieu Summer 2017  
 Dana Levin Summer 2011  
 Squaw Valley Poetry Workshop Summer 2004

**Grant Awards:**

Artist Trust GAP grant October 2017  
 City Artists, Seattle Office of Arts and Culture October 2017  
 City Artists, Seattle Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs February 2012  
 City Artists, Seattle Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs June 2008  
 Youth Arts, Seattle Arts and Culture May 2014  
 Youth Arts, Seattle Arts and Culture February 2013

4Culture, King County Arts, Washington June 2022  
 May 2017  
 June 2012  
 June 2008

**EARLY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Therapeutic Practice**

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

**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

**POEMS/BOOKS/ESSAYS** (a complete listing from 2000-2024 upon request)

*Since the House Is Burning*—full length poetry book; MoonPath Press; 2022

**Other Publications:**

Book Reviews:

Shake & Tremor by Deborah Bacharach; Adroit Journal; June 2021

Feeding Hour by Jess Gigot; Mom Egg Review; December 2020

*The Body Lives Its Undoing*; chapbook; Benaroya Research Institute; Fall 2018

*The Moth-Eaten World*, chapbook, Finishing Line Press, June 2014

*What Cannot Be Swallowed*, chapbook published with help from a grant from City of Seattle Arts and Cultural Affairs, 2012

*Tattooed With Flowers*, chapbook published to fulfill grants from 4Culture and Seattle Office of Arts and Culture, 2009