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## Education

I'm currently enrolled in **UAA's Creative Writing and Literary Arts Masters in Fine Arts**. I'm a second year graduate student, scheduled to complete my masters in 2013.

**Connecticut College** New London, CT, Bachelor of Arts, May, 1994

*Major, Self-designed:* Semiotics: The Language of Performance and the Performance of Language

Honors : *Graduated with Honors with Distinction in the Major Field.*

Recipient of Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts Certificate.

## Writing and Editing Credits include:

"Knitting to Austen," *Jane Austen Knits*, Interweave Press, 2011.

Editor and Copy Editor, *Flashquake* literary magazine. 2011-2012

Commissioning Editor, *Inside Crochet Magazine*, 2009-2010

Author, *Crochet for Bears to Wear*, 2009, Potter Craft.

Author, *Knits for Bears to Wear*, 2007, Potter Craft.

Author, *The Color Book of Felted Crochet*, 2007, Creative Homeowner.

Various technical and historical articles for *Interweave Crochet* magazine, 2007 – Present.

Patterns and technical articles for *Crochet Today* magazine.

"Sara's Hat," *CraftZine*, October, 2011

"Mobius Cowl," *CraftZine* February, 2012

"Bowled Over," *CrochetMe*, June/July, 2005. Issue 6.

"Refresh Your Wardrobe," *CrochetMe* October/November, 2005, Issue 8.

"Bicycle Helmet Ear Warmers," *MenKnit*, inaugural issue.

"When kids take over the kitchen," *VegNews*. January/February, 2004. Issue #36.

Contributor, "The Veggie Awards 2004." *VegNews*. November/December, 2004. Issue #40.

Food Editor, *Vegetarian Baby and Child Magazine*. 2002-2004. Planned and edited Food section. Wrote articles for both Food and other sections including:

"Vitamins for Veggie Kids," *Vegetarian Baby and Child*, Mar-Apr, 2002. Vol. 4, issue 2.

"An Interview with Howard Lyman," *Vegetarian Baby and Child*, Jan-Feb, 2003. Vol. 5, issue 1.

"Stone Soup," *Vegetarian Baby and Child*, Jan-Feb, 2003. Vol. 5, issue 1.

"Profile of Hannah Tinti," *CC: Connecticut College Magazine*, Winter 2002-2003, p. 70.

"Small Business on the Net: Three case studies," *Digital Media*, 1997. Vol. 6, no. 7, p. 16.

"Knitting Travelogue of Metropolitan DC," *SpunMag*,

"Nested, felted bowls," *2007 Crochet Pattern-A-Day Calendar*, Accord Publishing

"No Bed of Roses," *Hooked: a Crocheter's Stash of Wit and Wisdom*, MBI Publishing

*Full list of publications available upon request*

## **Fiber Arts Instruction**

2011-Present, Seaside Yarns, Juneau, AK  
Knitting and Crochet instructor, designer.

2011-2012, The Canvas, Juneau, AK  
Fiber Arts Instructor, teaching both in the REACH adult day program and evening classes for the Juneau community.

2008-2011, The Net Loft, Cordova, AK  
Knitting and Crochet instructor, designer.

2004-2005, Pins and Needles, Princeton, NJ  
Crochet Instructor

2005, StitchDC, Washington, DC  
Crochet Instructor.

2005, Now and Then, Takoma Park, MD  
Knitting and Crochet Instructor.

2005, Pyle Middle School, Bethesda, MD  
Knitting and Crochet Instructor.

## **Technical Trainer**

911 Media Arts Seattle, WA

**LEAD INSTRUCTOR, Web Page Construction Class.** Created structure for Web Page in a Day class. Organized materials for 3 other instructors who aided with hands-on work. Lead students through creation process and taught basic HTML. Created resource kit for students to take away: tips, tricks, and bibliography.

Business Volunteers for the Arts Seattle, WA

**INSTRUCTOR, Internet Training Workshop.** Two-part workshop involving on-line marketing and web page creation for arts organizations. Provided hands-on opportunities for students to create web content, manipulate graphics and experiment with HTML.

USCGC Polar Star, Seattle, WA

**TRAINER, Introductory Internet Training.** Overview class for first-time Internet users. Explored details of connecting to Internet and local resources available. Demonstrated World Wide Web resources for military personnel and families including page created especially for class.

## **Other Training and Public Speaking Clients Include:**

The National Needle Arts Association, The Crochet Guild of America's Professional Development Day, Wy' East Color, Inc., Seattle Chapter of Webgrrls International, Association for Women in Computing, the Society of Women Engineers, the Small Business Administration, and the Minority and Women's Small Business Association.

## **Pro Bono Experience**

1997-1999, Various

**INTERNATIONAL WORLD WIDE WEB CONFERENCE VOLUNTEER,** An international academic conference sponsored by the W3C. Participated as a conference volunteer in 1997 in Santa Clara, 1998 in Brisbane, Australia, and 1999 in Toronto. Managing Audio-visual equipment for conference sessions, assisting staff with setup and production of the conferences.

1997-1998 Seattle, WA

**STEERING COMMITTEE, SEATTLE CHAPTER OF WEBGRRLS INTERNATIONAL**, A networking group for women in technology, Provided events coordination, planning meetings, arranging speakers and participating actively on the steering committee to shape and grow the organization.

1996-2000, Seattle, WA

**CONSULTANT, RESULTS**, a non-profit, grassroots citizen's lobby that identifies sustainable solutions to the problems of hunger and poverty. Provided web design consulting and Internet connectivity solutions as well as web marketing consulting.

2009-2011, Cordova, AK

**BOARD MEMBER, CORDOVA ARTS COUNCIL**

Provided organizational support for local arts organization bringing out-of-town artists to perform and provide outreach in Cordova schools.

2009-2011, Cordova, AK

**COMMITTEE MEMBER, COPPER RIVER WILD SALMON FESTIVAL**

Organized Taste of Cordova, an annual cook off, fund-raising dinner and musical event.

2009-2011, Cordova, AK

**BOARD MEMBER, CORDOVA 4-H MUSIC CAMP**

Provided organizational support throughout the year, technical assistance with web design and Facebook pages, helped with running of camp.

## **Project Management and Technical Communications**

1996-2006, Seattle, WA

**DIRECTOR, IN PLAIN SIGHT MEDIA (<http://ipsmedia.com>)** Own and manage Internet development business. Create and manage Web solutions for various clients. Assemble and manage teams of designers, programmers, and writers. Develop and edit content for clients. Promote web sites with innovative marketing techniques. Clients include Harrison Hospital, ([www.harrisonhospital.org](http://www.harrisonhospital.org)), MyBackyard.com, Microsoft Corporation, The Anywear Shoe Company ([www.anywears.com](http://www.anywears.com)).

1996-2002, Seattle, WA

**WEB PRODUCER, HARRISON HOSPITAL (Contract)**

Developed and managed web solutions for Harrison Hospital. Managed sites initial architecture and development. Project Manager for two subsequent redesigns over following six-year period. Managed development of intranet, online store, Doctor Database, Internal Doctor's web site, and other Internet applications. Hired and managed programmers, and designers.

1999-2000, Seattle, WA

**WEB PRODUCER, MYBACKYARD.COM**

Contributed to spec, creation and launch of new content web site mybackyard.com. Developed content and editorial calendar. Managed designers, editors and writers. Edited content. Worked with vendors to create product tie-ins.

Oct 1997- March 1998, WebStaff Bellevue, WA

**WEB ARCHITECT, AT&T WIRELESS.** Design and build Intranet web site for Fraud Process Standardization Team. Converted print resource into dynamic online tool. Consolidated and integrated CARE Intranet web site. Oversaw design unification of multiple team Intranet sites into one standard department site.

July-November 1996, RhoTech Redmond, WA

**INTERIM WEB SITE MANAGER, MICROSOFT CORPORATION.** Managed all aspects of the Microsoft Small Business Web Site (<http://www.microsoft.com/smallbiz>). Managed programmers, designers and writers. Oversaw design makeover. Planned monthly content updates. Planned articles and managed writers. Oversaw web site promotion including on-line contests.

April-July 1996 RhoTech Redmond, WA

**EDITOR, MICROSOFT CORPORATION** .Responsible for integrity of Windows NT 4.0 On-line Help. Conducted testing and oversaw quality assurance of Help files. Performed informational review to ensure procedural accuracy and usability.

1995-1996 RhoTech Redmond, WA

**EDITOR, MICROSOFT CORPORATION.** Authored and edited "Answer Wizard" help system for Microsoft Project group. A natural language searching system, AW "understands" user questions and directs the user to appropriate on-line help topics. Responsible for testing consistency of help database. Created and implemented authoring procedures.

## **Computer Skills**

### **Windows Applications include:**

Windows, Outlook, MS Office, FileMaker Pro 3.0, 5.0, MS Help, Access, Microsoft Project, Adobe Photoshop

### **Macintosh Applications include:**

MS Office, Apple iWorks, Photoshop, InDesign, Graphics Converter, iMovie, iPhoto

**Other Computer Skills include:** Some HTML, Wordpress, Blogger, Unix Shell familiarity.

**Language:** Fluent in French; ACTFL certified. Reading knowledge of Latin. Familiar with Italian.