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**Education**

**M.F.A., Sarah Lawrence College,** Bronxville, New York 2012

Genre: Nonfiction

**M.S.W., Hunter College School of Social Work**, New York, New York 1992

Major Method: Community Organization

**B.A., Sarah Lawrence College**, Bronxville, New York, May 1989

Concentration: Sociology/Creative Writing

**Work Experience**

* **Montclair State University,** Montclair, New Jersey; Spring 2013-Present

*Adjunct Professor, First-Year Writing Program and Creative Writing Department*

Responsible for all aspects of instruction: course planning, class facilitation, and student evaluation

* **Sarah Lawrence College, The Writing Institute,** Bronxville, New York; Spring 2013-Present,

*Writing Instructor*

Responsible for the design and facilitation of creative writing classes for adults

* **Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE),** Yonkers, New York; October 2015-Present

*Creative Writing Instructor*

Responsible for the design and facilitation of creative writing classes for 9th and 11th graders

* **Garrison Arts Center,** Garrison, New York; Summer 2013-Present

*Writing Instructor*

Responsible for the design and facilitation of writing classes for adults

* **Saint Thomas Aquinas College,** Sparkill, New York; 2006-2013

*Adjunct Professor of English and Sociology*

Responsible for all aspects of instruction: course planning, development of syllabi, class facilitation, and student evaluation

* **Empire State College,** Highland, New York; Summer 2009

*Adjunct Instructor*

Taught a course entitled, “Creative Nonfiction: Writing about Race, Class and Gender.” Responsible for all aspects of instruction: course planning, workshop facilitation and student evaluation

* **The Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB),** Bronx, New York; 2006-2007

*Consultant*

Served as a consultant for River Park Towers Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) Program serving senior citizens and CAB Family Literacy Program (FLP). Responsible for orienting new staff, surveying the community and writing grants

* **Marymount College,** Tarrytown, New York; 1995-1998

*Social Worker/Support Group Facilitator*

Responsible for facilitating weekly support groups and educational workshops for college students. Counseled students, conducted group workshops on specific topics and provided referrals for further treatment

* **The Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB),** Bronx, New York;1992-1994

*Program Director*

Responsible for the operation of six community based programs serving families in the South Bronx. Provided direct supervision to a staff of fifteen, as well as volunteers and student interns. Also provided crisis intervention services to community residents dealing with domestic violence and child abuse. Wrote proposals and all monthly and quarterly reports. Conducted group meetings and community workshops on social issues relevant to the community’s needs. Also participated actively in negotiations pertaining to future community development and programming

* **The Office of the Manhattan Borough President,** New York, New York; 1991-1992

*Social Work Intern*

Conducted research study on foster care issues. Responsible for all components of study. Organized youth activists for participation in project. Participant in “Women and AIDS” working group. Attended and represented the Borough President at public hearings and demonstrations

**Published Work**

***VIA-Voices in Italian Americana, a literary and cultural review, Volume 26, Winter 2015, Number 2***

Book Review of ***Twenty Cigarettes in Nasiriyah*** by Francesco Trento and Aureliano

***Drift Magazine, Vol. 3-Havana***

“Enrichment”

“Cuba Libro”

***Talking Writing, December 2015***

“Faith, Writing and New Jersey Diners”

***Italian Americana, Cultural and Historical Review, Summer 2015***

“Bread and Belonging”

***Listen to your Mother: What She Said Then, What We’re Saying Now-***

***Book Launch Date: April 8,2015*** (Anthology published by Putnam)

“Artichokes”

***Talking Writing, Fall 2014***

“Happy Twentieth Birthday, *Bird by Bird*--A Tribute Essay”

***Junk, May 2014***

“Red, Brown and Navy Blue”

***The Inquisitive Eater, May 2013***

**“**We’re in the Kitchen for Chrissakes!”

***The Asbury Park Press***

March 2015

“Roaming the Aisles of the A & P”

“Lost and Found at the Hibiscus”

May 2013

“Everybody Has a Hungry Heart/A Ferris Wheel Diary of Days, Years and Boardwalk Food”

February 2013

“Singing for the Shore”

November 2012

**“**Hometown Harvest: A Thanksgiving Essay”

June 2012

“Wordless Love, Wordless Healing-An Essay”

***Italian Americana, Cultural and Historical Review, Spring 2011***

“The Mountain of Artichokes”

***VIA-Voices in Italian Americana, a literary and cultural review, Volume 21, Autumn 2010, Number 2***

“Mary Janes”

“Trading Hairpieces for Oil Changes”

“Wanting What’s at Seaview Chevy”

“Filling the Torch Tank”

***Splash of Red: Your online literary arts magazine, March 2010***

“Advice from my Muse”

***A Millrock Writers Sampler, 2010***

“Miss Leonard’s Smile”

***The Mom Egg, Fall 2009 Edition***

“Twelve Street and Crumb”

***Lumina, Volume VII, 2008***

“The Men’s Room at Fred’s Texaco”

***MOM WOW, The Mom Egg, 2008***

“Mary Janes”

***The Beacon Dispatch, February 2006***

“Cocktails in Suburbia”

***The Journal News***

My Turn Column 1993

“What is Home?” 2004

“Where the Ball Bounces” 2005

***The Putnam County News and Recorder***

“Life Experiences That Shape the Individual” 2009

“The Shape of a Heart” 2005

**Readings**

**Barnes and Noble,** New York, NY

**Writers Read,** New York, NY

**The Inner Loop Literary Series,** Washington, DC

**Montclair State University,** Montclair, New Jersey

**The Garrison Arts Center,** Garrison, New York

**Sarah Lawrence College**, Bronxville, New York

**Bookgirl Readings, Barnes and Noble,** Westport, CT

**National Public Radio, WAMC**, Albany, New York

**Cornelia St. Café,** New York, New York

**The Calandra Italian American Institute,** New York, New York

**Mamapalooza,** Valhalla, New York

**Letters to Our Ancestors**, Red Bank, New Jersey

**The Art Garden**, Garrison, New York

**Millrock Writers**, New Paltz, New York

**Volunteer Experience**

*Cast Member,* **Listen To Your Mother/NYC Show,** New York, New York, February 2012-May 2012

Writing *Mentor,* **Garrison Art Center**, Garrison, New York, December 2011-Present

*Workshop Facilitator- Media and Body Image*, **Haldane Middle School**, Cold Spring, New York, 2009-Present

*Workshop Co-Facilitator*- *This I Believe Writing Workshop,* **Haldane Middle School,** Cold Spring, New York. 2008-Present

*Writing Workshop Facilitator,* **East Fishkill Library**, Fishkill, New York, May 2008

*Social Worker/Relief Worker,* **The Astrodome,** Houston, Texas, September, 2005

*Founder and Co-Chair*, **The Joy Project at Montefiore (**formerly **Sound Shore Medical Center Toy and Coat Drive**) New Rochelle, New York, 1994-Present

*Co-Coordinator,* **Common Threads, A Project of the Haldane School Foundation and the Haldane PTA**, **Haldane Elementary School,** Cold Spring, New York, 2001-2002

*Project Coordinator,* **The Haldane PTA After-School Enrichment Program, Haldane Elementary School,** Cold Spring, New York, 2000-Present

*Campaign Manager****,* Friends of Curto/Marino**, Cold Spring, New York, Spring 2004

*Chairperson,* **The Friends of the Tots Park**, Cold Spring, New York, 1997-2000

*Advisory Board Co-Chairperson,* **Putnam Community Action Program,** Brewster, New York, 1996-1999

**HONORS**

*2015-16 Fellow,* **Montclair State University, Engaged Teaching Fellows Program**

*Selected Participant,* **Bread Loaf Writers Conference in Sicily/Middlebury College,** September 2012

*Writing Fellow,* **The Kathryn Gurfein Writing Fellowship of Sarah Lawrence College,** 2005-2006

*Local Hero***, The Journal News**, December 20, 2009

*Volunteer of the Year***, Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson,** May 2009

*Selected Role Model,* **“Women Helping Girls with Choices Annual Conference”**, BOCES, Yorktown, New York, November 2005

*Featured Humanitarian*, **“In the Community Spotlight”**, Spring 2005 Edition of Sound Health, a Publication of the Sound Shore Health System, New Rochelle, New York, March 2005

*Selected Role Model,* ***“*Women Helping Girls with Choices Annual Conference”,** BOCES, Yorktown, New York, October 2003

*The Marie F. Vitt Humanitarian Award,* **Sound Shore Medical Center**, New Rochelle, New York, April 2000

*PBA Community Service Award*, **New Rochelle Police Department**, New Rochelle, New York, May 2002

**Additional Work Experience**

*Community Task Force Organizer/Lobbyist,* **The Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB**), Bronx, New York, 1990-1991

*Community Residence Counselor,* **The Mental Health Association**, White Plains, New York, 1989-1990

*Student Intern,* **State Of New York, Office of the Attorney General,** White Plains, New York, 1997

*Teacher’s Assistant/Student Intern*, **Bank Street College School for Children**, New York, New York 1986