

LAURA WALKER

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MY PURPOSE

My dedication to serving the community as an instructor inspires me to create a learning environment that respects diversity, fosters curiosity, cultivates innovation, advances cultural enrichment, and promotes student success through a variety of teaching methods and a commitment to developing my practice.

EDUCATION

Eastern Washington University; Cheney, WA

MFA Creative Writing, Poetry

2005

Thesis: *As A Bird* Poetry Manuscript

Internships: Writers in the Community; Poetry in the Schools; *Willow Springs* Literary Journal

Southern Utah University; Cedar City, UT

BA English

2002

Area of Concentration: Creative Writing

Minor: Theatre Arts

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor – Composition I & II: Accelerated Concurrent Enrollment for High School 08/2017 – Present

Front Range Community College; Westminster, CO

Adapted curriculum for accelerated instruction of both Composition I and II in a single semester, tailored specifically for high school seniors in a college-preparatory charter school.

Adjunct Instructor – Composition II: Critical Thinking, Reading & Writing through Literature 02/2015 – 06/2015

Orange Coast College; Costa Mesa, CA

Instructed students to read, analyze, and write about literature by applying critical thinking skills and research, while formulating and composing written arguments and recognizing logical fallacies, rhetorical strategies, implicit meaning, and using inductive/deductive reasoning.

Adjunct Instructor – Composition I & II 01/2011 – 06/2014

Columbia Basin College; Pasco, WA

Designed curriculum to fulfill the college's learning outcomes, as well as appeal to a combination of learning styles. Created essay assignments for students to demonstrate critical thinking and audience awareness by utilizing various organizational methods and purposes. Students were taught to write thesis-driven essays with adequate supporting material, appropriate introductions, conclusions and titles, and emphasis on proper use of MLA and APA style guidelines. Comp II expanded upon these skills, requiring more research and use of basic rhetorical principles, such as claims, assumptions, methods of persuasion, and refutations.

Adjunct Instructor – Composition II 03/2009 – 11/2009

ITT Technical Institute; Spokane Valley, WA

Instructed non-traditional students in program objectives relevant to critical analysis essay writing with an emphasis on MLA and APA citing and formatting. Provided students with in-depth feedback on their writing assignments. Created unique lesson plans based upon approved curriculum and designed to engage students' interests, abilities and learning style.

Volunteer Instructor – Writers in the Community Poetry Workshop 10/2004 – 12/2005,

EWU Internship at Airway Heights Correctional Center; Airway Heights, WA

09/2008 – 07/2009

Developed syllabus, overall course structure, procedures and administered student submissions for peer workshop and publication. Adhered to corrections protocol while teaching the theory and practice of creative writing with compassion to a diverse group in a challenging environment.

Guest Speaker – Poetry in the Schools 05/2004

EWU Internship at Willard Elementary School; Spokane, WA

Presented a "values of poetry" talk and led discussion with third-grade students.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Associate Editor – *All We Can Hold: poems of motherhood* 08/2015 – 05/2016

Sage Hill Press; Spokane, WA (<http://www.allwecanhold.com/who-we-are-2/>)

Assisted in selection process for the anthology featuring work by Sherman Alexie, Kathleen Flenniken, Terry Martin, Katrina Roberts, Martha Silano, Dorianne Laux, Malena Mörling, Freya Manfred, and others.

Content Development Director

01/2015 – 09/2017

Community Pain Center; Irvine, CA (www.ourCPC.com)

Wrote, edited, assigned, published and ensured that all written content communicated the company's message and mission, whether it was for the website, magazine, video production, print publications, digital marketing campaigns, webinars, correspondence, corporate dissemination, or other presentation media. CHFI is a digital health company creating the [Community Pain Center](#), an interactive, social media and knowledge-based destination web community devoted to helping those affected by chronic pain to actively better their health.

Managing Editor

01/2015 – 09/2017

The NEW! Fibromyalgia AWARE Magazine; Irvine, CA

In addition to writing at least one article for each issue of this quarterly magazine, I was tasked with the initial and final editing of every article and advertisement. I also chose the images that were included in each article and helped with the layout. [The NEW! Fibromyalgia AWARE](#) digital magazine offers straightforward, insightful information and support for everyone affected by fibromyalgia and its related overlapping conditions.

Freelance Writing, Editing, Marketing & Website Creation (portfolio on [LauraWalkerWriter.com](#)) 08/2003 – Present

As a practiced hand in the strategy, design, fulfillment, analysis and revision of compelling marketing and communications projects, I provide a spectrum of services. Some examples:

- Copywriting: Specialty, research and news articles; B2B correspondence; press releases; white papers, blogs and websites; video and film scripts; business plans and reports; and various other marketing materials.
- Editing: Government and scientific documents, quarterly financial journals, semi-annual literary magazine, poetry anthology, quarterly digital magazine, procedure manuals, and marketing materials.
- Marketing: WordPress website creation, social media and email marketing, print advertising and sales materials, nonprofit fundraising, and successful solicitation of high-quality content donated by professional writers and bloggers.

Technical Editor

04/2010 – 04/2012

ANR Group, Inc. contracted to Washington Closure Hanford; Richland, WA

Formatted and edited technical documents to comply with Washington Closure Hanford's style guidelines using MS Word, Adobe Acrobat Pro, and Visio. Planned individual work schedule and collaborative projects while interfacing customer goals with graphics department, document control, reviewers and government regulators. Washington Closure Hanford is contracted by the U.S. Department of Energy in the cleanup of the Hanford Superfund Nuclear Waste Site.

Associate Poetry Editor

09/2003 – 04/2004

Willow Springs, EWU; Spokane, WA

Selected poetry submissions for publication in literary journal, served as an assistant to the Senior Poetry Editor.

PUBLICATIONS AND READINGS**LiTFUSE Poetry Slam Competition; Tieton, WA**

2012, 2013

"February 26," "Hike to Pheasant Creek Falls," "Lost," "Letter Never Sent," "Love Poem to a Landscape"
5 Poems published in *Cascadia Review*, Kansas City, Missouri

Winter 2013

"As A Bird"

Poem published in *Grist: The Journal for Writers*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Winter 2013

"Eighteen" and "Geocentric"

2 Poems published in *Inscape*, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas

Winter 2013

"Gladiator Days"

Poem published in *Southword Journal*, Munster Literature Centre, Cork, Ireland

Winter 2013

"May 16"

Poem published in *San Pedro River Review*, Redondo Beach, California

Spring 2011

As A Bird Chapbook Reading, other poems and interviews

2004, 2005, 2006, 2008

KYRS Radio Spokane, *Open Poetry with Steve Pitters*

AWARDS

Highly Commended Poem “ <i>Gladiator Days</i> ,” Gregory O’Donoghue International Poetry Competition , Munster Literature Centre, Cork, Ireland	2013
Best Poem of Issue, “Geocentric,” <i>Inscape</i> , Washburn University	2013
Governor’s Volunteer Appreciation Award, Airway Heights Correctional Center	2009
1 st Place, Business Plan Writing Contest, Small Business Development Center	2008
Volunteer Appreciation Award, Airway Heights Correctional Center	2004
1 st Place, Best Column, Las Vegas Review Journal H.S. Journalism Awards	1992, 1993

MEMBERSHIPS AND CONFERENCES

Association of Writers & Writing Programs	2003 – Present
Conferences:	
Vancouver, BC	2004
New York, NY	2008
The Poetry Society of America	2010 – Present
LiTFUSE , A Poet’s Workshop with Master Class; Tieton, WA	2010 – 2013

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

<i>Food Bank of the Rockies; Denver, CO</i>	
Volunteer – Warehouse Reclamation	2018 – Present
Inspect, clean, sort, and box items from food drives and grocery rescue for distribution to clients.	
<i>Tieton Arts and Humanities; Tieton, WA</i>	
Assistant Director – LiTFUSE (Annual Poetry Workshop)	2016 – Present
Website creation with class selection system, workshop registration, bookstore management, faculty and keynote speaker hosting.	
<i>National Fibromyalgia Association; Newport Beach, CA</i>	
Assistant Director	2015 – 2017
Assist with developing and executing programs dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with fibromyalgia. Website development and maintenance, fundraising and other duties as necessary.	
<i>Frontline Foundation; Los Angeles, CA</i>	
Volunteer – Skid Row	2012 – 2016
Provide ingredients, prepare, and distribute sack lunches to Skid Row residents.	
<i>The Tri-City Chaplaincy; Kennewick, WA</i>	
Volunteer – Benton County Jail	2010 – 2011
Provided services and support on a volunteer basis to incarcerated women.	
<i>Bomber Boosters, RHS Drama; Richland, WA</i>	
Volunteer – Richland High School	2010 – 2014
Wrote articles for sports media guide, fundraising for arts and athletic programs, hair and makeup for multiple theatrical productions.	
<i>Junior Achievement; Kennewick, WA</i>	
Volunteer – Bowling Classic Fundraiser	2010
Administrative and operations support.	
<i>Parent-Teacher Group; Spokane, WA</i>	
President – Shaw Middle School Parent Teacher Group	2008 – 2009
Representative for the Citizen’s Advisory Committee, organized fundraising efforts, provided feedback and support for the student-led conference workshops.	

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- ANGEL Learning Management Suite; Canvas Learning System; Blackboard Learning Management System; Desire2Learn
- Microsoft Office Suite, Access, Publisher, Adobe Creative Suite, CorelDraw & PhotoPaint
- WordPress, CSS, HTML, Google Analytics; Constant Contact, Mail Chimp, Hootsuite, Survey Monkey; QuickBooks Pro