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EDUCATION

1985: M.A., Michigan State University
Degree program: Community college teaching of writing

1974: B.A., Huntington College
Major: English secondary education
Minor: Psychology

WORK EXPERIENCE

1999-present Calvin College, term appointment, Asst. Professor of English,
English Composition, Children's Literature, Business Writing, New England Saints
1994-1999 Calvin College, adjunct instructor, English Composition
1990-1994: Caledonia Middle School, language arts teacher
1985-1990: Calvin College, adjunct instructor, English Composition
1983-1985: Pace Group, Inc., corporate reading/writing instructor
1980-1985: Grand Rapids Baptist College, adjunct instructor, English Composition
1975-1980: Schmidt, Howlett, et al, litigation paralegal
1974-1975: Rockford High School, English teacher

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Books:

- *On Rough Seas*—a young adult historical fiction novel about the evacuation of Dunkirk during WWII; Clarion Books, March, 2008

Articles:

- "Guinevere's Gift explores life shadowed by prophecy," book review of *Guinevere's Gift* by Nancy McKenzie, *Grand Rapids Press*, May 2008
- "Romance challenges teen friendship," book review of *The Opposite of Invisible* by Liz Gallagher, *Grand Rapids Press*, April, 2008
- "Curtis paints town with hope, sorrow," book review of *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis, *Grand Rapids Press*, August, 2007
- "Mystery Swirls in 'River Secrets,'" book review of *River Secrets* by Shannon Hale, *Grand Rapids Press*, October, 2006.
- "War is harsh teacher in 'Megiddo's Shadow,'" book review for *Megiddo's Shadow* by Arthur Slade, *Grand Rapids Press*, October 2006.
- "An Offer He Can't Refuse," book review for *Small Steps* by Louis Sachar, *Grand Rapids Press*, June 2006
- "Dad's Cancer Leaves Teen Hard Hit," book review for *Hard Hit* by Ann Turner, *Grand Rapids Press*, June 2006
- "Harry Sue meets troubled life with tough talk, true friends," book review for *Harry Sue* by Sue Stauffacher, *Grand Rapids Press*, August 2005
- "Games We Play Make Summer Fun," article for "Perspective" section of *Grand Rapids Press*, July 2, 2000

- Contributing writer for *Seasons: A Journal for Women*, 1997-1998
- “Climbing the Mountain,” *GrandSports Magazine*, May\June, 1996
- Columnist for *Western Runner Magazine*, 1990-1991

Works in Progress:

- a young adult historical fiction novel set in South Carolina in 1865 that deals with events following the end of the Civil War
- *Tales from the Sunshine Club*—a nonfiction young adult book recounting stories of Jewish World War II veterans who now live in Washington, D.C.

Presentations:

- Presenter at Association of Business Communication Annual Conference, Lake Tahoe, NV, October, 2008, “Helping Students Communicate With and For Non-profits”
- Panel presentation for Grand Rapids Public Library’s “Celebration of the Book”, Grand Rapids, MI, October 2008
- Workshop presenter at Fire-Up Conference, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI, October, 2008, “Old Stories, New Titles, Fresh Voices: What’s New In Books for Children, Tweens, and YA”
- Workshop presenter at Breathe: A Christian Writers’ Workshop, Grand Haven, MI, October, 2008, “Ten Things You Should Know When Writing for YA Readers”
- Workshop presenter at National Council Teachers of English, November, 2007, “Planning a Middle School/High School Writers Workshop in Your Community”
- Workshop presenter at Breathe: A Christian Writers’ Workshop, Grand Haven, MI, October, 2007, “Overview of Children’s, Tween, and Teen Writing”
- Workshop presenter at Southwest Conference on Christianity & Literature and Inscription: a Conference for Teachers, Writers, and Readers; September 28-30, 2006, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas.
- Workshop presenter (“From Past to Pen to Publication”) for Fire-Up Student Teacher Conference at Aquinas College, October 15, 2006.
- Workshop presenter (“Collecting Stuff, Writing Stories”) for Fire-Up Student Teacher Conference at Grand Valley State University (March 2005)
- Workshop presenter (“What’s New in YA Literature”) for Christian Schools International Conference at Calvin College (May 2003)
- Workshop presenter (“Finding Friends in YA Literature”) for Fire-Up Student Teacher Conference at Grand Valley State University (March 2003)
- Workshop presenter (“Discovering Lessons in Young Adult Literature”) for Huntington College Teacher Education Seminar, Huntington, Indiana (October 2002)
- Workshop presenter (two sessions) for Christian Educators Association, South Bend, IN (October 2002)
- Workshop presenter (four sessions) at Christian Educators Association Conference held in South Bend, IN (October 2001)

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Book talk and reading for *On Rough Seas* at Hekman Library, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, October, 2008,
- Book reviewer for *Horn Book Guide* (2008)
- Book reviewer for *The Peer Factor II*, Bedford-St. Martin’s, September 2007
- Sponsor with art professor Diane Wright for student trip to Mazza Museum, University of Findlay, Findlay, Ohio; November, 2006; funded by Lilly Vocation Project Grant
- Mentor to Calvin College student (2005-2008)
- Mentor to Deb Visser, part-time faculty in English Department (2005-2006)
- Book reviewer for *Grand Rapids Press* (2005-present)
- Writing instructor for teachers at Grand Rapids Public Schools and Potter’s House Christian Schools (through a Calvin Educational Grant ; September 2004 – April 2005; August, 2006)
- Chair, Youth Writing Festivals at Calvin College (2000-2005)

- Reviewer for *Pedagogy: Critical Approaches to Teaching Literature, Language, Composition, and Culture* (2004, 2005)
- Member of Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (2003-2008)
- Graduate of Chautauqua Writers Workshop sponsored by Highlights Foundation (July 2001)
- Middle School Writers Workshop Director (2000-2008)
- Member of Young Authors Festival Committee (1998-2008)
- English 101 Committee (1998, 1999)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Small group Bible study leader, meeting weekly with thirteen college students at GVSU (2002-present)
- Sponsor for college and career group at Sunshine Community Church, fall 2005-spring 2006