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Short Literary Curriculum Vitae
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Education

Bachelor of Arts – English, Classics Minor, University of Utah, Magna Cum Laude

Master of Arts – American Studies University of Utah, Magna Cum Laude

Affiliations

Science Fiction Writers Association (SFWA)

National Horror Writers Association (HWA)

Lifetime Member, League of Utah Writers

Member Pikes Peak Writers

Member Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers (PAA)

President-League of Utah Writers (2018-2020)

Executive Committee, League of Utah Writers (2016-2021)

Founding Member of Utah Chapter of The Horror Writers Association

Founding Member and Vice President, League of Utah Writers Speculative/
Genre Fiction Chapter — The “Infinite Monkeys”

Academic Teaching

University of Utah, Lifelong Learning 2016—present.

Published Novels:

Beatrysel Omnium Gatherum Media, (September 12, 2013)
(ISBN-978-0615874630)

Dr. Stuart’s Heart (Novelette) Omnium Gatherum Media (March 30, 2014)
(ISBN-978-0615999043)

Eleanor, The Unseen Book 1, Jolly Fish Press (July 1, 2014)
(ISBN-978-1939967343)

The Brand Demand, Cherokee McGhee (March 5, 2015)
(ISBN-978-1937556082)

Celeste, The Unseen Book 2, Jolly Fish Press (July 14, 2015)
(ISBN 978-1631630224)

The Finger Trap, Jolly Fish Press (November 24, 2015)
(ISBN-978-1631630385)

David, The Unseen Book 3, Jolly Fish Press (May 2, 2016)
(ISBN-978-1631630620)

- What Immortal Hand, Omnium Gatherum Media (September 2017)
(ISBN-13: 978-0997971798)
- The Finger Trap, Dandelion Ink (June, 2019)
(ISBN-13: 978-1733107211) *Reissued Title*
- Thicker Than Water, Dandelion Ink, (August 2019)
(ISBN-13: 978-1733107235)
- The Knickknack Case, (Novella) Dandelion Ink, (January 2020)
(ISBN-13: 978-1-7331072-5-9)
- In the Wake of Captain Lord, Dandelion Ink, (September 17, 2020))
(ISBN-13 : 978-1733107273)
- Eleanor, The Unseen Book 1, Dandelion Ink, (February 22, 2021)
(ISBN-13 : 978-1736632918) *Reissued Title*
- Celeste, The Unseen Book 2, Dandelion Ink, (February 22, 2021)
(ISBN-13 : 978-1736632932) *Reissued Title*
- David, The Unseen Book 3, Dandelion Ink, (February 22, 2021)
(ISBN-13 : 978-1736632956) *Reissued Title*
- The Counterfeit Connection, Dandelion Ink, (June 15, 2021)
(ISBN-13 : 978-1733107297)
- Of Kings, Queens and Colonies, Flame Tree Press (November 16, 2021)
(ISBN-13 : 978-1787585966)
- The Hermit of Big Horn County, Dandelion Ink, (July 20, 2022)
(ISBN-13 : 978-1736632970)
- Of Civilized, Saved and Savages, Flame Tree Press (Jan 10, 2023)
(ISBN-13 : 978-1787587953)
- The Finger Trap, Rough Edges Press (August 18, 2023)
(ISBN-13 : 978-1685493219) *Reissued Title*
- Thicker Than Water, Rough Edges Press (August 18, 2023)
(ISBN-13 : 978-1685493219)
- In the Wake of Captain Lord, Rough Edges Press (September 7, 2023)
(ISBN-13 : 978-1685493233)
- The Counterfeit Connection, Rough Edges Press (September 29, 2023)
(ISBN-13 : 978-1685493257)
- The Hermit of Big Horn County, Rough Edges Press (October 20, 2023)
(ISBN-13 : 978-1685493271)
- The Real Deal, Rough Edges Press (November 14, 2023)
(ISBN-13 : 978-1685493295)
- Of Heroes, Homes and Honey, Flame Tree Press (January 9, 2024)
(ISBN-13 : 978-1787587984)
- Things Bequeathed, Dandelion Ink (May 7, 2024)
(ISBN-13 : 979-8989896349)
- The Gaia Chime, Flame Tree Press (March 11, 2025)
(ISBN-13 : 978-1787588936)

Published Short Stories:

The Point, in Little Visible Delight Omnium Gatherum (December 5, 2013)
(ISBN-13: 978-0615932248)

A Thousand Secret Doors in Secrets and Doors Crimson Edge Publishing
Company (January 23, 2015) (ISBN-13: 978-0986374524)

Keep Sweet in Old Scratch and Owl Hoots, Griffin Publishers (January 9, 2015)
(ISBN 978-1505517347)

The Grape Whisperer in Heroic, Tales of the Extraordinary, Salt Lake Comic Con
(September, 2015) (Special Edition)

The Lost Curse of the Witch's Nest in Hidden in Plain Sight, James Ward Kirk
Publishing (November 30, 2015) (ISBN-13: 978-0692594377)

May 15th in It Came From the Great Salt Lake, Griffin Publishers (February 11,
2016) (ISBN-13: 978-0997197099)

Flame Unspeakable, in Apocalypse Utah: A Collection of Utah Horror, Griffin
Publishers (February 2017) (ISBN-13: 978-0997197051)

The Strange Vanishing of Charles Prescott, Billionaire in Mirages and
Speculations: Science Fiction and Fantasy from the Desert, Kydala Publishing, Inc.
(August 19, 2017) (ISBN-13: 978-1975926489)

Audra's Confession, in The Hunger, A Collection of Utah Horror, Twisted Tree
Press (April 10, 2018)(ISBN-13: 978-0999020029)

Counting, in A Year of the Monkeys, Genre Writers Infinite Monkeys Corporation
(August 12, 2018) (ISBN 978-1732583603)

The Strange Vanishing of Charles Prescott, Billionaire in At First Glance, LUW
Press (August 13, 2018) (ISBN-13: 978-0988236769)

Forward and Eye of a Hurricane, in A Little Wrong, The Salt City Genre Writers
2019 Chapter Anthology (February 2019) (ISBN-13: 978-1796838039)

The Lodge, in Peaks of Madness: A Collection of Utah Horror, Forty-Two Books
(April 1, 2019) (ISBN-13: 978-0578451435)

A Bargain Well Met, in Grifty Shades of Fey: Cautionary Tales Uncovering the
Dark Side of the Fair Folk, Fiction Vortex (February 1, 2020)
(ISBN-13: 978-1947655539)

Deprogrammed, in The Function of Freedom: League of Utah Writers 85th
Anniversary Anthology, (July 24 2020) (ISBN-13: 978-0988236790)

The Lodge, in Chasing Tomorrow, LUW Press (July 30, 2020)
(ISBN-13: 978-0988236783)

A Sense of Justice in The Witching Time of Night, Independently published,
(October 28, 2020) (ISBN-13: 979-8555001405)

A Sense of Justice in Shadowed Hourglass, LUW Press, Genre Writers Infinite
Monkeys Corporation, (July 26, 2021) (ISBN-13: 978-1735484105)

The Last Chance in If Not Now, When?, (July 31, 2021) (ISBN-13:
978-1732583634)

Hardened Scars in Strong in Broken Places, LUW Press (November 30, 2021)
(ISBN-13: 978-1735484112)

Note Found in an Abandoned Clock in Beyond Beehives, LUW Press,
(December 10, 2021) (ISBN 13: 978-1735484136)

Last Chance in Utah's Best Poetry & Prose 2022, LUW Press (April 11, 2022) (ISBN-13: 978-1735484150)
Holy Light in Art and Sedition, LUW Press (August 9, 2022) (978-1735484174)
The Hammer Club in Kindred Spirits, Genre Writers Infinite Monkeys Corporation (March 30, 2023) (ISBN-13978-1732583641)
Note Found in an Abandoned Clock in Utah's Best Poetry & Prose 2023, LUW Press (July 22, 2022) (ISBN-13 : 978-1735484174)
As to Plan in The Big Book of Things That Go Bump in the Night, Timber Ghost Press (November 14, 2023) (ISBN-13 : 979-8988304029)
Ralph in Ghost Towns, Genre Writers Infinite Monkeys Corporation, (May 1, 2024) (ISBN-13 : 978-1732583672)
Shadow Over Salt Lake in This Isn't the Place, Timber Ghost Press, (October 1, 2024) (ISBN-13 : 979-8988304074)
The Bottom Treasure in The Other Side of the Mountain: Tales from the Pikes Peak Writers, Pikes Peak Writers, (March 24, 2025) (ISBN-13: 978-1736422939)
The Old Problem in Utah's Best Poetry & Prose of 2025, LUW Press, (March 14, 2025) (ISBN-13 : 979-8988576761)
The Third Man, in Twisted Tales: Short Fiction and Poetry by the Infinite Monkeys Chapter of the League of Utah Writers, Genre Writers Infinite Monkeys Corporation, (April 22, 2025) (ISBN-13 : 978-1732583689)

Editing:

Muti-Nation, Monique Snyman, Omnium Gatherum July 2016
Detritus in Love, Omnium Gatherum, September 2016
Apocalypse Utah: A Collection of Utah Horror, Griffin Publishing, February 2017
The Hunger, A Collection of Utah Horror, Twisted Tree Press, April 10, 2018
A Year of the Monkeys, Genre Writers Infinite Monkeys Corporation (August 12, 2018)
Peaks of Madness: A Collection of Utah Horror, April 2019
Cloud, Club, and Queen, Omnium Gatherum, November 2019
Revelation: Poppet Cycle Book 1, Omnium Gatherum, March 2020
The Plot Against Heaven, Omnium Gatherum, October 2020
Runaway: Poppet Cycle Book 2, Omnium Gatherum (unpublished)
Kindred Spirits, Genre Writers Infinite Monkeys Corporation March 30, 2023
Ghost Towns, Genre Writers Infinite Monkeys Corporation May 1, 2024

Honors and Awards

Gold Tier President's Volunteer Service Award, 2016
Gold Tier President's Volunteer Service Award, 2017
Utah Writer of the Year
Gold Quill, League of Utah Writers - Outstanding Young Adult Novel, Eleanor, The Unseen Book 1

Silver Quill, League of Utah Writers — Outstanding Novel The Brand Demand
Honorable Mention, League of Utah Writers short genre fiction, *Last Summer*
Recommended Read, League of Utah Writers, Young Adult Published Novel,
Celeste, The Unseen Book 2

Diamond Quill—highest scoring work of all published books, The Finger Trap.
Third Place, League of Utah Writers—Prose: Speculative Fiction Category, *The Strange Vanishing of Charles Prescott, Billionaire*

Silver Quill League of Utah Writers — Outstanding Anthology, The Hunger
Honorable Mention, League of Utah Writers Prose: Young Adult Fiction, *As To Plan*

Third Honorable Mention, League of Utah Writers Short Fiction, *The Eye of the Hurricane*

Second Honorable Mention, League of Utah Writers Horror, *The Lodge*

Second Place, League of Utah Writers First Chapter Novel, Coronam, of Kings, Queens, and Colonies

First Place, Prose Speculative Fiction, League of Utah Writers for *A Sense of Justice*

Recommended Read Quill, League of Utah Writers Quills Published Book Award, Novel for Thicker than Water: A Tony Flaner Mystery

Recommended Read Quill, League of Utah Writers Quill: Anthology, *A Bargain Well Met* in Grifty Shades of Fey

First Honorable Mention, League of Utah Writers, Prose Short Fiction, *Kintsugi*

Third Place, League of Utah Writers Prose Short Fiction, *The Last Chance*

Recommend Read Quill, League of Utah Writers Quills Published Book Award, The Knickknack Case: A Tony Flaner Mystery (Novella)

Silver Quill, League of Utah Writers Quills Published Book Award, In the Wake of Captain Lord: A Tony Flaner Mystery

Third Place Olive Woolley Burt Awards, League of Utah Writers, in Horror, *The Hammer Club*.

Bronze Typewriter Award, League of Utah Writers, *Note Found in an Abandoned Clock*.

Silver Quill in published anthologies, League of Utah Writers, If Not Now, When?

Recommended Read in published novels, League of Utah Writers, Of Kings, Queens and Colonies.

Lifetime Membership Award, League of Utah Writers

Bronze Typewriter (published articles) for *Johnny Worthen's Patented Cure-All Scene Outline Template and Balding Cure*

Silver Palette (cover design for traditionally published books) for *Of Heroes, Homes & Honey*

Silver Olive Woolley Burt Award (short fiction science fiction) for *The Old Problem*

Gold Olive Woolley Burt Award (first chapter first chapter YA, Middle Grade and Children's) for *THINGS BEQUEATHED*

Second Place Olive Woolley Burt Award (flash fiction, author's choice) for *Ralph*

Second Place Olive Woolley Burt Award (thriller and mystery) for *The Third Man*

Third Place Olive Woolley Burt Award (Horror) for *The Road to Ciel*

Bronze Palette (cover design for best traditionally published books) for *The Gaia Chime*

Silver Palette (cover design for best indie-published books) for *Things Bequeathed*

Bronze Quill (best adult novel) for *The Gaia Chime*

Gold Quill (best young adult novel) for *Things Bequeathed*

Blogs, Conferences, Conventions, Workshops and Appearances

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