

Laura Walker

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PURPOSE

My dedication to serving the community as an instructor inspires me to create an equitable and inclusive learning environment that actively engages students, fosters curiosity, cultivates innovation, advances cultural enrichment, and promotes student success through robust instructional design and a commitment to continuously improving my skills and practice.

EDUCATION

MFA Creative Writing, Poetry	Eastern Washington University Spokane, WA Thesis: <i>As A Bird</i> (poetry manuscript) Internships: Writers in the Community; Poetry in the Schools; <i>Willow Springs</i> Advisor: Christopher Howell	2005
BA English, Creative Writing	Southern Utah University Cedar City, UT Minor: Theatre Arts	2002

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Composition I & II: Concurrent Enrollment	Front Range Community College Westminster, CO Designed course for accelerated instruction of both Composition I & II in a single semester, tailored for the college-prep, charter high school seniors at Jefferson Academy Secondary; 80+ hours professional development.	2017 – Present
Composition II: Critical Thinking, Reading & Writing through Literature	Orange Coast College Costa Mesa, CA Designed course to achieve learning outcomes by reading, analyzing, and writing about literature with half the class as ESL learners.	2015
Composition I & II, Writing Prep II (ENG-99)	Columbia Basin College Pasco, WA Designed course to meet college objectives, collaborated with support programs serving a diverse student body; consistently high student and faculty evaluations.	2011 – 2014
Composition II	ITT Technical Institute Spokane Valley, WA Designed course to engage non-traditional students' interests, abilities, and learning modalities in critical thinking and writing to achieve learning outcomes.	2009
Poetry Workshop	Airway Heights Correctional Center Airway Heights, WA Writers in the Community one-year internship teaching poetry inside a medium-security men's prison; returned as a volunteer in 2009.	2004, 2009

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Assistant Director	LiTFUSE Poetry Workshop Tieton Arts & Humanities Tieton, WA Assist in the planning, development and operation of this annual poetry workshop in its 15 th year. Responsible for website, functional systems, bookstore, volunteers.	2016 – Present
Managing Editor	The NEW! Fibromyalgia AWARE Magazine National Fibromyalgia Association Irvine, CA Managed and participated in the writing, editing, curation, design, layout, advertising, and subscriptions of quarterly digital magazine with 25K+ circulation.	2015 – 2017
Associate Editor	All We Can Hold: Poems of Motherhood Sage Hill Press Spokane, WA Anthology featuring poems by Dorianne Laux, Sherman Alexie, Kathleen Flenniken, Terry Martin, Katrina Roberts, Martha Silano, and others.	2015 – 2016
Associate Poetry Editor	Willow Springs Magazine Eastern Washington University Spokane, WA Internship for biannual literary journal of contemporary fiction, nonfiction, and poetry, as well as interviews with notable authors.	2003 – 2004

PUBLICATIONS & READINGS

Chautauqua University of North Carolina, Wilmington	Spring 2020
LiTFUSE Poetry Slam Tieton, WA	2011 – 2016
Cascadia Review Kansas City, MO	Winter 2013
Grist: The Journal for Writers University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Winter 2013
Inscape Washburn University, Topeka, KS	Winter 2013
Southword Journal Munster Literature Centre, Cork, Ireland	Winter 2013
San Pedro River Review Redondo Beach, CA	Spring 2011
KYRS Radio Spokane Open Poetry with Steve Pitters	2004 – 2008

HONORS & AWARDS

Highly Commended Poem: “Gladiator Days”	Gregory O’Donoghue International Poetry Competition Munster Literature Centre, Cork, Ireland	2013
Best Poem of Issue: “Geocentric”	Inscape, Washburn University Topeka, KS	2013
Governor’s Volunteer Appreciation Award	Airway Heights Correctional Center Airway Heights, WA	2004, 2009
1 st Place, Best Column	Las Vegas Review Journal H.S. Journalism Awards Las Vegas, NV	1992, 1993

Community

Member – Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP) Conferences: Vancouver, BC; New York, NY	2004, 2008
Volunteer – Food Bank of the Rockies Denver, CO	2018
Volunteer – The Tri-City Chaplaincy, Benton County Jail Kennewick, WA	2010 – 2011
Volunteer – Richland High School Boosters Richland, WA	2010 – 2014
Volunteer – Junior Achievement Kennewick, WA	2010
President – Shaw Middle School Parent Teacher Group Spokane, WA	2008 – 2009

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teaching with Purpose Adjunct Academy Front Range Community College	Spring 2021
Promising Practices in Real-time Remote – 3 sessions Front Range Community College	Spring 2021
Instructional Coaching – 6 hours Front Range Community College (WC)	2018 – 2021
Mini Conference – 6 sessions Front Range Community College	Fall 2020
Online Essentials Front Range Community College	Summer 2020
MS Excel, MS Planner – 4 sessions FRCC Human Resources Training & Development	Summer 2020
Spring Break Online Instruction Workshops – 4 sessions Front Range Community College	Spring 2020
Dept. In-service Workshop Presenter – Escape Rooms Front Range Community College (WC)	Spring 2020
Art as a Sacred Act Archetypal & Cross-Cultural Studies Institute, Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estés, Loveland, CO	Fall 2019
Project application for President’s Innovation Fund Internal Award Front Range Community College	Spring 2018
De-escalating High Emotion Situations Front Range Community College	Spring 2018
Concurrent Enrollment, Instructor Orientation & Training – 10 hours Front Range Community College (WC)	2017 – 2018

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Course management systems: Angel, Blackboard, Canvas, D2L, Macmillan
Microsoft Office Suite, MS Access, MS Publisher; Google applications; Miro Online Whiteboard
Illustration, design, photo and video editing with Corel, Adobe, Microsoft products
Website development with WordPress, Wix, HTML/CSS