# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

University of Idaho

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DATE OF FIRST EMPLOYMENT AT UI: July 20, 1999

**DATE OF TENURE:** (Year or untenured) 1999

DATE OF PRESENT RANK OR TITLE: July 20, 1999

#### **EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL:**

Degrees: (List most recent degree first: Degree, institution name, city, state, date, major or area of specialization.)

MFA, Poetry, University of Montana, 1976

BA, English Language and Literature, Southern Illinois University, 1974

# **EXPERIENCE:**

## **Teaching, Extension and Research Appointments:**

Adjunct Professor, Southern Illinois University, Dept of English, 1976-77
Adjunct Professor, McKendree College, Spring, 1977
Assistant Professor, Lewis-Clark State College, 1977-1999
(Associate Prof/tenure, 1984; Professor, 1989)
Richard Hugo Distinguish Professor of Poetry, University of Montana, 1990
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Oregon, 1990-91
Core Faculty, MFA Program for Writers, Warren Wilson College, 1990, 1991, 1998

# **Academic Administrative Appointments:**

Director, Creative Writing Program, University of Oregon, 1990-91 Director, Creative Writing Program, University of Idaho, 2000-2007

## **Non-Academic Employment including Armed Forces:**

US Army, 1971; inducted March, discharged honorably in November, on grounds of conscientious objection.

#### TEACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

**Areas of Specialization:** Poetry writing; poetics; poetic form and meter; contemporary American poetry and poetics.

## **Courses Taught:**

ENGL 391, Intermediate Poetry Writing (once annually, since 1999-2000)

ENGL 491, Advanced Poetry Writing (once annually, since 19990-2000)

ENGL 570, Studies in American and British literature (Fall, 2001; Spring, 2009)

ENGL 581, Techniques of Poetry (every third semester, since 2001)

ENGL 591, Graduate Poetry Writing (one—or more—annually, since 1999)

#### **Students Advised:**

## **Graduate Students:**

Advised to completion of degree-major professor (student name, degree, and date)

Aletha Saunders, MFA, 2001

Corinne Flowers, MFA 2002

Brently Johnson, MFA, 2003

Georgia Tiffany, MFA 2004

Jessamyn Schnackenberg, MFA, 2005

Pamela Yenser, MFA, 2005

Stephanie Lenox, MFA, 2005

Monica Mankin, MFA 2005

Mary Ann Hudson, MFA 2005

Lindsay Wilson, MFA, 2006

Sara Kaplan, MFA, 2006

Rochelle Smith, MFA, 2006

Benjamin Gotschall, MFA 2007

Jill Kupchik, MFA, 2007

Lucas Howell, MFA, 2007

Rachel Berry, MFA, 2007

Joe Wilkins, MFA, 2007

Steven Coughlin, MFA 2008

Virginia Shank, MFA, 2008

#### **Courses Developed:**

ENGL 581/582/583, Techniques of Poetry/Fiction/Nonfiction

# Non-credit Classes, Workshops, Seminars, Invited Lectures, etc.:

## **Honors and Awards:**

Residency, Bellagio Study Center, Bellagio, Italy, The Rockefeller Foundation, 2007.

"Partisan," in a featured reading on *The News Hour with Jim Lehrer*, November, 2006.

"Religion" selected for inclusion, by guest editor Billy Collins, in *Best American Poetry* 2006. New York: Scribners.

The Poets' Prize, from the Poets' Prize Committee, West Chester University Poetry Center, 2005.

The James Dickey Prize in Poetry, from *Five Points* magazine; Georgia State University, 2004.

The Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, from Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne, 2004.

"Clemency," selected for inclusion, by guest editor Yusef Komuyakaa, in *Best American Poetry* 2003. New York: Scribners.

Honored by proclamation, the Illinois state House of Representatives, 2003.

The Kingsley Tufts Award in Poetry, Claremont Graduate University, 2000

The J. Howard & Barbara M.J. Wood Prize, *Poetry*, 1998.

Selected as Idaho representative in *Writing America*, an anthology published by the National Endowment for the Arts, featuring a former Fellow from each of the 50 states, 1997.

The Theodore Roethke Memorial Prize, from *Poetry Northwest*, University of Washington, 1997.

The San Francisco Poetry Center Book Award for *In the Bank of Beautiful Sins*, The Poetry Center & American Poetry Archive, San Francisco State University, 1997.

Finalist, The Lenore Marshall Award, for *In the Bank of Beautiful Sins*, The Academy of American Poets, 1996.

Fellowship, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, 1996.

Guest on "Writers on the Air," with James Schumock, Pacifica Radio Network, 1995. (Transcribed interview will be published in the anthology, *Story, Story, Story: Conversations with American Authors* in 1999.)

Appointed Richard Hugo Distinguished Poet-in-Residence, University of Montana, 1994-95.

Featured in "Idaho Writers in Place," a film by Alan Lifton and M.K. Browning, 1994.

Idaho Commission on the Arts Fellowship, 1993.

Pushcart Prizes, 1991, 1992, 2002, and 2004.

Appointed Richard Hugo Distinguished Poet-in-Residence, University of Montana, Spring, 1990.

Frederick Bock Award, Poetry, 1988.

John Ciardi Fellowship, Bread Loaf Writers Conference, 1988.

Guest on "The Poet and the Poem," with Grace Cavalieri, on National Public Radio, March, 1988.

Selected by James Dickey to read at the Library of Congress, as part of "The Legacy of American Poetry," a celebration in honor of the nation's first Poet Laureate, Robert Penn Warren, March 1987.

Honored by proclamation, the Idaho House of Representatives, 1987.

Richard Hugo Memorial Award for Poetry, CutBank Magazine, 1987.

Appointed Idaho "Writer-in-Residence," by Governor John Evans, 1986-88.

Celia B. Wagner Award, Poetry Society of America, 1985.

Idaho Commission on the Arts Fellowship, 1985.

National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, 1984.

National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, 1978.

**SCHOLARSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** (Including scholarship of teaching and learning, artistic creativity, discovery, and application/integration)

## Publications, Exhibitions, Performances, Recitals:

**Refereed/Adjudicated:** (i.e. books, book chaps., journals, proc., abstr., etc.; provide citations-author, date, title, publisher)

#### **BOOKS:**

*Beautiful Country*, a collection of poems, under contract to Penguin Books, due for release in October, 2010.

Earthly Meditations: New & Selected Poems, New York: Penguin, 2006.

Lives of the Animals, New York: Penguin, 2003.

Reign of Snakes, New York: Penguin, 1999.

Moon In a Mason Jar & What My Father Believed, Urbana: University of Illinois Press, reprinted as a single volume, January, 1998.

In the Bank of Beautiful Sins, New York: Viking Penguin, 1995.

What My Father Believed, Urbana: University of Illinois, 1991.

Moon In a Mason Jar, Urbana: University of Illinois, 1986

The Sinking of Clay City, Port Townsend, WA: Copper Canyon Press, 1979.

## Chapbooks:

Clemency, Boise: Limberlost Press, 2002.

In the Dark Pool, Lewiston, ID: Confluence Press, 1988.

The Glow, Seattle: Owl Creek Press, 1982.

Peer Reviewed/Evaluated: (i.e. journals, articles, proceedings, abstracts, etc.)

Anthologies, Periodicals:

More than 500 poems in excess of three dozen anthologies including *Best American Poetry* [2003 & 2006]; *Poetry 180*; *180 More*; *The Viking Portable Western Reader*; *Scanning the Century* (Penguin UK); and in more than 80 magazines and literary journals, including *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic Monthly, The Georgia Review, Shenandoah, Poetry, American Poetry Review, Partisan Review, New Virginia Review, Virginia Ouarterly Review*, and *Poetry Northwest*.

Numerous poems featured (via reprint) on "Poetry Daily," a web site from Charlottesville, VA., 1997-2008.

"Kissing a Horse," reprinted in "The Poet's Choice," a column in the Washington *Post*, by former US Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky (October 9, 2005).

"Kissing a Horse," and "Finding a Bible In an Abandoned Cabin," reprinted in former US Poet Laureate Ted Kooser's syndicated newspaper column, "American Life in Poetry."

## **SERVICE:**

**Major Committee Assignments:** (National, State, District, County, University, College, Departmental and dates)

Kingsley Tufts Poetry Awards Committee, Chair, 2001-2007 Lenore Marshall Award Committee, Academy of American Poets, Chair, 2004 Member of the Board, the Mountain Writers Series, Portland, OR, 2000-present Ruth Lilly Award Committee, Poetry Magazaine, 1999

Creative Writing Committee, English Dept, 1999-present English Department Executive Committee, 2000-2007 English Department Curriculum Committee, 1999-2000

**Professional and Scholarly Organizations** (including memberships, committee assignments, editorial services, offices held and dates)

Academy of American Poets, 1989-present Associated Writing Programs, 1885-present Poetry Society of American, 1990-present

**Outreach Service:** (Including popular press, interview articles, newspaper articles, workshops-seminars-tours organized, Extension impact statements)

Readings presented at more than 100 colleges, universities, and other arts venues around the country, including the Library of Congress, the National Arts Club, The Poetry Society of America, American University, University of Illinois, University of

Washington, Kenyon College, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, New York University, University of Utah, University of Pennsylvania, the Bread Loaf Writers Conference, Idyllwild Summer Poetry Conference, Writers at Work, Ropewalk Writers Conference, Ashland (OR) Writers Conference, Centrum Writers Conference

# **Community Service**: (non-academic unrelated to employment)

most recently . . .

Emcee, Pleiades Poetry Contest, Moscow, ID, 2008, 2009

Judge, Wednesday Club Poetry Competition, St. Louis, MO, 2009

Judge, Poetry Out Loud, Moscow finals (a National Endowment for the Arts competition), 2009

Judge, Akron Poetry Prize, University of Akron Press, 2004

Judge, Eastern Washington University Press Poetry Contest, 2005

Judge, Fordham University Press Competition, 2005

Judge, Theodore Roethke Memorial Award, Theodore Roethke Foundation, Saginaw, MI, 2002

Judge, Tupelo Press Poetry Chapbook Award, Vermont, 2001