

Education

- **Master of Arts**

English
Creative Writing Emphasis
University of Northern Iowa
May, 2006
thesis: *Handful of Dust: Poems & Memoir*

- **Bachelor of Arts**

Individual Studies
in Creative Expression
University of Northern Iowa
May, 1994
senior thesis:
Fort of Blankets: Poems & Essays

- **Iowa Writer's Workshop**

course work
Summer 2004—James Galvin
Summer 2002—Michele Glazer
Fall 1994—Killarney Clary
Summer 1994—Gerald Stern

Recent Publications

- *Knot and Pull*, nonfiction
North American Review
forthcoming

- *Death Etude*, poetry
North American Review
Sept-Oct, 2008

- *Last Night I Dreamed*, poetry
Jabberwock Review
Spring, 2007

- *Stars Under their Shoes: Images of Poverty in the Poetry of Roberto Sosa*, journal article
Hispanic Culture Review 2007

- *Cottonwood Tree*, poetry
Mid-America Poetry Review
Spring, 2006
Volume VII, Number I

- *A Martian Sends Another Postcard Home*, poetry
Innerweather, 2006
Winner Tamres Sci Fi Award

Work Experience

- **Adjunct Faculty**

University of Northern Iowa,
Cedar Falls, IA (8/2005-present)
Teaching English composition

- **Nonfiction Editor**

North American Review, Cedar Falls, Iowa (8/2008-present)
Reading all nonfiction submissions and choosing & editing content

- **Lecturer in English Composition**

Wartburg College, Waverly, IA (1/2005-12/2007)
Taught various levels of English composition

- **Instructor**

Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo, IA (9/2003-7/2005)
Taught various levels of writing: Creative Writing, Comp. 1, Comp. 2, and Developmental Writing

- **Instructor**

Kirkwood Community College, Iowa City (4/2003 - 6/2003)
Taught poetry workshop

- **Columnist** *Press Citizen*, Iowa City, Iowa (4/2003-7/2003)

Wrote a monthly opinion column as member of the PC Writers Group

- **Communications Director**

Southeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA, Iowa City, Iowa (11/96-6/2003)
Responsibilities included editing, design, and printing arrangements for three newsletters and numerous other publications; editing articles by bishop and bishop's assistants; writing articles; Web site management; press relations; teaching communications workshops; and producing Christmas television special.

- **Correspondent** *The Lutheran*, Chicago (11/1996 - 6/2003)

Pitched ideas, wrote stories and provided quality color photographs

- **Editor**, *Newsprints*, Iowa City, Iowa (1/2000-6/2002)

Responsibilities included editing, design, and printing

arrangements for this Johnson County Humane Society publication. (volunteer position)

- **Graphic Artist**, *Zephyr Plus*, Iowa City, Iowa (10/1994-3/1995)

Edited and designed various publications including resumes, chapbooks, newsletters, wedding invitations, and others.

- **Graphics Assistant**, *Waterloo Courier*, Waterloo, Iowa (9/1991-10/1992)

Responsibilities included editing and design of life-style pages.

- **Writer and Editor** *Northern Iowan*, University of Northern Iowa (2/1990-5/1993)

Held various positions at this campus publication throughout my undergraduate career including news writer, features writer, news editor, and executive editor