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[YouTube Video: My class discussion with American University of Phnom Penh's literature class](#)

EDUCATION

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL	
Master of Library & Information Science (MLIS)	Summer 2021
National University, La Jolla, CA	
MFA in Creative Writing Thesis: "Theory of Impositions"	2010
Eckerd College	
BA in Creative Writing Minor: Visual Arts	2007

AWARDS & CONFERENCES

- Martha's Vineyard Institute of Creative Writing Voices of Color Poetry Fellow	2021
- Florida Authors & Publishers Assoc (FAPA) President's Book Award (Silver)	2020
- Fulbright Research Fellow (Philippines) - Semifinalist <small>Note: Covid-19 pandemic year</small>	2020
-MUSE 2020 Literary Champion Award, GrubStreet Literary Conference, Boston, MA	2020
-5th Annual Filipino American International Book Festival (reading & serve on panel) <i>San Francisco, CA (by invitation)</i>	2019
-Other Words Literary Conference, Florida Literary Arts Coalition <i>University of Tampa, Tampa, FL</i>	2018
-Creative Writing Education Today: A National Nomadic Symposium <i>University of South Florida, Tampa, FL</i>	2018
-Assoc. of Writers & Poets (AWP) Conference, <i>Tampa, FL</i>	2018
-Writers in Paradise Conference, <i>Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL</i>	2012
-Urban Artist Initiative Program, <i>Hartford, CT</i>	2002-2005

(A three-year residency through The Connecticut Commission on the Arts, Travel, Tourism, and Institute for Community Research)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Guam	2015-2016
Adjunct Online Literature Instructor	
Taught Intro to Literature online remotely using Moodle	
Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, FL	Fall 2014
Adjunct English Instructor	
Taught Comp I & II & Intro to Literature on-ground	
Pasco-Hernando State College, New Port Richey, FL	Fall 2014
Adjunct English Instructor	
Taught Comp I & II & Intro to Literature on-ground	
College of Micronesia	2013-2014
Full-time English Instructor	
Taught English Comp, Speech Communication & Intro to Art	
Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, FL	2010-2012
Adjunct Preparatory Writing Instructor	
Taught Developmental English/Writing on-ground	

RELATED EXPERIENCE

US Geological Survey (USGS) St. Petersburg, FL	12/2020– present
Information Specialist (GS-11)	
Supports USGS-led efforts within US Coastal Research Program (USCRP) to build collaborative research programs between federal agencies, academics, NGOs, & stakeholders that address societally relevant needs along our nation's coastline.	
University of South Florida	02/2018 – 12/2020
Information Systems Specialist	
Supported staff, faculty, and students with LMS: Moodle and Canvas, web design, CMS support, grants, and computer support, marketing, and dissemination.	
Pinellas County Schools	2015 – 2016
Middle School Reading Teacher	
Taught Middle School Reading using the Common Core standards.	
University of Connecticut, Avery Point	Spring 2015
Academic Specialist	
Supported faculty of the Distance Learning Master of Engineering program.	
PUBLICATIONS (For a more exhaustive list go to: http://cristinaquerrer.com/works)	
“ <i>In Memoriam</i> ” & “ <i>Love in War</i> ”. <i>2River View</i> .	2021
“ <i>By Astrolabes & Constellations</i> ”. <i>Agave Press</i> .	2018
Full-length poetry collection. Won Silver Medal, FAPA President's Book Award	
“ <i>Cassette</i> ”. <i>The Columbia Review Online</i> . Poem.	2018
“ <i>Line Them Up</i> ”. <i>Puñeta : Political Pilipinx Poetry Anthology</i> . Lulu. Ed. Eileen Tabios. Poem.	2017
Book Review: <i>Oliver de La Paz’s “Names Above Houses”</i> . <i>Halo Halo Review</i> . Ed. Eileen Tabios.	2016
“ <i>Ex-pats</i> ”. <i>Transnational</i> . Vol 4. A Bilingual Literary Magazine. Impressum. Ed. Sarah Katharina Kay. (Flash fiction in print)	2016
“ <i>Ex-pats</i> ”. <i>No Extra Words</i> . (Audio starting at 7:17) Flash fiction narrated in audio podcast.	2015
“ <i>The Art of Exporting</i> ”. <i>dancing girl press</i> . Poetry chapbook.	2011
“ <i>Mountains Like Water Buffaloes</i> ”. <i>The Milo Review</i> . Flash fiction in print and online.	2013
“ <i>In the Event of My Absence</i> ”. <i>Flagler Review</i> .	2013

Creative nonfiction in print and online.

Field of Mirrors: An Anthology of Philippine American Writers. PAWA. 2013
(Five poems in print)

“*Letters to Luzon*”. (poem) “*Double Entendre and Jazz Dancer*. (drawings) The Mom Egg: A Collection of Writing and Art by Mothers. Half Shell Press. 2008

“*Big, Red Vein*”. *Bombshells: War Stories and Poems from Women on the Homefront*. 2007
Omni Arts LLC. Eds. Missy Martin and Jesse Loren. (Creative Nonfiction in print)

“*Art Imitating Life*”. *St. Petersburg Times*. Newspaper article. 2005

Norwich Bulletin. Several newspaper articles published. 2004

“*From the Third World to Blackhall Street*”. *The New London Day*. 2004
Op-ed.

“*Volcanic Laughter, Pacific Words*”. *Pinoy Poetics: A Collection of Autobiographical and Critical Essays on Filipino and Filipino American Poets*. Eds. Nick Carbó and Eileen Tabios. Meritage Press. 2004

Interlope #8: Special on Innovative Filipino/a Poetry. Ed. Summi Kaipa, San Francisco. (Two poems) 2002

“*My Barrio by the Sea*”. *Babaylan: Filipina and Filipina American Writers Anthology*. Ed. Nick Carbó. Aunt Lute Press. (Essay) 2000

Review of My Work:

Review & Interview of my full-length poetry collection by [Maileen Dumelod Hamto](#). The Halo Halo Review. Ed. Eileen Tabios. 2020

Review of my chapbook: “[The Art of Exporting](#)”. The Halo Halo Review. Ed. Eileen Tabios. 2016

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EDUCATION

Master of Library Science & Information (MLIS) | University of South Florida SPRING 2019 – SUMMER 2021

Master of Fine Arts Degree (MFA) Creative Writing | National University, La Jolla, CA 2008 – 2010

BA in Creative Writing | Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL 2005 – 2007

AAS in General Studies | Three Rivers Community College, Norwich, CT 1997 – 2004

High School Diploma | Wagner High School, Clark Air Force Base, Philippines 1981-1985

- Library Internships: Ask A Librarian, Tampa Bay Library Consortium, 1/2020-08/2020
- MLIS ePortfolio: <http://bythestacks.com>

EXPERIENCE

Information Specialist (GS-11) | US Geological Survey (USGS), St. Petersburg, FL DEC 2020–PRESENT

- Assist USGS Coastal Change Hazards and US Coastal Research Program (USCRP) to improve communication through development of journal papers, [stakeholder videos](#), briefing documents, web pages, social media content, & press releases
- Organize & lead stakeholder meetings designed to identify user needs and share USGS & USCRP activities, products, & opportunities
- Create & manage databases to organize information associated with the USCRP funding opportunities & other program activities. Organize program meetings, science seminars, & other internal activities for staff and leadership within federal agencies, universities, & NGOs
- Develop & implement communication plan & evaluate the effectiveness of communication efforts

Information Systems Specialist | University of South Florida, Tampa, FL FEB 2018 – DEC 2020

- Worked directly with faculty & staff to assist in new computer setup & training/troubleshooting assistance on standard software such as Adobe & Office products
- Maintained and updated departmental website in Drupal
- Assisted in marketing & dissemination by writing articles, design graphics, create, & maintain social media posts
- Reviewed professional documents, assisted with NIH grants, publications & library materials, to ensure that departmental website appropriately & effectively presented information
- Familiar with library & research tools such as EndNotes, Harzing, Google Scholar, Scholar Commons
- Provided assistance with undergraduate program related to on-line teaching support or revision, recording, uploading, & student surveying efforts
- Provided faculty assistance with Canvas & Adobe Captivate
- Maintained audio-visual equipment & coordinated the setup of any additional equipment needed for presentations, events, or trainings
- Performed other duties as assigned

Reading Teacher | Pinellas County Schools, St. Petersburg, FL NOV 2016 – AUG 2017

- Taught Middle School Reading using the Common Core standards
- Used FOCUS school software to maintain grades & student records
- Interfaced with students, parents, faculty, & staff

Adjunct English Instructor | University of Guam, Online AUG 2015 – AUG 2016

- Taught Introduction to Literature to UOG students remotely from Florida using their LMS: Moodle

Academic Specialist | University of Connecticut, Avery Point JAN 2015 – MAY 2015

- Supervised students, teachers, & staff
- Documented/recorded all students in program
- Provided ongoing tech support as well as asset management
- Managed training logistics and facilitate training as needed
- Attended professional development necessary to effectively support & develop training
- Created educational materials
- Kept all educational programs in compliance with college's policies as well as state and federal regulations
- Provided security & proctored exams
- Worked with faculty members to pick up & deliver course materials

Adjunct English Instructor | Hillsborough Community College & Pasco Hernando State College, FL FALL 2014

- Used Learning Management System such as Blackboard & Canvas
- Administered training for students in my English Comp I/II, & Intro to Literature courses
- Delivered group & individual instruction and training
- Developed curricula that met instructional goals & objectives
- Formulated curriculum mapping (outlines) to determine instructional methods specified to the needs effective to training (i.e. group instruction, lectures, demonstrations, conferences, workshops)
- Analyzed & assessed training & development needs for English department
- Lead informational literacy efforts by introducing students to academic library, instructing them on how to use integrated library system such as ExLibris, etc.

Full-Time English Instructor | College of Micronesia, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) JAN 2013-JAN 2014

- Researched/implemented coursework in a hybrid-learning environment utilizing an online learning management system such as CourseSites.com
- Instructed students in perspective courses via student learning outcomes (SLO's)
- Taught Speech Communication, Reading, English Composition, & Intro to Art

Freelance Writer/Web Designer | Palm Harbor, FL SEPT 2010 – JAN 2013

- Designed websites for small business owners using WordPress
- Created social media campaigns & wrote blogposts & articles

Digital Court Reporter | St. Petersburg, FL JAN 2006 – AUG 2009

- Oversaw & transcribed court proceedings remotely
- Lead technician for proprietary software
- IT implementation for new server & software upgrades

Computer and Press Office Support | Eugene O'Neill Theater, Waterford, CT SUMMER 2003

- Assisted the historical theater with writing actors' profiles for the theater billings
- Troubleshoot & fixed the theater's computers

Computer Consultant | Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, CT 2001-2002

- Helped implement the world's only indoor cylindrical water feature, with lasers, light, & sound
- Liaised between casino execs & laser techs from Chicago, & water feature experts from Las Vegas
- Tech support for the tribe's computer systems

Help Desk Analyst | Pfizer, Inc., Groton, CT 1999-2001

- Subcontractor for the Pfizer helpdesk
- Troubleshoot network & computer issues
- Provided phone support for Pfizer's clients & employees
- Spearheaded Pfizer helpdesk's Knowledgebase & SOPs
- Received excellent reviews as the highest ticket closer award

ACHIEVEMENT

- Trained faculty on new LMS to improve coursework delivery & efficiency
- Saved time & money for company/client so they have time to do their essential business functions
- Contributed to good customer service
- Worked on special projects & committee work
- Continuing education & training

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

US Army, Active Duty, 1994-1997, MOS: 74B, Information Systems Specialist, Honorable Discharge

Basic Training: Fort Jackson, SC, *AIT:* Signal Corps, Fort Gordon, GA

COMPUTER HARDWARE

PCs, tablets, peripherals, local & network printers, LAN/CAN, WIFI & Bluetooth devices

LCMS/OEP/VLE

Moodle, Blackboard, Canvas, Aplia, MyWritingLab, Banner, CourseSites.com

ILS (INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEMS & RESEARCH TOOLS)

Familiar with Alma, ProQuest, ExLibris Primo, Aleph, digital curation tools/process

OTHER SKILLS

- Order products & parts
- Inventory management
- Establish & maintain relationships
- Time management
- Great interpersonal & oral/written communication skills
- Project management experience
- Public speaking
- Top notch computer skills & troubleshooting
- Ability to meet & work with stakeholders
- Write newsletters, produce audio & video
- Interface with public & media
- Process & deliberate reports & updates
- Produce creative, technical, & grant writing material, to name a few