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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 - Semifinalist	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	
Support 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

“ <i>By Astrolabes & Constellations</i> ” Agave Press.	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 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 – Anticipated graduation, 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 ongoing 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 database 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

- Work directly with faculty and staff to assist in new computer setup, providing training on standard software such as Adobe and Office and basic troubleshooting assistance
- Maintain and update departmental website in Drupal. Assist in marketing and dissemination, writing articles, manipulating graphics, creating, and maintaining social media posts
- Review professional documents, assist with NIH grants, publications and library materials to ensure that departmental website appropriately and effectively presents information. Familiar with library and research tools such as EndNotes, Harzing, Google Scholar, Scholar Commons
- Provide assistance with undergraduate program related to on-line teaching support or revision, recording, uploading and student surveying efforts
- Provide faculty assistance with Canvas and Adobe Captivate
- Maintain audio-visual equipment and coordinate the setup of any additional equipment needed for presentations, events, or trainings
- Perform 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 and student records
- Interfaced with students, parents, faculty and 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

- Supervise students, teachers and staff document and record all students in program
- Provide ongoing tech support as well as asset management
- Manage training logistics and facilitate training as needed
- Ongoing personal professional development necessary to effectively support and develop training and educational materials for current employers
- Continue to keep all educational programs in compliance with college's policies as well as state and federal regulations
- Provide security, and is responsible for proctoring exams and working with the faculty member to pick up and deliver course materials

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

- Use Learning Management System such as Blackboard and Canvas Administer training for student in English Comp I & II and Intro to Literature
- Deliver group and individual instruction and training
- Develop curricula that meet instructional goals and objectives
- Formulate curriculum mapping (outlines) to determine instructional methods specified to the needs effective to training (i.e. group instruction, lectures, demonstrations, conferences, and workshops)
- Analyze and assess training and development needs for English department
- Lead, guide, and train staff, interns, and volunteers performing related work
- Took students to academic library, instructing them on how to use integrated library system such as Alma with ExLibris and ExLibris Primo, ProQuest, and Aleph

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

- Researched and 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, 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 and wrote blogposts & articles

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

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

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

- Helped the historical theater with writing actors' profiles for the theater billings
- Assisted with all duties assigned (troubleshooting and fixing the theater's computers)

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

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

• Help Desk Analyst | Pfizer, Inc., Groton, CT 1999-200199 – 2001

- Subcontractor for the Pfizer helpdesk
- Troubleshoot network and computer issues
- Provided phone support for Pfizer's clients and employees
- Spearheaded Pfizer helpdesk's Knowledgebase and 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 functions

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)

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

OTHER SKILLS

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