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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

Freelance writing specialist with formal education in technical, creative, and academic styles offers writing and editing services that help businesses succeed. Also offers private tutoring sessions to teen and adult students needing to improve writing skills and prepare for standardized exams. Possesses advanced command of the English language and its rules of grammar, combined with teaching experience and a knack for business marketing. Eager to serve native English speakers and ESL folks. Can work with those from around the globe via phone, email, and Skype.

### **FORMAL EDUCATION**

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| <b>Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing</b><br>Areas of Concentration: Nonfiction and Memoir<br>The University of Tampa, Tampa, Florida<br>Distinction: Outstanding Graduate        | <b>May 2014</b> |
| <b>Bachelor of Arts in English</b><br>Areas of Concentration: Professional and Technical Writing<br>University of South Florida, Sarasota, Florida<br>Distinction: Cum Laude, 3.91 GPA | <b>May 2011</b> |
| <b>Associate in Arts</b><br>Areas of Concentration: Liberal Arts and Sciences<br>Manatee Community College, Bradenton, Florida<br>Distinction: President's List, 4.00 GPA              | <b>May 2009</b> |

### **ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION**

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| <b>Social Media for Business</b><br>Certstaffix Training, New York, New York | <b>December 2019</b> |
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### **PUBLICATIONS AND PROJECTS**

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| Website design, content assistance, and ongoing maintenance for<br>www.JohnDWilliams.attorney  | <b>Nov. 2019-present</b>                        |
| Web design, content, and maintenance for www.TheGraceFinancialGroup.com<br>Digital portfolio and website at www.MaryWanser.com   | <b>Oct. 2018-present</b><br><b>2014-present</b> |
| "The Way We Were: Dr. Lewis Obi" biographical story based on a live interview on<br>pages 34-35 of 44 in Volume 15, Issue 01 of <i>Resident Community News</i><br>( <i>Riverside-Avondale-Ortega-Murray Hill</i> ) and on pages 26-27 of 36 in<br>( <i>San Jose-San Marco-St. Nicholas</i> ) Volume 14, Issue 01 | <b>January 2021</b>                             |
| "The Way We Were: Jimmy Kelly" biographical story based on a live interview on<br>pages 36-37 of 52 in Volume 14, Issue 12 of <i>Resident Community News</i><br>( <i>Riverside-Avondale-Ortega-Murray Hill</i> )   | <b>December 2020</b>                            |
| "The Way We Were: Joe Joseph" biographical story based on a live interview in <i>Resident</i><br><i>Community News (San Jose-San Marco-St. Nicholas)</i> Volume 13, Issue 12 on page<br>30 of 40.  | <b>December 2020</b>                            |
| "The Way We Were: Norman Abraham" biographical story based on a live interview on<br>pages 34-35 of 48 in Volume 14, Issue 11 of <i>Resident Community News</i><br>( <i>Riverside-Avondale-Ortega-Murray Hill</i> )  | <b>November 2020</b>                            |
| "The Way We Were: Anne Coyle" biographical story based on a live interview in <i>Resident</i><br><i>Community News (San Jose-San Marco-St. Nicholas)</i> Volume 13, Issue 11 on pages<br>30-31 of 40   | <b>November 2020</b>                            |
| "The Way We Were: Joe and Joni Bifano" biographical story about a couple in their 90s,<br>married for 70 years, based on a live interview with both of them on pages 36-37 of 48<br>in Volume 14, Issue 10 of <i>Resident Community News (Riverside-Avondale-Ortega-</i><br><i>Murray Hill)</i>                  | <b>October 2020</b>                             |
| "The Way We Were: Sissy Barker" biographical story based on a live interview in <i>Resident</i><br><i>Community News (San Jose-San Marco-St. Nicholas)</i> Volume 13, Issue 10 on pages<br>30-31 of 40   | <b>October 2020</b>                             |

**PUBLICATIONS AND PROJECTS (continued)**

"Community Born of Tragedy" newspaper article about National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month published in two separate editions of <i>Resident Community News – Riverside-Avondale-Ortega-Murray Hill</i> pages 32-33 of 48 and <i>San Jose-San Marco-St. Nicholas</i> page 28 of 40	<b>October 2020</b>
"The Way We Were: Cyndy Ira Reynolds" biographical story based on a live interview in <i>Resident Community News (Riverside-Avondale-Ortega-Murray Hill)</i> Volume 14, Issue 09	<b>September 2020</b>
"The Way We Were: Carol Cochran Todd" biographical story based on a live interview in <i>Resident Community News (San Jose-San Marco-St. Nicholas)</i> Volume 13, Issue 09	<b>September 2020</b>
"In Memoriam: Ann Carrell Jeter" in <i>Resident Community News (Riverside-Avondale-Ortega-Murray Hill)</i> Volume 14, Issue 08	<b>August 2020</b>
"One Man's Vision, a City's Benefit: Centennial Garden in Willowbranch Park" newspaper article about a volunteer community project in <i>Resident Community News (Riverside-Avondale-Ortega-Murray Hill)</i> Volume 14, Issue 08	<b>August 2020</b>
"The Way We Were: Molly Knight" biographical story based on a live interview in <i>Resident Community News (San Jose-San Marco-St. Nicholas)</i> Volume 13, Issue 08	<b>August 2020</b>
"Sparta High School Graduate Publishes Third Book" book press release about Greg Renoff in the <i>Sparta Independent</i> (Vol. 36 No. 21) and the <i>New Jersey Herald</i> (May 21, 2020)	<b>May 2020</b>
"Camera Trapping the Coolest Animal You've Never Heard Of: Lakewood Resident Seeks to Save Endangered Okapi in Africa" newspaper article about Lucas Meers in <i>Resident Community News (San Jose-San Marco-St. Nicholas)</i> Volume 13, Issue 3	<b>Mar. 2020</b>
"Horticulturist Saves Rare Orchid from Extinction" newspaper article about Houston Snead in <i>Resident Community News (Riverside-Avondale-Ortega-Murray Hill)</i> Volume 14, Issue 2	<b>Feb. 2020</b>
"Better Than a Decade Ago. Diverse as Ever." three-page magazine article in <i>Circles Social Datebook and Charity Register</i> summarizing the state of the nonprofit sector in Northeast Florida	<b>Nov. 2019</b>
"Many Passions, One Purpose" nine-page magazine article based on seven interviews in <i>Circles Social Datebook and Charity Register</i>	<b>Nov. 2019</b>
Website refresh of design, layout, and navigation for <a href="http://www.MarinaAntropowCramer.com">www.MarinaAntropowCramer.com</a>	<b>Oct. 2019</b>
"Empowered Women Empower Women" seventeen-page magazine article based on nearly two dozen conducted interviews in <i>Circles Social Datebook and Charity Register</i>	<b>Nov. 2018</b>
"Ask the Expert" a five-article series of answers based on readers' questions posed to the tutoring expert in the <i>Sparta Independent</i> newspaper	<b>July-Aug. 2018</b>
Marketing video written, produced, and performed for The Grace Financial Group	<b>Jan. 2018</b>
Content writing and layout suggestions for InterAct-USA.com	<b>May 2016</b>
"To Anonymous A" personal essay in an online magazine <i>Feminine Collective</i>	<b>Mar. 2016</b>
"Enchained" personal essay in a women's print anthology <i>My Other Ex: Women's True Stories of Leaving and Losing Friends</i>	<b>Sept. 2014</b>
"Things I Wasn't Supposed to Say: A Mosaic Memoir" master's thesis Personal blog <i>Everyday Enlightenment</i> at <a href="http://marywanser.blogspot.com">marywanser.blogspot.com</a>	<b>Dec. 2013</b> <b>June 2011-Dec. 2012</b>
"Remembering Oneness" article in <i>Day Spring</i> international newsletter	<b>June 2011</b>
"Aha!" article in USFSM 2010-2011 Capstone Project Archives	<b>May 2011</b>
"Healing Holistically: One Woman's Victory over Cervical Cancer" article in USFSM 2010-2011 Capstone Project Archives	<b>May 2011</b>
"you hear swift feet patter down the staircase" untitled poem in USFSM 2010-2011 Capstone Project Archives	<b>May 2011</b>
"Kathleen's Cause" statewide legislation amendment	<b>July 2010</b>
"Guided by Appointment" article in <i>Day Spring</i> international newsletter	<b>May 2006</b>
<i>Just Believe</i> music album, lyrics to seven songs	<b>May 2006</b>
"Child Care Attendants Endorsement" liability coverage extension for nannies	<b>Aug. 1996</b>

**SPEAKING ACTIVITIES**

Public reading of personal essays, monthly at Black Dog Books in Newton, New Jersey	<b>Feb.-Oct. 2019</b>
Public readings (3) of original poetry at various venues in Milford, Pennsylvania at annual Readers and Writers Festival	<b>Sept. 2019</b>
Q&A Panel Discussion for The University of Tampa's Master of Fine Arts Program	<b>Jan. 2017</b>
Commencement address at the inaugural hooding ceremony of The University of Tampa's Master of Fine Arts Program	<b>Jan. 2014</b>
Public reading of personal memoir at Reeves Theatre in Tampa, Florida	<b>Jan. 2014</b>
Guest lecture about career goals and job opportunities for writing program graduates at the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee	<b>Mar. 2012</b>
Eulogy for murder victim in high-profile case with hundreds in attendance, including media, in Manatee County, Florida	<b>Aug. 2009</b>

**SPEAKING ACTIVITIES (continued)**

- Monologue entitled "Why Optimism" spoken before a class of history students at Manatee Community College in Bradenton, Florida **Nov. 2008**
- Monologue based on the book *The I of the Storm* by Gary Simmons delivered at Unity Church of Citrus County in Lecanto, Florida **June 2007**

**INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Private Tutor, Writing Consultant, and Copy Editor** **July 2012-present**  
Customized Lesson Design, English and related disciplines, children through adults globally online
- Certified Tutor** **Jan. 2012-present**  
Customized Lesson Design  
Subjects: ACT, elementary K-6, English, ESL/ESOL, grammar, PowerPoint, proofreading, reading, SAT, study skills, TEAS, vocabulary, and writing  
WyzAnt, Incorporated, national registry
- Online Writing Tutor** **Sept. 2015-Jan. 2017**  
Student submission acceptance and review  
Pearson's Smarthinking, Inc., Washington, DC
- Substitute Teacher** **Oct. 2012-Sept. 2016**  
Various subject areas, grades 6-11  
State College of Florida Collegiate School, public prep, Bradenton, Florida
- Adjunct College Professor** **Aug. 2014-Dec. 2015**  
Language and Literature Department  
State College of Florida, public community, Bradenton, Florida
- Seminar Leader** **Jan. 2014**  
"Chronology in Memoir: Sequencing Events," graduate students  
The University of Tampa, private campus, Tampa, Florida
- Substitute Teacher** **July-Aug. 2012**  
English camp for international students, ages 14-19  
IMG Pendleton School, University and Language Center, private academy, Bradenton, Florida
- Assistant Teacher** **Feb.-June 2012**  
Individual tutoring, test proctoring, junior and high school groups  
IMG Pendleton School, Learning Resource Center, private academy, Bradenton, Florida
- Class Facilitator** **Aug. 2006-Jan. 2008**  
Agenda Development and Implementation, Metaphysical studies, adult learners  
Angel Wing Ministries, Crystal River, Florida

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS**

- "Chronology in Memoir: Sequencing Events" based on an original critical essay **Jan. 2014**
- "Perennial Philosophy: A Mini Presentation" **Feb. 2011**
- "Is This Degree Right for Me?" **Nov. 2010**
- "Knowledge and Belief in *The Winter's Tale*" **Apr. 2010**
- "Osteoporosis: What College Students Need to Know" **Oct. 2009**
- "Imagism" **Apr. 2009**

**CRITICAL ANNOTATIONS**

- Ordinary Time: Cycles in Marriage, Faith, and Renewal* by Nancy Mairs **Apr. 2013**
- Pentimento* by Lilian Hellman **Mar. 2013**
- The Scientists: A Family Romance* by Marco Roth **Mar. 2013**
- Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt **Feb. 2013**
- A Stranger's Neighborhood* by Donald Morrill **Feb. 2013**
- My Dark Places* by James Ellroy **Nov. 2012**
- Dakota: A Spiritual Geography* by Kathleen Norris **Oct. 2012**
- The Lover* by Marguerite Duras **Oct. 2012**
- The Liars' Club: A Memoir* by Mary Karr **Sept. 2012**
- The Kiss* by Kathryn Harrison **Aug. 2012**

**CRITICAL ANNOTATIONS (continued)**

<i>Bluets</i> by Maggie Nelson	<b>May 2012</b>
<i>A Room of One's Own</i> by Virginia Woolf	<b>Apr. 2012</b>
<i>Plain Text</i> by Nancy Mairs	<b>Mar. 2012</b>
<i>The Situation and the Story</i> by Vivian Gornick	<b>Feb. 2012</b>
<i>Fierce Attachments</i> by Vivian Gornick	<b>Feb. 2012</b>

**LITERARY ANALYSES**

"He Is No Lazarus: Raskolnikov as a Static Character"	<b>Nov. 2010</b>
"Virtue and Violence: The Treatment of Women in Valmiki's <i>Ramayana</i> "	<b>Nov. 2010</b>
"Fateful, But Not Fated: Macbeth's Murderous Free Will"	<b>Apr. 2010</b>
"Flowers Speak: Exploring the Floral Motif in Virginia Woolf's <i>Mrs. Dalloway</i> "	<b>Dec. 2009</b>
"In Defense of Her Solitude: The Inner Vistas of Emily Dickinson"	<b>Dec. 2009</b>

**POETRY EXPLICATIONS**

William Shakespeare's "Sonnet 71"	<b>May 2010</b>
Langston Hughes's "Mother to Son"	<b>Apr. 2010</b>
John Milton's "Sonnet 9"	<b>Oct. 2009</b>

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Central Sussex County Chamber Council	<b>Feb. 2019-present</b>
Sussex County Chamber of Commerce	<b>Feb. 2019-present</b>
The University of Tampa MFA Alumni Chapter	<b>Jan. 2014-present</b>
National Alumni Association, The University of Tampa	<b>Jan. 2014-present</b>
Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society	<b>2010-present</b>
Alliance of Divine Love (ordained minister)	<b>May 2006-present</b>
The Society of Professional Obituary Writers	<b>Apr. 2018-Mar. 2019</b>
The Knot Pro Network (custom writer of wedding material)	<b>Feb. 2018-Feb. 2019</b>
Association of Writers and Writing Programs	<b>Jan. 2014-Dec. 2017</b>
National Tutoring Association	<b>Aug. 2013-Aug. 2016</b>
Alumni Association, University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee	<b>2011-2016</b>
University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee English Society	<b>2010-2011</b>
Toastmasters International	<b>2009-2011</b>

**SERVICE POSITIONS**

Volunteer member of Transformation Team at Unity of Sussex County	<b>May 2020-present</b>
Volunteer preparer and server at Manna House, a soup kitchen in Newton, New Jersey	<b>Oct. 2018-present</b>
Advisory Board Member of The University of Tampa Alumni Association's MFA chapter	<b>Jan. 2017-present</b>
Mentor with UnidosNow Future Leaders Academy, empowering college-bound youth	<b>July 2014-April 2018</b>
Founding President of The University of Tampa Alumni Association's MFA chapter	<b>Jan. 2014-Jan. 2017</b>
Vice President of Alpha Rho Beta, local chapter of Sigma Tau Delta	<b>2010-2011</b>
Vice President, Promotions Committee Chair, and Associate Editor of maiden interdisciplinary publication of USFSM English Society	<b>2010-2011</b>
Assistant Script Writer for live production of <i>Comus: The Melodrama</i> , an adaptation of John Milton's work	<b>Nov. 2010</b>

**ACADEMIC AWARDS**

Sussex County Chamber of Commerce Professional Development Scholarship	<b>Nov. 2019</b>
Outstanding Graduate, The University of Tampa	<b>Jan. 2014</b>
Dean's List, University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee	<b>Spring 2011</b>
First Place, USFSM Poetry Festival	<b>Apr. 2011</b>
Brunch on the Bay Scholarship	<b>May 2010</b>
Dean's List, University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee	<b>Spring 2010</b>
Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society	<b>Mar. 2010</b>
Dean's List, University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee	<b>Fall 2009</b>
Most Valuable Student, American Literature 1860-1912	<b>Fall 2009</b>
Most Valuable Student, British Literature 1900-1945	<b>Fall 2009</b>
Bridge to My Future Scholarship	<b>July 2009</b>
Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society	<b>May 2009</b>
Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Academic Achievement	<b>Fall 2008</b>
Future Teachers Certificate of Appreciation	<b>May 1985</b>

**ACADEMIC AWARDS (continued)**

PTSA Scholarship  
Presidential Academic Fitness Award

**May 1985**  
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