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### **EDUCATION**

1981-83: MFA (Poetry), University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

1976-80: BA, cum laude (English), Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2005-Present: Senior Lecturer in English, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

1986-2005: Lecturer in English, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

Reader, Graduate/Undergraduate Theses in Poetry Reviewer, Admissions Applications for Graduate Study in Poetry

Courses taught: Creative Writing

Introduction to Writing Poetry

Intermediate Poetry Workshop (300-level)

Creative Writing: Poetry (400-level)

Freshman Composition Advanced Composition Introduction to Literature American Literature I American Literature II English Literature II Introduction to Poetry

Modern British & American Poetry

Contemporary Literature

1984-86: <u>Adjunct Lecturer in English</u>, Florida International University, Miami, Florida (Technical Writing)

1982-83: <u>Teaching Assistantship</u>, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa (Creative Writing)

1981: Instructor, SAT Verbal Preparation, Kaplan, Inc., Miami, Florida

### RELATED EXPERIENCE

1985-86: Editor, Club Publications, Miami, Florida

1983-85: Assistant Editor, *Welding Journal*, American Welding Society, Miami, Florida

1983-Present: Freelance editing of novels, short fiction, poetry, memoirs, children's literature, instructional manuals, video scripts, scientific/technical journal articles, sports magazines; freelance journalism contributed to regional publications

1981: Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK, Summer School for Foreign Students (English Literature, and the Teaching of English Literature)

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

2012: The Julia Peterkin Award in Poetry, Converse College

2006: Individual Artist Fellowship, Florida Arts Council (Poetry) (For the completion of *Renewing the Vows*)

2001: Winner, Sunken Garden Poetry Festival Open Competition (Farmington, CT) (For "Packing Plant," selected from 632 entries)

1992: Individual Artist Fellowship, Florida Arts Council (Poetry) (For the completion of *Hazard Duty*)

1991: The Peter I.B. Lavan Younger Poets Award, The Academy of American Poets Selected by Richard Wilbur, Former U.S. Poet Laureate and Academy Chancellor

1989: Fellowship, Ingram Merrill Foundation (For the completion of *Country Airport*)

1988: The "Discovery"/*The Nation* Prize for Poetry Selected by Judges Anthony Hecht, Mary Jo Salter and Nicholas Christopher

1980: Rolfe Humphries Poetry Prize, Amherst College

1979: Corbin Prize in Poetry, Amherst College

### READING & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2012 The Julia Peterkin Award in Poetry Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina
- 2011: Hub City Books Reading, Spartanburg, South Carolina
- 2011: Spartanburg High School, Spartanburg, South Carolina "A Visit with the Students"
- 2011: National Public Radio, "Writers Almanac": Poem read by Garrison Keillor ("A Day at the Beach," February 23)
- 2011: Write Now! University of Miami Writing Seminar: "The Publishing Poet"
- 2010: Write Now! University of Miami Writing Seminar: "The Practical Poet"
- 2008: Brockway Memorial Library, Miami Shores, Florida
- 2008: University of Miami Reading, Coral Gables, Florida
- 2007: The Miami International Book Fair Reading, Miami, Florida
- 2007: The Boas Poetry Group, Miami, Florida On *Renewing the Vows*
- 2006: The Boas Poetry Group, Miami, Florida "Stanley Kunitz at 100"
- 2003: The Boas Poetry Group, Miami, Florida "The Poetry of Robert Friend"
- 2003: National Public Radio, "Writers Almanac": Poems read by Garrison Keillor ("Tin Ear," April 10, August 25; "For a Sleepless Child," April 16, August 22; "Just Married," April 30)
- 2002: The Boas Poetry Group, Miami, Florida "A Bouquet of *Florida* Poems"
- 2002: National Public Radio, "Talk of the Nation"
- 2001: Sunken Garden Poetry Festival, Farmington, Connecticut

# READING & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, cont.

2001: The Boas Poetry Group, Miami, Florida "A Celebration of 'New York' Poetry

2001: "The World's Largest Writing Workshop": Guest Speaker Barnes & Noble, Miami, Florida

2001: The Boas Poetry Group, Miami, Florida "On Frost's *Home Burial*"

2000: Guest Speaker, Author's Tea, Palm Springs North Elementary, Miami, Florida

2000: Tobacco Road Reading, Miami, Florida

1999: The Boas Poetry Group, Miami, Florida "On Philip Larkin"

1999: The Boas Poetry Group, Miami, Florida "Some Contemporary American Poets"

1998: Guest Speaker, South Florida Writers Conference, National Writers Association, Coral Gables, Florida, "On Revision"

1998: National Poetry Month: Books & Books, Miami Beach, Florida "On the Poetry of Stanley Kunitz"

1998: Tobacco Road Reading, Miami, Florida

1997: Guest Speaker, Ninth Annual Conference of the Society for Ecological Restoration, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, "On the Place of 'Place' in My Work"

1997: Guest Speaker, South Florida Writers Conference, National Writers Association, Coral Gables, Florida

1997: The Boas Poetry Group, Miami, Florida "Cross-Gender Monologues: Dickinson, Pound, Hecht, *et al.*"

1997: "Now Taste This," Poetry/Cuisine Project for National Poetry Month, Miami, Florida

1996: National Poetry Month: Borders Books Reading/Panel, Miami, Florida

# READING & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, cont.

- 1995: The Miami International Book Fair Reading, Miami, Florida
- 1995: Tobacco Road Reading, Miami, Florida
- 1995: The Boas Poetry Group, Miami, Florida "On Donald Justice's Miami Poems"
- 1994: Interview for German Radio: Dusseldorf WDR
- 1994: Tobacco Road Reading, Miami, Florida
- 1994: Guest Speaker, Miami-Dade Community College, Miami, Florida
- 1994: Tobacco Road Reading, Miami, Florida
- 1993: The Boas Poetry Group Reading, Miami, Florida
- 1993: Borders Books Reading, Miami, Florida
- 1993: University of Miami Reading, Coral Gables, Florida
- 1992: "Write in Our Midst": Reading, Miami International Book Fair Preliminaries
- 1992: National Writers Club, Miami, Florida "On University and Small Press Publishing"
- 1992: The Boas Poetry Group, Miami, Florida "On Elizabeth Bishop's Florida Poems"
- 1991: Miami International Book Fair Reading, Miami, Florida
- 1990: Books & Books Reading, Coral Gables, Florida
- 1990: North Miami Senior High School, North Miami, Florida "A Poet in the Community"
- 1990: North Beach Elementary, Miami Beach, Florida "On Being a Writer Who Teaches and a Teacher Who Writes"
- 1990: The Boas Poetry Group, Miami, Florida "On Frost's *Death of the Hired Man*"

## READING & SPEAKING ENGAGMENTS, cont.

1988: The Poetry Center at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y, New York, New York The "Discovery"/*The Nation* Prize Reading

1988: The Strand Reading, Miami International Book Fair Preliminaries, Miami Beach, Florida

1987: University of Miami Reading, Coral Gables, Florida

## ADVISORY WORK

2010, 2008: Judge/Panelist, State of Florida, Florida Arts Council Florida Individual Artist Fellowships: Literature

2003-04, 1993-94, Judge, Associated Writing Programs Intro Awards University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

2002, 1995-2000: Judge, Alfred Boas Poetry Prize of The Academy of American Poets; The UM Poetry Prize (undergraduate), University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

1996: Judge, Poetry/Prose Competition, *Mountain Laurels* magazine, North Georgia College, Dahlonega, Georgia

1995: Editorial Advisory Board, Anthology of American Literature (Prentice Hall)

1993-94: Editorial Advisory Board, *To Make a Poem* (Collegiate Press)

1993-94: Faculty Advisor, *Mangrove* magazine University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

1992: Judge, Simon Daro Dawidowicz "Americas" Poetry Competition

1991-92: Faculty Advisory, *Epiphany* magazine University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

## **BOOKS**

Renewing the Vows. Poems. 2007. Cincinnati, OH: David Robert Books.

# BOOKS, cont.

Hazard Duty. Poems. 1995. Providence, RI: Copper Beech Press. Brown University.

Country Airport. Poems. 1989. Providence, RI: Copper Beech Press. Brown University.

## **CHAPBOOKS**

*Incident in an Apartment Complex: A Suite of Voices.* 2009. Columbus, OH: Pudding House Publications.

To Disappear. 2006. Columbus, OH: Pudding House Publications.

## ANTHOLOGIES & TEXTBOOKS

Changing Harm to Harmony: Bullies and Bystanders Project. Marin Poetry Center. 2014. Joseph Zaccardi, ed. ("Fat Kid," "The Ropes.")

Sunken Garden Poetry 1992-2011. Middletown: Wesleyan University Press. 2012. Brad Davis, ed. ("Packing Plant.")

The Poets Guide to the Birds. Tallahassee: Anhinga Press. 2009. Judith Kitchen and Ted Kooser, eds. ("Field Guide.")

Across the Thresholds, Into the Questions. New York: Morehouse. 2008. Caren Goldman and Ted Voorhees, eds. ("Tin Ear.")

The Best of the Bellevue Literary Review. New York: Bellevue Literary Press, 2008. Danielle Ofri, et al., eds. ("Thanksgiving: Visiting My Brother on the Ward.")

*Bedford Introduction to Literature* (Full & Compact 8<sup>th</sup> eds.). Boston: Bedford, 2008. Michael Meyer, ed. ("Friends with Numbers.")

Poetry: An Introduction, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2006.Michael Meyer, ed. ("Friends with Numbers.")

Visiting Frost: Poems Inspired by the Life and Work of Robert Frost. Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, 2005. Sheila Coghill and Thom Tammaro, eds. ("Frost in Miami.")

Proposing on the Brooklyn Bridge: Poems About Marriage.

West Hartford: Grayson Books, 2003. Ginny Lowe Connors, ed. ("Just Married")

# ANTHOLOGIES & TEXTBOOKS, cont.

Literature and Its Writers: An Introduction to Fiction, Poetry and Drama. Boston: Bedford Books, 1997. Ann and Samuel Charters, eds. ("Sad Heart at the Supermarket: Randall Jarrell's Next Day")

Having a Wonderful Time: An Anthology of South Florida Writers.Needham Heights: Simon & Schuster, 1997.C. Chinelly, J. Dufresne, M. Hettich, eds. ("After the Hurricane")

Sixty Years of American Poetry. New York: The Academy of American Poets and Harry N. Abrams, 1996. ("Homecoming")

Florida in Poetry. Sarasota: Pineapple Press, 1995.

Jane Anderson Jones and Maurice O' Sullivan, eds. ("Frost in Miami")

Isle of Flowers: Poems by Recipients of the Florida Individual Artist Fellowship Award. Tallahassee: Anhinga Press, 1995. D. J. Long, H. P. Wallace, R. Campbell, eds. ("A Day at the Beach," "Glance," "Homecoming," "Tin Ear," "Under Desks")

Write in Our Midst. Miami: Miami-Dade Community College, 1993. M. Hettich, ed. ("Elegy for Christopher Bright")

A New Geography of Poets. Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 1992. Edward Field, Gerald Locklin, Charles Stetler, eds. ("Glance")

## **POEMS** (an abridged list)

"My Father on the Tennis Court." Amoskeag. 30:1 (Spring 2013): 47-49.

"Spring Break." The Antioch Review. 54:1 (Winter 1996): 94.

"Asking For It." Art & Understanding. 10:7 (July 2001): 29.

"Emily Dickinson and the Boston Red Sox." Baseballbard.com. Summer 2012.

"Thanksgiving: Visiting My Brother on the Ward." *Bellevue Literary Review*. 6:2 (Fall 2006): 90-91.

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- "Packing Plant." Center. 3 (2004): 17-18.
- "The Little Blue Purse." The Common. Forthcoming.
- "Incident in an Apartment Complex." (a 7-poem sequence). *Confrontation* 80/81 (Fall 2002/Winter 2003): 356-365.
- "The Ropes." Crab Orchard Review. 11:2 (Summer /Fall 2006): 179.
- "Cat in a Hurricane." Dogwood. 7 (Spring 2007): 14.
- "St. Anthony and My Father's Glasses." *Dogwood.* 4 (Spring 2004): 29-30.
- "Swimming Naked with the Quakers." *Dogwood*. 7 (Spring 2007): 15-16.
- "To Disappear." (a 7-poem sequence). *The Drunken Boat*. 4:1-2 (Spring/Summer 2003).
- "Neighborhood Friends." The Fabulist. 1:3 (2014): 34-35.
- "Belated Elegy." The Hopkins Review. 1:4 (Fall 2008): 638.
- "The Condom in My Wallet." The Hopkins Review. 1:4 (Fall 2008): 639-640.
- "Teachers." The Hopkins Review. 5:4 (Fall 2012): 449-451.
- "Carib." The Hudson Review. 50:4 (Winter 1998): 610.
- "Field Guide." The Hudson Review. 56:2 (Summer 2003): 330.
- "First Time." The Hudson Review. 56:2 (Summer 2003): 328-329.
- "Missionaries in Oman: Collecting Shells." *The Hudson Review.* 50:4 (Winter 1998): 610.
- "The Namesake." The Hudson Review. 50:4 (Winter 1998): 608.
- "Sleeping Through the Fire." *The Hudson Review.* 50:4 (Winter 1998): 607.
- "Trial." The Hudson Review. 50:4 (Winter 1998): 609.
- "Warts and All." The Hudson Review. 66:4 (Winter 2014): 671-672.

- "Winter Memory, Miami." The Hudson Review. 56:2 (Summer 2003): 329.
- "On Switching, After 25 Years, from Hard to Soft Contact Lenses." *The Hurricane Review.* 1:1 (2003): 76.
- "Prophecy." The Hurricane Review. 1:1 (2003): 77.
- "Blisters" (in "Camp Stories"). The Indiana Review. 27:2 (Winter 2005): 122-123.
- "Academic Discourse in Western Massachusetts." J Journal. 4:1 (Spring 2011): 98-100.
- "The Bench." The Kenyon Review. 22:1 (Winter 2000): 100-101.
- "Class Photo: Bisbee, Arizona, 1890." Magnolia. (Online.) No. 2: Spring 2009.
- "Dead Rick." Magnolia. (Online.) No. 3: Summer 2010.
- "Fat Kid." Magnolia. (Online.) No. 3: Summer 2010.
- "The Gift." Magnolia. (Online.) No. 3: Summer 2010.
- "Lonely Hearts." Magnolia. (Online.) No. 3: Summer 2010.
- "The Priests of My Adolescence." *Magnolia*. (Online.) No. 2: Spring 2009.
- "Runaway." Magnolia. (Online.) No. 2: Spring 2009.
- "Sleeping with Death." *Magnolia*. (Online.) No. 3: Summer 2010.
- "A Day at the Beach." The Massachusetts Review. 32:3 (Autumn 1991): 442.
- "Conversation in Camden County." *The Massachusetts Review.* 32:3 (Autumn 1991): 443-444.
- "History." Miramar. Forthcoming 2016,
- "Missionary." *Miramar*. 3 (2015): 105-106.
- "Grave-Rubbing in a New England Cemetery." *The Nation.* 246:17 (April 30, 1988): 610.
- "Homecoming." The Nation. 248:24 (June 19, 1989): 861.

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- "Under Desks." The Nation. 255:5 (August 17/24, 1992): 188.
- "Renewing the Vows." The New Criterion. 15:5 (January 1997): 34
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- "Friends with Numbers." The Paris Review. 33:121 (Winter 1991): 206-207.
- "First Art Lessons." Passages North. 9:1 (Winter 1988): 18.
- "Shoeshine." *Ploughshares*. 19:1 (Spring 1993): 102-103.
- "Breakfast of Runnersup." Poetry. 162:4 (July 1993): 216-217.
- "Tin Ear." Poetry. 153:6 (March 1989): 341-342.
- "Two Suitors Dueling for Emily Dickinson." *Poetry Kanto* (Japan). 17 (September 2001): 12.
- "A Whaleman to His Wife." The Quarterly. 2 (Summer 1987): 134-135.
- "Country Airport." The Quarterly. 2 (Summer 1987): 129-130.
- "The Deer." The Quarterly. 2 (Summer 1987): 127-128.
- "Ho-Ho." The Quarterly. 7 (Autumn 1988): 165.
- "Once by the Lake." The Quarterly. 2 (Summer 1987): 131.
- "String Quartet, Brooklyn, 1909." The Quarterly. 2 (Summer 1987): 133.
- "Waiting for a Letter." The Quarterly. 2 (Summer 1987): 132.
- "Good Egg." Salamander. 37 (Fall/Winter 2013-14): 116-117.
- "Lovers Lane." The Seattle Review. 22:1 (Winter 2000): 110.
- "Confederate Soldier, Kennesaw Mountain, July 1864." *Shenandoah.* 53:3 (Fall 2003): 28.

- "Arlington, 1964." The Southern Review. 31:2 (Spring 1995): 298.
- "At a 13th Birthday Party." The Southern Review. 28:3 (Summer 1992): 603-604.
- "Class Clown." The Southern Review. 25:4 (Autumn 1989): 909-910.
- "Drive-By." The Southern Review. 31:2 (Spring 1995): 299-301.
- "Elegy for Christopher Bright." The Southern Review. 28:3 (Summer 1992): 598-601.
- "First Summer Away." The Southern Review. 31:2 (Spring 1995): 298-299.
- "Glance." The Southern Review. 25:4 (Autumn 1989): 908.
- "Harbinger." The Southern Review. 25:4 (Autumn 1989): 914-915.
- "Just Married." The Southern Review. 25:4 (Autumn 1989): 912-913.
- "Letter to a Homesick Niece." The Southern Review. 25:4 (Autumn 1989): 913-914.
- "The Lighthouse and the Turtles." *The Southern Review*. 40:2 (Spring 2004): 272-273.
- "Modern Transit." The Southern Review. 34:2 (Spring 1998): 271-273.
- "My Classmate, Elvis Presley." The Southern Review. 28:3 (Summer 1992): 602-603.
- "Nature Hike." The Southern Review. 25:4 (Autumn 1989): 910-912.
- "One Night." The Southern Review. 38:1 (Winter 2002): 72-73.
- "The Parking Lots of Summer." The Southern Review. 28:3 (Summer 1992): 601-602.
- "Thanksgiving Story." The Southern Review. 31:2 (Spring 1995): 301-304.
- "The Wallet." The Southern Review. 34:2 (Spring 1998): 269-270.
- "Lower Ninth Ward." Spillway. 21 (Winter 2013): 75.
- "My Father's Arsenal." *The Spoon River Poetry Review*. 35:1 (Winter/Spring 2010): 39.

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"The Ride Home." The Spoon River Poetry Review. 35:1 (Winter/Spring 2010): 36-38.

"Exiles." Tigertail. 2 (2004): 46.

"The Hands." Tigertail. 10 (2013): 10

"The Perfect Child." Tigertail. 2 (2004): 47.

"Questions for Robert Hershey." *Upstreet.* 2 (2006): 112.

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"I Call on Mme. Bianchi." Introduction and Notes to an article by Benjamin B. Hickok. *Emily Dickinson Journal.* 21:2 (2012): 95-105.

Review of *The End of a Good Party*, stories by Jean Ross Justice. *Southern Literary Review* (online). September 2010.

Review of *Holding Everything Down* by William Notter. *Solares Hill*. (January 24, 2010): 8.

Essay: "Sleeping Through the Fire"

*Poem, Revised:* 54 Poems, Revisions, Discussions. Oak Park: Marion Street Press. 2008. Robert Hartwell Fiske and Laura Cherry, eds.

Review of *The Poetry Life:* Ten Stories by Baron Wormser. The Miami *Herald.* (July 27, 2008): 6M.

Review of *The Jew of Home Depot* and Other Stories by Max Apple. The South Florida *Sun-Sentinel*. (April 13, 2008): 18.

Review of *Circumstances Beyond Our Control* by Robert Phillips. The South Florida *Sun-Sentinel*. (July 2, 2006): 21.

Review of *Edgar Allan Poe & The Juke-Box* by Elizabeth Bishop. The South Florida *Sun-Sentinel*. (March 12, 2006): 18.

Essay: "A Clear and Bottomless Well: The Poetry of Andrew Glaze" *Light*. 48 (Spring 2005): 55-58.

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Review of *Pax Atomica* by Campbell McGrath. The Miami *Herald*. (December 12, 2004): 6-M.

Review of *Poems 4 a.m.* by Susan Minot. The Miami *Herald.* (June 9, 2002): 3-L.

Review of *Night with Drive-By Shooting Stars* by Jim Daniels. The Miami *Herald.* (June 9, 2002): 3-L.

Review of *Familiar Spirits* by Alison Lurie. The Miami *Herald*. (February 25, 2001): 5-M.

Interview with Andrew Glaze.

Birmingham Poetry Review. 23 (Fall/Winter 2000): 32-37.

Review of *Blood, Tin, Straw* by Sharon Olds. The Miami *Herald.* (November 14, 1999): 15-M.

Review of *The Burning of Los Angeles* by Samuel Maio. *Italian Americana*. 16:2 (Summer 1998): 220-221.

Review of *Birthday Letters* by Ted Hughes. The Miami *Herald*. (February 8, 1998): 5-L.

Essay: "Sad Heart at the Supermarket: Randall Jarrell's *Next Day*," essay in *Touchstones*. Hanover: Middlebury College Press/University Press of New England, 1996. Robert Pack and Jay Parini, eds. (pp. 231-235).

Review of *So Forth* by Joseph Brodsky. The Miami *Herald*. (October 20, 1996): 5-L.

Review of *Dark Fields of the Republic* by Adrienne Rich. The Miami *Herald*. (December 24, 1995): 3-I.

Review of *Morning in the Burned House* by Margaret Atwood. The Miami Herald. (December 24, 1995): 3-I.

Review of *Passing Through*: *The Later Poems*, *New and Selected* by Stanley Kunitz. The Miami Herald. (December 24, 1995): 3-I

Review of *Frost in Florida: A Memoir* by Helen Muir. The Miami *Herald.* (September 17, 1995): 3-I.

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Review of *A Scattering of Salts* by James Merrill. The Miami *Herald*. (March 26, 1995): 3-I.

Review of *Tall Birds Stalking* by Michael Van Walleghen. The Miami *Herald*. (December 18, 1994): 3-I.

Review of *A Different Person: A Memoir* by James Merrill. *The Georgia Review.* 48:2 (Summer 1994): 407-409.

Review of *Landscape at the End of the Century* by Stephen Dunn. The Miami *Herald*. (July 23, 1991): 3-C.

## REFERENCES

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