



City of Coconut Creek

Application for Education Advisory Board

The information requested below is for consideration of appointment to the City's Education Advisory Board. Please complete and return this form to the City Clerk, along **WITH a brief resume** of your education and experience by or before Monday, April 5, 2020.

PLEASE NOTE: Florida has a very broad public records law. Documents relating to city business are public records and are available to the public and media upon request. Your information provided within this application may therefore be subject to public disclosure. If your information meets an exemption pursuant to state statute, please advise the City Clerk.

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The Education Advisory Board is comprised of five regular members and one alternate member who serve a one-year term. The members are appointed by the City Commission and given the responsibility of acting in an advisory capacity in matters regarding educational issues that will impact the quality of education for residents. They will recommend city education activities and programs for children, their parents, and their schools and participate in quarterly luncheon meetings with school principals and city commission.

To the extent practicable, board appointments shall be based on the following considerations:

- City residents who are parents of students enrolled in any elementary, middle, high, or technical school physically located within the City of Coconut Creek, and are active members of the school's Parent Teacher Organization or School Advisory Committee; or
- City residents who are teachers or administrators retired from or currently employed at any elementary, middle, high, or technical school physically located within the City of Coconut Creek.

Preference will be given to applicants who have completed Coconut Creek Citizen's Academy.

The board meets on a bi-monthly basis, no less than 5 times per year. Appointments will be made at April 23, 2020, City Commission Meeting.

Please mark Yes OR No for each of the following questions:

1. Are you at least 18 years of age, a City resident who is a parent of student(s) in an elementary, middle, high, or technical school located in Coconut Creek, and an active members of the school's PTO or SAC?
 Yes No
2. Are you least 18 years of age, a City resident who is a teacher or administrator retired from or currently employed at any elementary, middle, high, or technical school located within the City of Coconut Creek?
 Yes No
3. Are you least 18 years of age, a City resident or owner of an education related business who demonstrates a strong and sincere commitment to the enhancement of education of the children of Coconut Creek?

4. Do you hold a public office? Yes No
5. Are you employed by the City? Yes No
6. Are you a member of another City Board? Yes No
7. Have you ever served on a City Board? Yes No
8. Will you be away from the City for extended periods of time? Yes No
9. Are you available to participate in quarterly luncheon meetings in addition to the board meetings? Yes No
10. Have you graduated from the City's Citizen Academy? Yes No

Signature: Laura McDermott Matheric

Date: 6/29/2020

LAURA MCDERMOTT MATHERIC
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● Educator ● Instructional Designer ● Writer ● Literary Event Planner ●

A poet with more than fifteen years of event planning experience, and twelve years of teaching experience in developmental to advanced/honors level writing in such areas as composition, creative writing, literature and business writing, tutoring various genres of writing, as well as learned pedagogical skills for high school and collegiate level writing, and a completion of a college composition practicum and a college creative writing practicum from Florida International University (FIU). Demonstration of capabilities in classroom management in both a traditional and an online community, by establishing a creative environment, implementing lesson plans and conducting classroom activities from freshman level to senior level writing, as well as literature and leadership. Gained business experience in diversified fields including event planning, professional development, editing and publishing, and other areas related to the literary arts. Received recognition for accomplishments as the 2008 Conference on College Composition and Communication Professional Equity Project Grant Recipient and is the 2014 Wells Fargo Endowed Teaching Chair Award Recipient of Broward College, and a finalist for the 2016 Professor of the Year award. Served as a Senior Instructional Designer for the Title V I-Nest grant and has been a Professor of English at Broward College since August 2010 and is the founder and executive director of Orange Island Arts Foundation since 2014. First book of poetry, *Visions on Alligator Alley: an Ekphrastic Story in Verse*, was released by Lominy Books in 2015.

EDUCATION

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| FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY <i>Master of Fine Arts</i> English – Creative Writing: Concentration in poetry | Miami, Florida | April 2007 |
| FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY <i>Bachelor of Arts</i> Major: English – Creative Writing | Tallahassee, Florida Minors: Business and Education | April 2004 |

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN EXPERIENCE

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| BROWARD COLLEGE <i>Senior Instructional Designer of the Title V, I-Nest Grant – Business Pathway</i> During the one-year contractual grant position | Pembroke Pines, Florida | September 2016–August 2017 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designed, developed, and managed a comprehensive professional development program for faculty integrating technologies and sound instructional pedagogies in the online environment for pathway faculty who were developing and/or redesigning contextualized web-enhanced, blended, and fully online courses.• Provided leadership for instructional design issues and tasks related to the Pathways programs related faculty, programs and departments in regards to contextualization.• Guided faculty in the design or redesign and development of course objectives, course content, course assessments, instructional strategies and activities for contextualizing Pathway courses offered in various delivery formats including e-learning.• Participated in assessment of courses by collecting and reviewing syllabi from each ensuring alignment with BC and Quality Matters standards, Federal copyright guidelines, and regional accreditation requirements. | | |

INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

BROWARD COLLEGE

Pembroke Pines, Florida

Department of English and Journalism

Tenured Faculty Professor of English

August 2010 – present

Full-time Temporary Instructor

Spring 2010

Full-time Temporary Instructor

Fall 2009

Part-time Instructor

Spring 2007 – Summer 2009

Teach five courses during the fall and spring terms, which are typically web enhanced, blended or fully online. Such courses taught in a semester are ENC0015, ENC0025, ENC1101, ENC1102, CRW1001 and CRW1300. Design and implement thematic writing courses, which are geared towards helping students find their right career path, while learning the necessary writing skills for academic discourse. Also served as the Alpha Delta Rho chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society housed on the South campus.

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Miami, Florida

School of Arts and Science – Department of Public Administration

Summer 2006 – Fall 2010

As a part-time instructor, taught one online section of Personal Growth and Organizational Development and twenty-two sections of Communications Skills for Policy and Management, including web-enhanced and fully-online sections, as well as designed and implemented writing courses to meet the specific needs of newly promoted police sergeants, fire lieutenants, and civilians who work for the Broward County Sheriff's Office.

School of Arts and Sciences – Department of English

Fall 2006 – December 2010

As a part-time instructor, taught six section Introduction to Creative Writing and three sections of Composition, including designing and implementing a course entitled ENC 2301, "Writing for Transfer Students." All of which were web-enhanced sections

JOHNSON AND WALES UNIVERSITY

North Miami, Florida

Fall 2008 – August 2010

College of Arts and Sciences

As a part-time instructor, taught three sections of Introduction to Literary Genres and three sections of Freshman Composition.

THE ART INSTITUTE OF FORT LAUDERDALE

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Fall 2008 – Spring 2009

General Education Department

As a part-time instructor, taught two sections of Freshman Composition.

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Miami, Florida

Summer 2004 – Spring 2007

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Creative Writing Program's Study Abroad Trip to Ireland – *Assistant Director*
Developed promotional campaigns and coordinated travel plans
- Online Writing Lab – *Promotions Assistant / Writing Tutor*
Provided tutoring, coordinate and facilitate in-class mini-presentations
- University Learning Center – *Writing Tutor*
Provided tutoring, enrichment programs, and mini-presentations to struggling writers
- Freshman Interest Groups – *Assistant Program Coordinator*
Coordinated learning communities for incoming freshman students

BARRY UNIVERSITY

Miami Shores, Florida

Fall 2006

School of Arts and Sciences

As a part-time instructor, taught two web-enhanced sections of Basic English Composition for first-year students who have not had instruction in formal academic writing or students who need remedial English writing instruction.

THE SCHOOLBOARD OF LEON COUNTY

Tallahassee, Florida

January 2003 – June 2004

Substitute Teacher

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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| President's Leadership Academy | Broward College | February 2020 – Present |
| Tutor.com Training | Broward College | January 24, 2020 |
| Microcredentials and Digital Badges in Higher Education | Academic Impressions | November 22-24, 2019 |
| Dual Enrollment Myth Busters | Broward College | February 22, 2019 |
| Emerging Leaders and Transforming Lives | Association of Florida Colleges | November 1 – 3, 2017 |
| Academic Discipline & Department Meetings | Broward College | February 22, 2015 |
| Intro to the Online Student Veteran Sensitivity | Broward College | February 22, 2015 |
| Phi Theta Kappa (Ptk) and You | Broward College | February 22, 2015 |
| English Faculty Retreat | Broward College | January 22, 2015 |
| English & Journalism Dept. Strategic Planning | Broward College | September 18, 2015 |
| From Soldier to Successful Student: | Broward College | June 15, 2015 |
| Intro to D2L Version 10.4 Face to Face | Broward College | April 29, 2015 |
| General Education Task Force | Broward College | April 17, 2015 |
| English Faculty Retreat | Broward College | February 20, 2015 |
| Academic Discipline & Department Meetings | Broward College | February 20, 2015 |
| Meet the Honors Institute | Broward College | February 20, 2015 |
| Academic Integrity Issues and Solutions | Broward College | February 20, 2015 |
| Honors by Contract | Broward College | January 30, 2015 |
| English Faculty Retreat | Broward College | January 28, 2015 |
| International Honors | Broward College | October 24, 2014 |
| Online Workday Travel Card Training | Broward College | July 1, 2014 |
| Online P-Card Workshop | Broward College | July 1, 2014 |
| Academic Discipline & Department Meetings | Broward College | February 21, 2014 |
| Everything Honorable | Broward College | February 21, 2014 |
| Where in the World is Broward College? | Broward College | February 21, 2014 |
| Collegewide English Faculty Retreat | Broward College | February 7, 2014 |
| Teaching English Language Learners in Gened | Broward College | January 28, 2014 |
| Effective Practices for Teaching Blended Classes | Broward College | March 24, 2013 |
| From Soldier to Successful Student | Broward College | March 18, 2013 |
| Getting Ready to Teach Online (Online) | Broward College | March 11-12, 2013 |
| D2L Assessments and Grades | Broward College | February 27, 2013 |
| From Soldier to Successful Student: Acclimating | Broward College | February 22, 2013 |
| Developing Strategies That Will Increase Grant | Broward College | February 22, 2013 |
| Collegewide English Department Retreat | Broward College | February 1, 2013 |
| Fau Doctoral Program Information Session | Broward College | October 29, 2012 |
| Success-Put Another Tool in Your Engagement Toolkit | Broward College | October 20, 2012 |
| Creating A Climate of Success for All Students | Broward College | October 20, 2012 |
| Bcae-Feli (Pd Credit or Stipend Awarded) | Broward College | August 7, 2012 |
| Academic Discipline Meetings | Broward College | February 24, 2012 |
| Student Assistance Program | Broward College | February 24, 2012 |
| QEP - A Collaborative Effort | Broward College | February 24, 2012 |
| New Faculty Institute- Session 1-Faculty Panel | Broward College | January 6, 2012 |
| Introduction to DESIRE2LEARN (D2L) | Broward College | November 28, 2011 |
| SLS Instructor Training Program | Broward College | October 15, 2011 |
| Grademark: Streamlined Grading of Papers | Broward College | June 23, 2011 |
| Cid - Student System Viewers | Broward College | June 1, 2011 |
| Crw 5934 - Graduate Coursework | Florida International University | May 28, 2011 |
| Eng 5058 - Graduate Coursework | Florida International University | May 28, 2011 |
| Crw 5331 - Graduate Coursework | Florida International University | April 30, 2011 |
| Academic Discipline Meetings | Broward College | February 25, 2011 |
| Educational Planning | Broward College | February 25, 2011 |
| Promoting Academic Integrity in Your Classes | Broward College | February 25, 2011 |
| 20111 English Faculty Retreat | Broward College | November 5, 2010 |
| Blogging for 21ST Century Student Engagement | Broward College | October 18, 2010 |
| To Blog or Not to Blog | Broward College | October 18, 2010 |
| New Hire Orientation | Broward College | August 17, 2010 |

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

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| President's Leadership Academy | <i>Committee Member</i> | Spring 2020 - Present |
| College-wide Blended ENC 1102 Contextualized Assignment Designer | <i>Course Developer</i> | Spring 2020 |
| Pathways Core Team | <i>Committee Member</i> | Fall 2018- Present |
| FAST Teams | <i>Committee Member</i> | Fall 2017-Spring 2019 |
| Strategic Initiative | <i>Committee Member</i> | Fall 2017- Spring 2018 |
| Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) | <i>Scholar</i> | Fall 2017- Spring 2018 |
| College-wide Blended ENC 1102 Contextualized Course Development | <i>Course Developer</i> | Fall 2017 |
| College-wide Blended ENC 1101 Contextualized Course Development | <i>Course Developer</i> | Fall 2017 |
| College-wide Blended ENC 1102 Course Development | <i>Course Developer</i> | Summer 2016 |
| College-wide Blended ENC 1101 Course Development | <i>Course Developer</i> | Summer 2016 |
| Online Student Veteran Sensitivity | <i>Program Developer</i> | Fall 2015 – Spring 2016 |
| General Ed. Task Force Information Literacy Rubric | <i>Committee Member</i> | Spring 2015 |
| Endowed Teaching Chair Selection Committee | <i>Committee Member</i> | Fall 2015 – Spring 2016 |
| English Department M.F.L.A. Festival | <i>Co-chair</i> | Fall 2015 – Spring 2016 |
| English Department Book Selection Committee | <i>Co-chair</i> | Fall 2015 – Spring 2016 |
| General Education Task Force | <i>Committee Member</i> | Fall 2015 |
| Search Committee: Assistant Professor of English | <i>Committee Member</i> | Fall 2015 |
| From Soldier to Successful Student Training | <i>Program Developer</i> | Spring 2013 – Summer 2015 |
| MLK Day of Service Grant Committee | <i>Committee Member</i> | Fall 2014 – Spring 2015 |
| English Department M.F.L.A. Festival | <i>Co-chair</i> | Fall 2014 – Spring 2015 |
| Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Delta Rho | <i>Chapter Advisor</i> | January 2011– December 2014 |
| Search Committee: Assistant Professor of English | <i>Committee Member</i> | Summer 2012 |
| Black History Month Planning Committee | <i>Committee Member</i> | Fall 2012 – Spring 2013 |
| Search Committee: Assistant Professor of Chemistry | <i>Committee Member</i> | Spring 2011 |
| Hispanic Heritage Month Planning Committee | <i>Committee Member</i> | Fall 2011 – Spring 2012 |
| Hispanic Heritage Month Planning Committee | <i>Committee Member</i> | Fall 2010 – Spring 2011 |
| Black History Month Planning Committee | <i>Committee Member</i> | Fall 2010 – Spring 2011 |

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Deerfield Beach, Florida

June 2019 – Present

Organize and oversee classroom with a range of tasks including developing lesson plans and leading children in educational activities with age-appropriate teachings that their young minds can absorb. Assist parents and caretakers in the spiritual trainings and religious education of their children in every phase of their spiritual formation and mental development by motivating, encouraging and guiding the children with stories and scriptures that can ignite within them the responsibility to be good, reasonable more people.

GUILD FOR ART AND LITERATURE OF COCONUT CREEK Coconut Creek, Florida

August 2014 –

Present

(Officially registered as Orange Island Arts Foundation)

Founding President and Current Member

A 501(c)3 non-profit corporation in the State of Florida, which is based in Broward County yet serves South Florida and beyond. The organization encourages creativity; cultivates learning; and engages youth, established and aspiring artists, and the community at large with the literary arts. By providing avenues for local and national artists, it seeks to inspire those who are interested in further developing their talents.

PHI THETA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

April 2013 – 2018

Alumni Coordinator

Chartered and coordinate the alumni chapter for the Florida region

MIAMI BOOK FAIR INTERNATIONAL

Fall 2004 – Present

Volunteer

Regularly volunteer services to assist in the planning and execution of the annual fair

GIRLS' CLUB

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

November 2014–October 2015

2014- 2015 Writer-in-Residence

Created writing projects and workshops centered on the year-long exhibit, “The Moment. The Backdrop. The Persona.”

PALM BEACH POETRY FESTIVAL

Lake Worth, Florida

August 2005 – June 2014

Festival Coordinator

Coordinated and publicized an annual literary event in Palm Beach County, Florida, Florida, which showcased workshops, reading, professional and up-and-coming local and national writers.

THE ART INSTITUTE OF FORT LAUDERDALE

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

May 2008 – February 2009

Student Employment Advisor

- Assisted students with resume review and proper business etiquette
- Planned and publicize monthly professional development-based events
- Performed employment job searches for part time and full-time work, as well as for internships
- Acted as liaison between students, the institution and employers

THE LITERARY SALON

North Miami, Florida

July 2005 – May 2007

Event Coordinator

Planned, publicized and ran monthly literary events at the Luna Star Café in North Miami, Florida, which showcased professional and up-and-coming local and national writers.

THE SCHOOLBOARD OF LEON COUNTY

Tallahassee, Florida

August 2003 – June 2004

Educational Tutor

- Florida Writes – essay portion of the FCAT
- Adult Community Education and General Educational Development Tests
- Florida State University’s Service-Learning Project

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

VISIONS ON ALLIGATOR ALLEY

Lominy Books

August 29, 2015

Published an ekphrastic story in verse inspired by the 2015 Girls’ Club Fort Lauderdale gallery exhibit “The Moment. The Backdrop. The Persona.” Poems inspired by artwork from the exhibit depict a story through verse as well as by visual landscape by tracing the journey of a Florida woman who struggles with the overwhelmingly masculine world she lives in, and with feelings of desire, longing, and deep mourning.

GULF STREAM LITERARY MAGAZINE

Book review accepted for publication

Finance and Marketing Director October 2006 –
December 2006

Financial analysis
Event coordinating
Budgeting
Press releases
Read submissions

Business Editor

April 2006 – October 2006

Event coordinating
Liaison for reading events
Solicited bids for contractors
Pres releases
Read submissions

Fall 2006

Associate Editor

January 2006 – April 2006

Read submissions

POETRY

SLIVER OF STONE

“Rebirth” and “Summer Solstice”

March 28, 2015

THE WHIMSICAL PROJECT

“Scenes from the Rearview Mirror”

December 2, 2014

POETS AND ARTISTS

“Mechanics,” “A Childhood Glossary of Auto Mechanics,” “Glossary of a First Love,” “Glossary of a Heartbreak,” and
“Glossary of the Dating Bluebook”

August 1, 2013

SCREW IOWA!

March 7, 2010

“My First Car”

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| VIEW FROM VIRGINIA KEY One poem accepted for publication | January 25, 2010 |
| EIGHT CENT JOURNAL: A MODERN ANTHOLOGY OF MIAMI POETS “Ampersand” | April 9, 2011 |
| FIVE CENT JOURNAL: A MODERN ANTHOLOGY OF MIAMI POETS “My First Car” | November 8, 2009 |
| THREE CENT JOURNAL: A MODERN ANTHOLOGY OF MIAMI POETS “There’s a Miami in Ohio” | May 2, 2009 |
| TWO CENT JOURNAL: A MODERN ANTHOLOGY OF MIAMI POETS “Jesus on a Diet” | March 21, 2009 |
| ONE CENT JOURNAL: A MODERN ANTHOLOGY OF MIAMI POETS “Rolling Back the Odometer” | February 6, 2009 |
| KEY WEST WRITER’S CONFERENCE ONLINE ANTHOLOGY Editor of an online anthology published in conjunction with Carnegie Mellon University Press and Florida International University. One poem accepted for publication. | Fall 2006 |

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| MAKING WAVES Three poems accepted for publication | Spring 2006 |
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PRESENTATIONS / WORKSHOPS

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| NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERISTY Featured poet at the event “The Humane Experience – Poet and Art in Healthcare,” sponsored by Martin and Gail Press Health Professions Division Library at NSU | Davie, Florida | November 14, 2019 |
| SWIRL WINE BISTRO Featured poet at the event “Sunday Salon South Florida,” a reading sponsored by Orange Island Arts Foundation | Coconut Creek, Florida | October 27, 2019 |
| ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA COLLEGES Lead an Educational Concurrent Session entitled “Seeing the Forest for the Trees: Using the Charrette Design Process to Create and Integrate Contextualized Gen Ed Learning Activities with Career-themed Material” at the 68th AFC Annual Meeting and Conference. Discussed the charrette design process – a collaborative exercise – how contextualized activities help students see the relevance in content they may not find inherently interesting, and shared information collected from its use. | Palm Harbor, Florida | November 1-3, 2017 |
| GIRLS’ CLUB Read poetry at part of the event “Flip Out,” an exhibit of sketchbooks by local artists and the release of the catalog <i>Self-Proliferation</i> ” | Fort Lauderdale, Florida | June 25, 2016 |
| THE GALERY AT THE AVALON Featured poet at the event “There will be Words #46” | Orlando, Florida | June 14, 2016 |
| LUNA STAR CAFE Featured poet at the event “Return of the Native Son” | North Miami, Florida | June 2, 2016 |
| BLACK DOG ON THE SQUARE Featured poet at the event “Literary Night” | Tallahassee, Florida | May 26, 2016 |
| INKWOOD BOOKS Featured poet at the monthly reading series | Tampa, Florida | May 10, 2016 |
| MIAMI BOOK FAIR INTERNATIONAL Read poet as part of a panel event | Miami, Florida | November 22, 2015 |
| GIRLS’ CLUB Read newly released book of poems at launch party celebration | Fort Lauderdale, Florida | September 26, 2015 |

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| BOOKS AND BOOKS Guest poet for the Writer's on the Bay Reading Series | Coral Gables, Florida | September 13, 2015 |
| GIRLS' CLUB <i>The Moment: Decoding Instances</i> Led workshop that examined characters and the relationships they build from the perspective of one episode in life. | Fort Lauderdale, Florida | March 19 and 28, 2015 |
| <i>The Backdrop: The Language of Landscape</i> Led workshop that examined how the description of scene and place can reveal so much about characters and the relationships they build by discussing poems which use the page as its canvas. | | April 16 and 25, 2015 |
| <i>The Persona: The Fitting Room</i> Led workshop that examined the persona poem from the point of view of a speaker—the voice that sings or cries or whispers in the reader's ear – as a means to find closure in a situation or to understand human nature | | May 21 and 30, 2015 |
| MIAMI BOOK FAIR INTERNATIONAL Read poetry as part of a paneled event | Miami, Florida | November 22, 2014 |
| MIAMI BOOK FAIR INTERNATIONAL Read poetry as part of a paneled event | Miami, Florida | November 23, 2013 |
| PALM SPRINGS NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Honored guest speaker at the Author's Tea | Palm Springs North, Florida | October 24, 2013 |
| MIAMI BOOK FAIR INTERNATIONAL Read poetry as part of a paneled event | Miami, Florida | November 24, 2012 |
| MIAMI BOOK FAIR INTERNATIONAL Read poetry as part of a paneled event | Miami, Florida | November 19, 2011 |
| MIAMI BOOK FAIR INTERNATIONAL Read poetry as part of a paneled event | Miami, Florida | November 20, 2010 |
| MIAMI BOOK FAIR INTERNATIONAL Member of a Miami Poetry Collective's paneled poetry reading entitle "Eventually We Noticed the Smoke: A Poeme-Fleuve" | Miami, Florida | November 15, 2009 |
| HIALEAH GARDENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Honored guest speaker at the Author's Tea | Hialeah Gardens, Florida | March 20, 2009 |
| DADA RESTAURANT Guest judge of a slam poetry contest for the National Poetry Slam (NPS) district finals | Delray Beach, Florida | April 28, 2008 |
| BROWARD COLLEGE, SOUTH CAMPUS Guest poetry instructor for Barbra Nightingale's undergraduate literature class | Pembroke Pines, Florida | April 21, 2008 |
| BOOKS AND BOOKS Guest poet for the Writer's on the Bay Reading Series | Coral Gables, Florida | September 23, 2007 |
| NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY Guest workshop leader of "Award Winning Poets" for the Life Long Learning Institute | Miami, Florida | December 7, 2006 |
| FIU'S WOMEN'S STUDIES CONFERENCE Organized a discussion panel to read at Florida International University. Presented a research project entitled, "A Creative Partnership: The Consciousness of Plath and Hughes." | Miami, Florida | March 28, 2006 |
| PALM SPRINGS NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Honored guest speaker at the Author's Tea | Palm Springs North, Florida | October 6, 2005 |
| NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY Honored guest reader of poetry in conjunction with the Hannah Kahn Poetry Foundation | Davie, Florida | September 16, 2005 |

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| FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY Guest judge of a slam poetry contest for Denise Duhamel's undergraduate poetry class | Miami, Florida | November 29, 2005 |
| FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY Guest poetry instructor for Scott Kass' undergraduate Introduction to Creative Writing class | Miami, Florida | November 3, 2005 |
| FIU'S WOMEN'S STUDIES CONFERENCE Guest poet | Miami, Florida | March 29, 2005 |

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

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| WEDDINGS BY ELAINE <i>Wedding Coordinator Intern</i> | Tallahassee, Florida | January 2002 – June 2004 |
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- Assisted in wedding planning preparations and during the matrimonial rehearsal and ceremony
- Scheduled and confirm event reservations
- Assisted in the 2002 annual meeting of the Florida Funeral Directors Association

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| FLORIDA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION <i>Meeting Planner Intern</i> | Tallahassee, Florida | August 2001 – December 2001 |
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- Assisted department chairman in planning several association meetings
- Scheduled and confirmed event reservations
- Designed spreadsheets and sent mailers via mail merge
- Traveled onsite to a monthly association meeting

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019 Sabbatical Recipient of Broward College
- Nominated as an Endowed Teaching Chair Award Recipient of Broward College in 2019, 2014, 2012, and 2009
- Nominated as the 2016 Professor of the Year
- SPD Project Proposal Grant Recipient Summer 2015
- 2014 Wells Fargo Endowed Teaching Chair Award Recipient of Broward College
- Portion of the poem "Scenes from the Rearview Mirror" earned Third Honorable Mention in the 2013 Poetry Society of Virginia's Adult Contest renamed as "Visions on Alligator Alley"
- Awards earned as the advisor of the Alpha Delta Rho Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa
 - Broward College Student Life Awards for the Phi Theta Kappa chapter, Alpha Delta Rho
 - Advisor of the Year
 - Organization of the Year
 - Event of the Year: Student Veterans Week
 - Regional Awards for the Phi Theta Kappa chapter, Alpha Delta Rho
 - Five-Star chapter status for 2012
 - First place in the Florida region for its "Honors in Action Project"
 - Fourth place in the Florida region as a "Most Distinguished Chapter"
 - Awarded one scholarship to send a member to the Phi Theta Kappa 2012 Honors Institute in Denver, Colorado June 2012
 - International Awards for the Phi Theta Kappa chapter, Alpha Delta Rho
 - Five-Star chapter status for 2012
 - Named in the top 100 of several thousand chapters within the organization
 - Awarded with 50 other chapters as having a "Most Distinguished chapter"
 - Named with 28 other chapters for conducting the "Most Distinguished Honors in Action Project"
 - Awarded five separate Pinnacle Awards for increasing member enrollment 151% from previous years
 - Awarded the Paragon Advisor award out of 1500+ chapter advisors within the Phi Theta Kappa organization
- 2008 Conference on College Composition and Communication Professional Equity Project Grant Recipient
- Florida International University Graduate Assistantship Recipient
- Bright Future's Merit Scholarship Recipient
- Dean's List – Florida International University
- Dean's List – Florida State University

AFFILIATIONS

- Association of Florida Colleges (AFC)
- The Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP)
- Delta Epsilon Iota – Academic Honor Society
- Graduate English Association – Florida International University
- Leadership Broward
- Lambda Iota Tau – International Honor Society for Students of Literature
- Miami Poetry Collective
- Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society (PTK)
- Phi Sigma Theta – National Honor Society
- Society of Poetic Elements – Florida State University
- United Faculty of Florida (UFF)

Haynie, Daphne

From: Casanova, Desiree
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Haynie, Daphne
Subject: FW: Education Advisory Board Application
Attachments: Curriculum Vitae - teaching.pdf; Laura McDermott Matheric-education-advisory-board-application.docx

FYI...

Desiree Casanova
Senior Staff Assistant



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From: laurali1981@aol.com <laurali1981@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 5:48 PM
To: Casanova, Desiree <DCasanova@coconutcreek.net>
Subject: Fwd: Education Advisory Board Application

As per our conversation, I give my permission to edited the zip code listed to the correct, 33073.

Thanks

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On Wednesday, July 1, 2020, publicrecords@coconutcreek.net <publicrecords@coconutcreek.net> wrote:

July 1, 2020

City Clerk Department
4800 West Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida 33072

Dear City Commissioners:

I am applying for the Education Advisory Board Member position with the City of Coconut Creek.

As a tenured Professor of English at Broward College, I feel that I have the right background and experience to engage with the educational leaders of the Coconut Creek community. I support my ability to rapidly adapt to new challenges and surroundings with a professional work ethic. I practice sound independent judgment, possess strong communication skills; I am detail oriented, computer literate, self-motivated, and a team player. I have been instrumental in supporting numerous community outreach efforts at Broward College and other organizations I am affiliated with, like the Guild for Art and Literature of Coconut Creek and Grace Baptist Church, with my organization skills, efficiency, and continual strive for excellence.

Since higher education does not readily use résumés, I've included my curriculum vitae, essential a lengthier résumé, to present you a much clearer picture of my background and experience. I am available at your convenience, should you have any questions about my qualifications. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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