

MEGAN BUTLER

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., English Literature and Culture	University of Washington	2024 (expected)
TESOL 120-hour Certification	Seattle Central College	March 2023
M.A., English Literature	Stony Brook University (SUNY)	2018
B.A., English and Math	Vanderbilt University	1989

- 4-year varsity athlete, Women's Soccer

PUBLICATIONS

Butler, Megan. "Memoir and the Sinking Ship: Reconstituting Humanity through Narrative." *Care in a Time of Humanitarianism: Stories of Refuge, Aid, and Repair in the Global South*, edited by Arzoo Osanloo and Cabeiri Robinson. Berghahn Books, 2023.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Barclay Simpson Scholar in Public Fellowship 2023
The Simpson Center, University of Washington
- Joff Hanauer for Excellence in Western Civilization Graduate Fellow 2021-22
University of Washington
- Graduate School Top Scholar Award 2019
University of Washington
- Thomas Flanagan Prize for Best Essay by an M.A. or M.A.T. Student 2016-2017 2017
Stony Brook University
- Proclamation of Service to the Community, Town of Huntington, New York 2017

CONFERENCES

- "Unbound, Unhidden: Reconstituting Personhood through Narrative Naming"
MLA Panel, "Captivity and Creativity in Wartime," January 5-8, 2023
- "Literature and the Refugee: Reparative Reading for Transformation in Humanitarian Crises"
University of Virginia "Transformation" Graduate Conference, October 2-3, 2020
- "The Cultural Politics of Walt Whitman's Civil War Poetry"
U.S. Air Force Academy War, Literature & the Arts Conference, September 20-21, 2018

TEACHING & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA) ESL instructor 2022 to present
- Program for Writing and Rhetoric Predoctoral Instructor 2019 to present
Department of English, University of Washington
 - Composition and Social Issues, Fall 2021 to present (4 quarters F2F, 1 quarter hybrid)
 - English Composition, Fall 2019-Spring 2021 (2 quarters F2F, 4 quarters online)
- C.H.I.M.E. Critical Humanities in Medical Education Graduate Research Cluster
University of Washington 2021 to present

WORK EXPERIENCE

- President, Megan Butler Communications, Huntington, NY 1997-2008
 - Worked with publishing houses and authors to create marketing and publicity campaigns for newly released and enduring backlist books.
 - Wrote advertising, catalog, flap, and website copy and developed publicity material, including teaching material and questions for discussion.
 - Secured book reviews and arranged interviews on all media platforms.
 - Accomplishments include numerous bestsellers, including five #1 *New York Times* bestsellers, and fluency within adult and children's marketing and publicity for fiction and non-fiction.
- Publicity Director, Metropolitan Books, New York City 1995-1997
- Senior Publicist, Henry Holt & Company, New York City 1995-1997
- Marketing & Publicity Director, Counterpoint Press, Washington, DC 1992-1995
- Assistant Editor, The Literary Guild, New York City 1989-1992

NON-PROFIT WORK EXPERIENCE

- Reading Coordinator and Fundraiser, The Happy Home Trust, Puttaparthi, India 2017-2018
 - Assisted the director at an orphanage for abused girls.
- Co-founder & Co-Coordinator, The *Junior* Junior Welfare League, Huntington, NY 2010-2017
 - Conceived, developed, and ran a community service club for girls in grades 6-12. Members provided more than 5,000 hours of service to the local community.
- President, Vice President, and Event Chairperson, 2007-2016
The Junior Welfare League of Huntington, Huntington, NY
 - Board president for an 85-year-old local organization serving the underprivileged in Huntington, with a primary focus on women and children living below the poverty line.
 - Increased revenue by 50%, streamlined programs and operations for efficiency, and increased membership by 10%.
 - Wrote and evaluated all grant requests.
- President, The Harborfields Giving Circle, Greenlawn, NY 2011-2016
 - Coordinated a local Giving Circle to provide rapid financial reaction for social situations within the Harborfields Central School District.
 - Increased budget by \$20,000 and membership by 22%.

Extensive additional volunteer work for Project H.O.P.E. (feeding low income and homeless people), HIHI (Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative to feed, clothe, and shelter homeless day laborers), Midnight Run (feeding and clothing the homeless in NYC), and New HOUR for Women and Children (support for incarcerated women and their children).

PERSONAL

IRONMAN and avid triathlete, advanced yoga practitioner, host of long-term foreign exchange students with Rotary Youth Exchange and AFS, Mom of three super young adults