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EDUCATION

Ph.D., English Literature and Culture Studies University of Washington	June 2024
Dissertation: <i>Writing the Refugee: Labelling, Literature, and the Shifting Imaginary of a Field</i>	
TESOL 120-hour Certificate 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	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Department of English University of Washington	June 2024 to present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing Ready, College Ready: experiential learning writing course for new students (F2F)• Reading Literary Forms: Contemporary Refugee Narratives (200 level, 1 quarter F2F)• Popular Fiction and the Media (200 level, 1 quarter F2F)• Public Policy composition (200 level, linked course with the Evans School of Public Policy, 1 quarter F2F)• Composition and Social Issues through American Education Policy (Community-Engaged Learning, 3 quarters F2F)• Writing Studio for Multilingual Students (2 quarters F2F)	
Program for Writing and Rhetoric Predoctoral Instructor University of Washington	2019 to June 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Composition and Social Issues, Fall 2021 to present (Community-Engaged Learning, 6 quarters F2F, 1 quarter online)• English Composition, Fall 2019 to Summer 2024 (5 quarters F2F, 4 quarters online)• Introduction to the English Major, 200 level (1 quarter F2F)	
English Language Instructor Refugee Women's Alliance	March 2023 to present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English instructor for new immigrants and refugees in the greater Seattle area	

PUBLICATIONS

- “‘A musical relationship between death and nature...’: Nature as Solace and Witness in Behrouz Boochani’s *No Friend But the Mountains*.” *Journal of War and Culture Studies*. 2026 forthcoming.
- “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, Fall 2024, <https://www.berghahnbooks.com/title/OsanlooCare>. (Peer reviewed)
- “Genre Translation for Social Action: Chapter 9.” Full first-year composition syllabus with assignment sequences, lesson plans, and narrated scaffolding created for the University of Washington’s Program in Writing and Rhetoric’s New Instructor Manual. Summer 2024. (Peer reviewed).
- “‘Translating’ a Times Article to Reach New Audiences.” *The New York Times*, 15 November 2023, <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/11/15/learning/translating-a-times-article-to-reach-new-audiences.html>.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship <i>University of Washington</i>	Winter 2024
Barclay Simpson Scholar in Public Fellowship <i>The Simpson Center, University of Washington</i>	Summer 2023
Joff Hanauer for Excellence in Western Civilization Graduate Fellow <i>The Simpson Center, University of Washington</i>	2021-2022
Graduate School Top Scholar Award <i>University of Washington</i>	2019
Thomas Flanagan Prize for Best Essay by an M.A. or M.A.T. Student <i>Stony Brook University</i>	2016-2017
Proclamation of Service to the Community <i>Town of Huntington, New York</i>	2017

CONFERENCES

"Writing Refugees: Negotiating Literary Arrivals Beyond the Book Review" MLA Panel, "We Are All Refugees: Theories of Welcome and Exclusion"	January 2026
"How do we 'do' grammar with multilingual learners: Teaching grammar as a generative process" University of Washington "Praxis" Conference	May 2025
"Writing the Refugee: History, Modernity, and the Shifting Imaginary of a Field" The Modernist Students Association Annual Conference	October 2023
"Unbound, Unhidden: Reconstituting Personhood through Narrative Naming" MLA Panel, "Captivity and Creativity in Wartime"	January 2023
"Literature and the Refugee: Reparative Reading for Transformation in Humanitarian Crises" University of Virginia "Transformation" Graduate Conference	October 2020
"The Cultural Politics of Walt Whitman's Civil War Poetry" U.S. Air Force Academy, War, Literature, and the Arts Conference	September 2018

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Advisor, UW Tri-Campus Community Engaged Learning Committee Develop, review, provide feedback on training content, competencies, outcomes, delivery, and evaluation of a new professional development pilot training for community engagement faculty and staff.	December 2024-December 2025
New Instructor Orientation lecturer, "Back Pocket Strategies for Teaching"	September 2024
Graduate Student Peer Mentor, English Department Peer Mentoring program (compensated)	Spring 2024
C.H.I.M.E. Critical Humanities in Medical Education coordinator <i>The Simpson Center Graduate Research Cluster, University of Washington</i>	2022-2023

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

President, Megan Butler Communications | Huntington, NY

1997-2009

- Worked with publishing houses and authors to create marketing and publicity campaigns for newly released and enduring backlist books. Clients included Houghton Mifflin, Henry Holt, Simon & Schuster, and The New Press, among many others.
- Wrote advertising, catalog, flap, and website copy and developed publicity material, including teaching material and questions for discussion for book groups.
- 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.

NON-PROFIT WORK EXPERIENCE

Board Member | Migrants of the Mediterranean

March 2024-present

- Board member for a humanitarian storytelling digital archive aimed at humanizing and historicizing migrants and refugees around the world.

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 | The Junior Welfare League | Huntington, NY

2007-2016

- 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%.