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### **EDUCATION**

2012	M.F.A., Creative Writing–Fiction
	Queens University of Charlotte (Charlotte, N.C.)
2007	B.A. with distinction, Creative Writing & Professional Writing
	Concordia University (Montreal, QC)
2002	D.C.S., Social Science
	John Abbott College (Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, QC)
2001	A.C.S. with excellence, Graphic Design for Multimedia
	Inter-Dec College (Montreal QC)

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2018-present	Workshop Leader, Writers in the Community, Quebec Writers Federation (Montreal,
	QC)
2018	Workshop Leader, fiction, Performing Arts Festival, Holland Elementary School
	(Quebec, QC)
2018	Workshop Leader, fiction, Quebec Writers' Federation (Montreal, QC)
2012–2017	Lecturer, Creative Writing, English Literature, Composition, State University of New
	York at Oneonta, Department of English (Oneonta, NY)
2010-2012	Lecturer, French Grammar and Conversation, SUNY Oneonta, Department of Foreign
	Languages and Literatures
2010-2012	Workshop Facilitator, Center for Continuing Adult Learning, Inc., SUNY Oneonta

### TEACHING INTERESTS

"Dangerous Characters: Writing Thoughtfully from the Perspectives of Monsters"; "Don't Stop: Write Me a Love Scene"; "How Much Blood Is too Much? Writing Killer Death Scenes"; "From Idea to Implementation: Managing a Literary Publication"; "The Syntax of Storytelling: Grammar for Creative Writers"; "Print & Digital & Audio, Oh My! From Raw Manuscript to ISBN"; developmental and stylistic editing; author as public speaker; revision vs. self-censorship.

### **COURSES DESIGNED AND TAUGHT**

April 27, 2018, Holland Elementary School:

"Help! My Character is Stuck in a Story Cube!", fiction workshop for kids grades 4-6.

March 5-April 23, 2018, Quebec Writers' Federation:

"Dangerous Characters", community fiction workshop for adults.

January 2010-May 2017, SUNY Oneonta:

COMP 100 Freshman Composition

COMP 150 Introduction to Creative Writing

COMP 200 Advanced Composition

COMP 370 Forms of Fiction

COMP 399 Crafting the Gothic Story

LITR 220 Short Stories

FREN 101 Introduction to French

FREN 103 Intermediate French I

FREN 201 Advanced French I

FREN 202 Advanced French II

FLAN 395 Teaching Assistant (French)

2010–2012, Center for Continuing Adult Learning, Inc., SUNY Oneonta:

"How to be a Freelance Writer"

"Hitchhiker's Guide to Montreal"

"Fun French: Basic Conversation, Accent, and Pronunciation"

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018–present Co-Host, Fugitive Voices: A Podcast About Books and Writers of the New Millennium:
soundcloud.com/fugitive-voices.
2017–present Associate Publisher, SFK Press: skpress.com.

2017-present Senior Advisor, The New Southern Fugitives: newsouthernfugitives.com.

2017 Interim Coordinator of Membership Services and Communications, Quebec Writers' Federation.

2017-present Contributing Editor, Pushcart Press.

2016-present Manuscript Evaluation for Self-Published Authors, The Writers' Union of Canada.

Guest Editor (prose), The Pushcart Prize XLI: Best of the Small Presses. 2016

Guest Editor (fiction), Short Story Journal, "Women's Voices in the Fiction" issue. 2016

Guest Editor (flash fiction), SmokeLong Quarterly No. 48. 2015

Managing Editor, Digital Americana Magazine. 2013-2015

Nonfiction Editor, r.k.v.r.y. quarterly literary journal: rkvryjquarterly.com. 2012–2018

Copy Editor, OWrite, Quebec Writers' Federation Newsletter. 2012

2010-2017 Private French tutor.

2009-2010 Project Editor, ARISE Life Skills Curriculum Series.

2005-2006 Editor-in-Chief, Headlight Anthology No. 8 & 9.

2004-2006 Book & Music Reviews Writer, Copy Editor, Matrix Magazine No. 68–75.

2004 Producer, High Resolution Productions Inc., Demo reel for Spicy Secrets (television series).

2004 Stage Manager, High Resolution Productions Inc., The Importance of Being Earnest

(community theater).

### AWARDS, GRANTS & HONORS

2017	Winner, Simphiwe Hlatswayo Teaching Award for Outstanding Part-Time Instructor, SUNY
	Oneonta.

- Faculty Fellowship award for mentoring grant-funded student creative project. Mentee 2017 received 2017 College Foundation Award for Excellence in Research & Creative Activity, SUNY Oneonta.
- 2017 Finalist, "If I Have a Daughter," The Lascaux Prize in Poetry.
- 2017 Individual Development Award to attend Association of Writers & Writing Programs Conference, Washington, DC, February 9-12, Joint Labor Management Committee, SUNY Oneonta.
- 2016 Finalist, "The Rag," Beecher's Magazine nonfiction contest, judge Lacy M. Johnson.
- 2016 Author biography & bibliography included in Contemporary Authors Vol. 381, Gale Group.
- 2016 Travel funding for Junction Reads: A Prose Reading Series in Toronto, Department of English, SUNY Oneonta.
- Individual Development Award to attend Salt Cay Writers Retreat May 23-28, Joint Labor 2016 Management Committee, SUNY Oneonta.
- 2016 Travel funding for Salt Cay Writers Retreat, Department of English, SUNY Oneonta.
- Winner, Pushcart Prize XL, "Project Fumarase" (fiction). 2015
- Honoree, Community of Scholars 2014–2015, SUNY Oneonta. 2015

- 2015 Individual Development Award for research for Carousel: A Novel, Joint Labor Management Committee, SUNY Oneonta.
- 2014 First Runner-Up, Carousel: A Novel, Salt Cay Writers Retreat Merit Scholarship Contest.
- Finalist, Gentle: A Novel, Molly Ivors Prize for Fiction, Gorsky Press. 2014
- 2014 Semi-Finalist, Gentle: A Novel, William Faulkner-William Wisdom Creative Writing Competition, Pirate's Alley Faulkner Society.
- Individual Development Award for research for Carousel: A Novel, Joint Labor Management 2014 Committee, SUNY Oneonta.
- 2013 Grand Prize, The Poor Children: Stories, Santa Fe Writers Project Literary Awards Program for Fiction, judge David Morrell.
- Finalist, The Poor Children: Stories, international Scott Prize for a debut short story collection, Salt 2013 Publishing, U.K.
- Writer in Residence, Ucross Foundation, May-June. 2013
- Robert Johnson Fellowship, Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, February. 2013
- Awarded place on waitlist for artist residency at Yaddo. 2013
- Merit Fellowship, Summer Literary Seminars Contest, judge Mary Gaitskill. 2013
- 2013 Travel grant for research for Carousel: A Novel, Department of English, SUNY Oneonta.
- StorySouth Million Writers Award nominee, "Sometimes It's That Simple" (fiction). 2012
- 2012 Merit Fellowship, Summer Literary Seminars Contest, judge Mary Gaitskill.

#### BOOKS

- 2020 Carousel: A Novel. Literary fiction. Inanna Publications and Education Inc.
- 2015 The Poor Children: Stories. Literary fiction. Santa Fe Writers Project. Paperback & eBook. ISBN: 978-1939650184.

### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVISION

Gentle: A Novel. Literary fiction of 64,500 words.

### MANUSCRIPTS IN DEVELOPMENT

Blue Heron: A Novel. Literary fiction.

#### ANTHOLOGIES

- "If I Have a Daughter" (poem). The Lascaux Prize Anthology (2017). Print. 2018
- 2017 "I Never Liked This Café, Anyway" (essay), Bright Hill Press 25th Anniversary Anthology. Print.
- "Project Fumarase" (fiction). The Pushcart Prize XL: Best of the Small Presses. W.W. Norton 2015 Company. Hardcover & paperback.

#### EDITED

- The Pushcart Prize XLI: Best of the Small Presses. W.W. Norton Company. Hardcover & 2016 paperback.
- 2010 Teen Anger Danger. ARISE Life Skills Curriculum Series / ARISE Life Skill Stories for At-Risk Youth. Paperback.
- Gangs: 50+ Stories of Fractured Lives. ARISE Life Skills Curriculum Series / ARISE Life Skill 2010 Stories for At-Risk Youth. Paperback.

### **JOURNALS**

- "Weather" (poem), Green Zine. Print. 2018
- 2018 "Safe" (poem), Green Zine. Print.
- "After he's gone" (poem), Green Zine. Print. 2018

- 2018 "Coming to My Senses: The Healing Properties of Fiction," QWF Writes 04/13. Online.
- "April Ford: my (small press) writing day," my (small press) writing day 12/29. Online. 2017
- "Namaste" (fiction), Santa Fe Literary Review 2016–2017 issue. Print. 2017
- "If I Have a Daughter" (poem), The Lascaux Review. Online. (reprint) 2017
- "If I Have a Daughter" (poem), Grain Magazine Iss. 44.2. Print. 2017
- "Sweet Tea" (poem), Grain Magazine Iss. 44.2. Print. 2017
- "Seven Years an Adjunct: Part II" (essay), The Sentinel-UUP. Print. (reprint) 2017
- "Seven Years an Adjunct: Part II" (essay), Academe-AAUP. Online. 2017
- "Seven Years an Adjunct: Part I" (essay), The Sentinel-UUP. Print. (reprint) 2017
- 2017 "Seven Years an Adjunct: Part I" (essay), Academe-AAUP. Online.
- 2016 "Cuissade, Pompier, Baby" (fiction), Atticus Review. Online.
- "The Rag" (essay), Beecher's Magazine No. 6. Print. 2016
- "November 2–3" (novel excerpt), Draft Reading Series 11.2 publication. Print. 2016
- 2016 "The Who Concert" (novel excerpt), Short Story Journal NS Vol. 22, No. 1. Print.
- "As Far as I Know, the Galleys Are Still in Canada" (essay), 5Writers.com, online. 2016
- "Permission to Begin Again" (essay), 5Writers.com, online. 2016
- 2015 "Layla" (fiction), The Barcelona Review No. 85. Online. (reprint)
- 2015 "Bleary" (fiction), Gargoyle Magazine No. 62. Print.
- "The Sunshine Crust Baking Factory" (book review), Best New Fiction. Online. 2015
- 2014 "Project Fumarase" (fiction), New Madrid: Journal of Contemporary Literature Vol. IX, No. 2. Print.
- "Death Is a Side-Effect" (poem), The Ofi Press Online Literary Magazine No. 36. Online. 2014
- "Something Ugly" (fiction), SAND: Berlin's English Literary Journal No. 9. Print. (reprint) 2014
- "The Scientist" (fiction), Rolling Thunder Quarterly No. 13. Print. 2014
- "Something Ugly" (fiction), Independent Ink Magazine No. 12. eBook. 2014
- "The Economics of Spooning" (fiction), The SFWP Quarterly. Online. 2013
- "A Marmalade Cat for Jenny" (fiction), The Ampersand Review. Online. 2013
- 2013 "Inkblot Cats" (fiction), Cease, Cows. Online.
- 2013 "Green E142" (fiction), Product Magazine. Online.
- "Literary Boroughs # 43: Montreal, Canada" (article), Ploughshares. Online. 2013
- 2013 "Literary Boroughs # 39: Oneonta, NY" (article), Ploughshares. Online.
- 2011 "Sometimes It's That Simple" (fiction), r.k.v.r.y. quarterly literary journal Vol. III, No. 4. Online.
- "Isabelle's Haunting" (fiction), The Battered Suitcase Vol. 4, No. 2. Print & eBook. 2011
- "Layla" (fiction), Short Story Journal NS Vol. 18, No. 1. Print. 2010
- 2006 "Princes in Waiting" (book review), Matrix Magazine Iss. 73. Print.
- "Guests of Chance" (book review), Matrix Magazine Iss. 73. Print. 2006
- "Portable Altamont" (book review), Matrix Magazine Iss. 72. Print. 2005
- 2005 "Bloodknots" (book review), Matrix Magazine Iss. 72. Print.
- 2005 "The World Is too Much with Us" (music review) Matrix Magazine Iss. 72. Print.
- "I've Got My Own Hell to Raise" (music review), Matrix Magazine Iss. 72. Print. 2005
- 2005 "Earthbaby" (book review), Matrix Magazine Iss. 71. Print.
- 2005 "Still Escalator" (music review), Matrix Magazine Iss. 71. Print.
- 2005 "What Holds Back the Elephant" (music review), Matrix Magazine Iss. 69. Print.

### **INTERVIEWS**

- 2018 Fugitive Voices: A Podcast About Books and Writers of the New Millennium. Episode 1. (forthcoming)
- "April L. Ford and the Essential Activation," The Story Prize 11/27. Online. 2015
- 2015 "How April Ford Found Her Way to The Poor Children and Other Dark Tales," Authorlink 08/01. Online.
- "April L. Ford Q&A," Red Dragon reading Series, SUNY Oneonta 04/22. Online. 2015

- 2015 "April Ford Gest Edits April 13 – 19," Smokelong Quarterly 04/13-19. Online.
- Out of Bounds Radio Show with Tish Pearlman, WEOS 04/11 & WSGK 04/12. Online. 2015
- "The Poor Children: An Interview with April L. Ford," Blackheart Magazine 04/03. Online. 2015
- "The Poor Children," Best New Fiction 04/01. Online. 2015
- "Interview with April L. Ford," r.k.v.r.y. quarterly literary journal. Online. 2015
- 2015 "Exploring Voice, Writing with Passion: A Conversation with April L. Ford, Winner of the 2013 Santa Fe Writers Project Literary Awards Program for Fiction," Delphi Quarterly. Online.
- "2013 SFWP Literary Award Program Winner April L. Ford!," Santa Fe Writers Project 10/14. 2013 Online.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

- "Upstate Glass Menagerie," The New Southern Fugitives 03/14. Online. 2018
- 2018 "Lights Out," The New Southern Fugitives 02/14. Online.
- "You Are Here," The New Southern Fugitives 01/31. Online. 2018
- "Bagel and Schmear: sesame seed bagel. Montreal, January 2011," Voices: The Journal of New 2011 York Folklore Vol. 37 Spring-Summer. Print & online.

### CONFERENCES & INVITED TALKS

- "Continuing Education," panel. Queens University of Charlotte MFA Professional 2018 Development Weekend, Charlotte, NC, 10/20.
- 2018 "Publishing," panel. Queens University of Charlotte MFA Professional Development Weekend, Charlotte, NC, 10/20.
- 2018 "Describe that Staircase! Seeing How Our Characters See," A. Linwood Holton Governor's School, Abingdon, VA. 04/20.
- "Break into Publishing," panel. Community Arts Network of Oneonta Writers Salon, 2017 Oneonta, NY, 07/20.
- "How Do I Get an Agent—and Can I Meet Yours?" Introduction to Editing and Publishing, 2017 SUNY Oneonta.
- 2017 "Describe that Staircase! Seeing How Our Characters See," A. Linwood Holton Governor's School, Abingdon, VA.
- "Publishing Your First Book with a Small Press," Queens University of Charlotte MFA Alumni 2016 Weekend, Charlotte, NC, 11/05.
- "I Get to Write Stories for a Living!" Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. 2016
- "Point of View," Fiction Workshop, Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY. 2016
- "Publishing Workshop with Libby Cudmore and April L. Ford," Huntington Memorial 2015 Library, Oneonta, NY, 12/05.
- "New Media and Literary Innovation," panel. The Nassau Literary Review 3rd Intercollegiate 2015 Literary Conference, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 10/04.
- 2015 "You've Been Telling Me You Were a Genius Since You Were 17: Five Writers Reel in Their Earliest (and Often Embarrassing) Efforts," Association of Writers & Writing Programs Conference, Minneapolis, MN, 04/10.
- "Describe that Staircase! Seeing How Our Characters See," A. Linwood Holton Governor's 2015 School, Abingdon, VA.
- "Predicting Madness Through Diction in Iris Murdoch's The Black Prince," Themes in 2015 Literature, SUNY Oneonta.
- 2014 "Writing About Sex," Fiction Workshop, Hartwick College.
- "Finding Your Narrative," Advanced Composition, SUNY Oneonta. 2014
- 2014 "The Business of Editing and Publishing," Introduction to Editing and Publishing, SUNY Oneonta.

- 2012 "Writing About Sex," Fiction Workshop, SUNY Oneonta.
- "Writing About Sex," Fiction Workshop, Hartwick College. 2012
- "Crafting the Mad Narrator," Madness in Literature, SUNY Oneonta. 2012
- "Setting the Mood," Fiction Workshop, Hartwick College. 2011
- "Editing and Revision," Freshman Composition, SUNY Oneonta. 2011
- 2011 "Literary Publications," Introduction to Editing and Publishing, SUNY Oneonta.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Observation training to work with at-risk youth as a writing mentor, Writers in the Community 2018 program, Batshaw Youth and Family Centres & Quebec Writers' Federation, 03/28, 04/17, 11/06.
- 2018 Publishing Representative, SFK Press, Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance Trade Show, Tampa, FL, 09/13–15.
- Publishing Representative, SFK Press & The New Southern Fugitives zine, Association of Writers 2018 & Writing Programs Conference, Tampa, FL, 03/07–10.
- Certificate of Completion: "Preventing Sexual Misconduct (Title IX)," SUNY Oneonta, 03/26. 2017
- Certificate of Completion: "Preventing Workplace Violence," SUNY Oneonta, 03/26. 2017
- Certificate of Completion: "Preventing Discrimination and Harassment-Employees," SUNY 2017 Oneonta, 03/26.
- 2017 Certificate of Completion: "Infernal Controls," SUNY Oneonta, 03/26.
- Certificate of Completion: "Information Security Awareness Training," SUNY Oneonta, 2016
- 2016 Fiction Workshop Participant, Salt Cav Writers Retreat, Nassau, Bahamas, 05/23-05/28.
- 2016 Certificate of Completion: "Reporting Child Sexual Abuse," SUNY Oneonta, 04/04.
- Certificate of Completion: "Preventing Workplace Violence," SUNY Oneonta, 04/04. 2016
- Certificate of Completion: "Preventing Sexual Misconduct (Title IX)," SUNY Oneonta, 04/04. 2016
- Certificate of Completion: "Preventing Discrimination and Harassment-Employees," SUNY 2016 Oneonta, 04/04.
- Focus Group Participant, Institute for Democracy and Higher Education at Tufts University, 2015 SUNY Oneonta, 11/19.
- 2015 Online Instructor Certification for Blackboard, SUNY Oneonta, 010/31 & 12/03.
- Author Events, various, Santa Fe Writers Project, Association of Writers & Writing Programs 2015 Conference, Minneapolis, MN, /04/08–04/11.
- "Publishing the Right First Book: How to Position Yourself for a Long and Successful Writing 2014 Career" webinar (invited based on writing sample, Carousel: A Novel), Folio Literary Management, 03/26 & 04/08.
- Literary Magazine Representative, Digital Americana Magazine, Association of Writers & Writing 2014 Programs Conference, Seattle, WA, 02/26–03/01.
- Literary Magazine Representative, Digital Americana Magazine, Association of Writers & Writing 2013 Programs Conference, Boston, MA, 03/6–03/09.

### **INVITED READINGS**

- City of the Hills Art & Music Festival (Oneonta, NY), 08/04. 2018
- 2017 The Raw Talent Show @ Casa del Popolo (Montreal, QC), 10/22.
- Circuitry, Poetry, Music, Dance @ Casa del Popolo (Montreal, QC), 06/25. 2017
- Green Toad Bookstore (Oneonta, NY), 01/25. 2017
- Junction Reads: A Prose Reading Series in Toronto (Toronto, ON), 10/16. 2016
- City of the Hills Art & Music Festival (Oneonta, NY), 08/06. 2016
- 2016 Wellfleet Public Library (Wellfleet, MA), 06/27.

2016	Salt Cay	Writers	Retreat	(Nassau,	Bahamas),	05/28.

- 2016 Draft Reading Series (Toronto, ON), 02/21.
- Word Thursdays @ Bright Hill Literary Center (Treadwell, NY), 10/22. 2015
- Buffalo Street Books (Ithaca, NY), 09/26. 2015
- The Golden Notebook (Woodstock, NY), 09/19. 2015
- Pandemonium Books & Discs (Toronto, ON), 06/27. 2015
- Hanford Mills Museum Build-Fix-Grow Festival (East Meredith, NY), 05/30. 2015
- Santa Fe Writers Project Spring Books Launch (Silver Spring, MD), 05/09. 2015
- Words & Music @ La Sala Rossa (Montreal, QC), 04/26. 2015
- SUNY Oneonta Red Dragon Reading Series, 04/16. 2015
- Nights at the Roundtable @ Village Library of Cooperstown (Cooperstown, NY), 04/01. 2015
- Community Arts Network of Oneonta Writers Salon (Oneonta, NY), 03/17. 2015
- Words & Music @ Casa del Popolo (Montreal, QC), 12/21. 2014
- 2011 Green Toad Bookstore (Oneonta, NY), 06/09.

### **VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

2018	Poetry Judge, Atlanta Writers Club Annual Contest. (upcoming)
2018	Reader, 1st round, Short Prose Competition for Emerging Writers, The Writers' Union of
	Canada.
2017	Reader, 1st round, Short Prose Competition for Emerging Writers, The Writers' Union of
	Canada.
2017	Faculty Mentor for "Children of the Hills," individual student project funded by the
	Student Grant Program for Research & Creative Activity, SUNY Oneonta, Spring
	semester. Student received 2017 College at Oneonta Foundation Award for Excellence in
	Student Research & Creative Activity.
2016	New Student Orientation Table, SUNY Oneonta, 08/27.
2016	Reader, 2 <sup>nd</sup> round, Short Prose Competition for Developing Writers, The Writers' Union
	of Canada.
2015-2016	Member, Composition Committee, Department of English, SUNY Oneonta.
2015-2018	Event Coordinator & Host, Writers Salon, Community Arts Network of Oneonta, NY.
2015	Judge, Poetry Out Loud Regional Competition, SUNY Oneonta.
2013-2017	Co-Advisor, student creative writing club, SUNY Oneonta.
2013-2014	Judge, Harry Bloom Prize for Fiction Writing, SUNY Oneonta.
2012-2014	Member, Committee for Part-Time Faculty Concerns, SUNY Oneonta.
2011–2012	Co-Advisor, student French club, SUNY Oneonta.
2010-2012	Workshop Facilitator, Center for Continuing Adult Learning, Inc. (Oneonta, NY).
2005-2008	Writing Mentor for at-risk youth, Batshaw Youth and Family Centres (Montreal, QC).

### MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Writers and Writing Programs, regular member.

The Writers' Union of Canada, regular member.

Quebec Writers' Federation, writing member.

Phi Sigma Iota Honorary Faculty Member, Foreign Languages and Literatures, SUNY Oneonta Chapter.

### **PROFICIENCIES**

Languages: English & French, native fluency Certifications: Blackboard Online Instructor Operating systems: Mac OS, Windows

Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access

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Google: Calendar, Drive, Docs, Sheets

Adobe: Acrobat, Photoshop, InDesign, Dreamweaver

Web: HTML, WordPress, MailChimp

Tools for Writers: Submittable, Goodreads, Amazon Author Central

Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Hootsuite Conferencing: Skype, WebEx, Zoom, Google Hangouts

Storage: Dropbox, Sync

# CITIZENSHIP

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## REFERENCES

Available upon request.