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### EDUCATION

- 1992-1995 University of Denver  
Denver, Colorado  
Ph.D., 1995  
English, Creative Writing
- 1986-1989 Colorado State University  
Ft. Collins, Colorado  
M.F.A., 1989  
Creative Writing
- 1988 Colorado State University  
Ft. Collins, Colorado  
Professional Internship in English Certificate in Teaching Composition
- 1983-1986 Colorado State University  
Ft. Collins, Colorado  
B.A., 1986  
English

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Creative Writing (Poetry), Twentieth-Century and Contemporary Poetry, Poetry as a Genre,  
Postcolonial Literature, Postmodern (Contemporary) World Literature

### PRESENT POSITION

- 2011- Dana Professor of English, Rhetoric, and Writing  
Berry College  
Mount Berry, Georgia
- 2008-2011 Professor of English, Rhetoric, and Writing, Berry College
- 2002-2008 Associate Professor of English, Rhetoric, and Writing, Berry College
- 1996-2002 Assistant Professor of English, Berry College
- Courses: Advanced Creative Writing, Poetry  
Writing and Community

Writing about Place  
 Intermediate Creative Writing, Poetry  
 Introduction to Creative Writing, Poetry  
 Introduction to Creative Writing (Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, and Playwriting)  
 Twentieth Century American Poetry  
 Postcolonial Literature  
 Postmodern Literature  
 World Literature  
 Developing Nations (team-taught)  
 Introduction to Creative Writing, Fiction  
 Introduction to Literature  
 First-Year Seminar in Rhetoric and Writing  
 First-Year Seminar in Critical Inquiry and Writing  
 Directed Studies and Tutorials in Creative Writing, Poetry; Special Topics in  
     Contemporary Poetry; Postcolonial Literature  
 Directed Honors Theses in Creative Writing, Poetry, and International Literatures

### **PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

1995-1996	Writing Instructor Metropolitan State College of Denver
1992-1995	Teaching Fellow University of Denver
1990-1991	Head of English Department and English Teacher, Boswelakgosi Community Secondary School, Manyana, Botswana, January 1990-December 1991
1988-1989	Instructor in English Colorado State University
1986-1988	Graduate Teaching Assistant Colorado State University

### **RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2008-	Poetry Judge and Editor <i>Phi Kappa Phi Forum</i>
2007-	Director Georgia Poetry Circuit
2006-	Co-founding Editor Ninebark Press

1994-1995 Associate/Advisory Editor  
*Denver Quarterly*

1988 Assistant Editor  
*Colorado Review*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books (Authored Poetry)

*An Ecology of Elsewhere*. Persea Books, May 3, 2016.

*Road Scatter*. Persea Books. September 25, 2012.

*Biogeography*. Tupelo Press, November 2008. Winner of the 2006 Dorset Prize.

*Burn*. Minneapolis: Elixir Press, January 2005.

*Nomadic Foundations*. Minneapolis: Elixir Press, May 1, 2002.

### Book (Edited)

*Deep Travel: Contemporary American Poets Abroad*. Rome, Georgia: Ninebark Press, February 28, 2007. Winner of a 2008 Independent Publisher Book Award Gold Medal.

### Chapbook

*The Circumference of Arrival*. Minneapolis: Elixir Press, June 2001.

### Poetry Publications, Journals and Anthologies

“Still Life with Scenic Drive: *Strix varia georgica* (Southern Barred Owl), Bikers, and Boar Hunters.” *Witness* XXIX:1 (Spring 2016): 120-121.

“*Acacia erioloba* (Camel Thorn).” *The Blueshift Journal* IV (2016). Available at <http://www.theblueshiftjournal.com/#!sandra-meek/iquz4>

“Your Best Exit May Be Behind You.” *Bluestem* (December 2015). Available at <http://www.bluestemmagazine.com/online/december-2015/your-best-exit-may-be-behind-you/>

“*Welwitschia mirabilis*, Namib Desert” and “*Protea lepidocarpodendron* (Black-Bearded Protea).” Reprint, *Terrain.org*. June 2, 2015. Available at <http://www.terrain.org/2015/poetry/two-poems-by-sandra-meek/>

- “Still Life with Turkey Buzzards (*Cathartes aura*) and *Trametes versicolor* (Turkey Tail Mushrooms).” *The Chattahoochee Review* XXXV:1 (Spring 2015): 124.
- “Still Life with Wisteria Syndrome and Marula.” *The Chattahoochee Review* XXXV:1 (Spring 2015): 125-126.
- “Still Life with January.” *Boston Review*. April 13, 2015. For National Poetry Month feature. Available at <http://bostonreview.net/poetry/npm15-sandra-meek-still-life-with-january>.
- “Orycteropus afer (Antbear), Kalahari.” Winner of the 2015 Lucile Medwick Memorial Award, Poetry Society of America. Available at <http://www.poetrysociety.org/psa/awards/annual/winners/2015/award/>
- “*Welwitschia mirabilis*, Namib Desert.” *Atlanta Review* XXL:1 (Fall/Winter 2014): 106-110.
- “Zion.” *Prairie Schooner* 88:3 (Fall 2014). 58-60.
- “Acedia.” *Witness* XVII:1 (Spring 2014): 196.
- “*Neritina virginea*.” *Witness* XVII:1 (Spring 2014): 194-5.
- “*Protea lepidocarpodendron* (Black-Bearded Protea).” *Terminus* 10 (2013): 85-90.
- “The Imaginary Heart.” *Terminus* 10 (2013): 81-84.
- “Still Life with Paperwasp Nest and Lava Flow.” *Ecotone* 16 (Fall 2013): 40-42.
- “*Adansonia digitata* (Baobab).” *Ecotone* 16 (Fall 2013): 43.
- “Still Life with Adolescent Possum and Midlife Crisis.” *Conjunctions* 61: Special Issue, "A Menagerie" (Fall 2013). 169-170.
- “Flight Cage.” *Conjunctions* 61: Special Issue, "A Menagerie" (Fall 2013). 162-166.
- “River Horse.” *Conjunctions* 61: Special Issue, "A Menagerie" (Fall 2013). 166-169.
- “Jekyll Island Ghazal.” *The Pinch* 33:2 (Fall 2013): 73.
- “Biogeography.” Reprinted in *Ecopoetry: A Contemporary American Anthology*. Ann Fisher-Worth and Laura-Gray Street, eds. San Antonio: Trinity University Press, 2013. 398-9.
- “Event One.” Reprinted in *Ecopoetry: A Contemporary American Anthology*. Ann Fisher-Worth and Laura-Gray Street, eds. San Antonio: Trinity University Press, 2013. 399-400.
- “Dead Vlei.” *Birmingham Poetry Review* 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue. 40 (Spring 2013):132-3.
- “Why Items Tend to Shift in Flight.” Selected by Arthur Sze for the Academy of American Poets Poem-A-Day series. *Poets.org*: January 9, 2013.

- “*Acacia karroo Hayne* (White Thorn).” Reprinted in *The Southern Poetry Anthology Vol. V: Georgia*. Huntsville, TX: Texas Review Press, 2012. 179.
- “Coma.” Reprinted in *The Southern Poetry Anthology Vol. V: Georgia*. Huntsville, TX: Texas Review Press, 2012. 180-1.
- “*Tillandsia Usneoides*.” Reprinted in *The Southern Poetry Anthology Vol. V: Georgia*. Huntsville, TX: Texas Review Press, 2012. 182-3.
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<http://www.cerisepress.com/04/10/denial-machine>
- “Falling Rock.” *Cerise Press* 4:10 (Summer 2012). Republished. Web.  
<http://www.cerisepress.com/04/10/falling-rock>
- “Bryce.” *AGNI* 75 (Summer 2012): 80-83.
- “Quiver Tree (*Aloe dichotoma*).” *Cerise Press* 3:9 (Spring 2012). Web.  
<http://www.cerisepress.com/03/09/quiver-tree-aloe-dichotoma>
- “*Colophospermum mopane*.” *Cerise Press* 3:9 (Spring 2012). Web.  
<http://www.cerisepress.com/03/09/colophospermum-mopane>
- “An Elegiac Tone Predominates.” *Cerise Press* 3:9 (Spring 2012). Web.  
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- “Museum of the Party.” *Atlanta Review* (Fall/Winter 2011): 21-24. Nominated for a Pushcart Prize.
- “Denial Machine.” *Cerise Press* 3:8 (Fall 2011). Web.
- “Falling Rock.” *Cerise Press* 3:8 (Fall 2011). Web.
- “Cumulative Sentence.” *Catch Up* (Summer 2011): 50.
- “Shadow Portrait.” *Connotation Press: An Online Artifact* (“A Poetry Congeries with John Hoppenthaler,” May 2011).
- “New Year.” *Connotation Press: An Online Artifact* (“A Poetry Congeries with John Hoppenthaler,” May 2011).
- “Postflight Edema.” *Connotation Press: An Online Artifact* (“A Poetry Congeries with John Hoppenthaler,” May 2011).

- “Vessel in the Form of a Fantastical Frog.” *Meridian* 26 (January 2011): 60-61.
- “The Cost of Soaring Food.” *Meridian* 26 (January 2011): 59.
- “Kill.” *Guernica: A Magazine of Art & Politics*. January 2011. Available online at [http://www.guernicamag.com/poetry/2225/meek\\_1\\_1\\_11/](http://www.guernicamag.com/poetry/2225/meek_1_1_11/).
- “Chemo Session Six.” *Prairie Schooner*. 84:3 (Fall 2010).
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- “Swimming at the Y.” *Poet Lore* 105:1-2 (Spring/Summer 2010): 36-38.
- “Image Not Available.” *Poet Lore* 105:1-2 (Spring/Summer 2010): 33-34.
- “Still Life with Mouse Torso and Miniature Grand Piano.” *Barely South* 1 (April 2010). Available at <http://barelysouthreview.digitalodu.com>.
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- “Last Rites.” *The Southern Review* 45:3 (Summer 2009): 414-415.
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- “Moth Season.” *Subtropics* 8 (Spring/Summer 2009): 98-100.
- “Clearing the House.” *Mid-American Review*. XXIX:2 (Spring 2009).

- “Trapeze.” *Quarterly West* 67 (Fall 2008/Winter 2009): 56.
- “Wind Event.” *Quarterly West* 67 (Fall 2008/Winter 2009): 55.
- “The History of Air, Part 1.” *The Iowa Review* 38:3 (Winter 2008/09): 137-138.
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- “O.” *Green Mountains Review* New Series XXI:1 (2008): 53.
- “Passage II.” *The Caribbean Writer* 21 (2007): 62-63.
- “*Columba livia*.” *The Southern Review* 43:4 (Autumn 2007): 781.
- “Mapping the Drift.” *The Southern Review* 43:4 (Autumn 2007): 782-784.
- “Urban Warfare as Design.” *Green Mountains Review* XX:1-2 (2007: 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Double Issue): 91-92.
- “Still Life, with *Fluency*.” *Third Coast* (Spring 2007): 161-164.
- “Cloud Cover.” *Prairie Schooner* 81:1 (Spring 2007): 186-187.
- “The Mechanics of Failure.” *Prairie Schooner* 81:1 (Spring 2007): 184-186.
- “Fracture and Regelation Theory.” *The Kenyon Review* New Series XXIX:1 (Winter 2007): 28-29.
- “Doolahin.” *The Chattahoochee Review* 26:4 (Summer 2006): 101.
- “Road Scatter.” *American Letters & Commentary* (2006): 140.
- “Zimmer Pans My Chapbook.” *American Letters & Commentary* (2006): 138-139.
- “Extinction.” *Web Conjunctions* (posted August 23, 2006: available at <http://www.conjunctions.com/webconj.htm>).

- “Colony of Ice.” *Web Conjunctions* (posted August 23, 2006: available at <http://www.conjunctions.com/webconj.htm>).
- “Marble Figure, Descending Panorama.” *Web Conjunctions* (posted August 23, 2006: available at <http://www.conjunctions.com/webconj.htm>).
- “Idolum Naturae Magnum: A Meditation.” *Denver Quarterly* 40:4 (2006): 93.
- “Paralleling the Subject.” *Mid-American Review* XXVI:2 (2006): 121.
- “Anniversary.” *Green Mountains Review* XVIII:2 (2005): 98.
- “Courantijn River.” *Green Mountains Review* XVIII:2 (2005): 99-101.
- “Departing Flight.” *Green Mountains Review* XVIII:2 (2005): 102-103.
- “Fort Zeelandia.” *Divide* 3 (2005): 14-15.
- “Grounding.” *Agni* 61 (Spring 2005): 66-67.
- “Windowseat.” *On the Wing: American Poems of Air and Space Flight*. Karen Yelena Olsen, ed. Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, 2005. 59.
- “Passage.” *River City* 25:1 (Spring 2005): 13-14.
- “The Ties That Bind Us.” *Web Conjunctions* (posted December 2004: available at <http://www.conjunctions.com/webconj.htm>).
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- “Ice Storm.” *Mid-American Review* XXV:1 (2004, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue): 105-106.
- “Before De-icing.” *Mid-American Review* XXV:1 (2004, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue): 103-104.
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- “Astraphobia.” *Third Coast*. (Fall 2004): 28-29.
- “Parade.” *Washington Square* 13 (Winter 2004): 69-70.
- “Biogeography.” *Elixir* 4:2 (2004): 1-2.
- “Negotiating Versions of Forever.” *Prairie Schooner* 77:4 (Winter 2003): 178-179.



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- “On the Modifications of Clouds.” *Mid-American Review* XXIII:2 (2003): 88-90. Awarded Editors’ Choice for the James Wright Award in Poetry.
- “The Supposed Degeneracy of Animated Nature in America.” *Shenandoah* 52:4 (Winter 2002): 124-125.
- “Reentering Atmosphere.” *The Kenyon Review* XXIV:3/4 (Summer/Fall 2002): 182-183.
- “Wreck.” *Free Verse* (Spring 2002).
- “Stay 1/1/00.” *Elixir* 2 (2002): 55-56.
- “Eschatology.” *Elixir* 2 (2002): 54.
- “Tillandsia Usneoides.” *Prairie Schooner* 75:3 (Fall 2001: Special 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue): 156-157.
- “Addiction Unit.” *Prairie Schooner* 75:3 (Fall 2001: Special 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue): 158-159. Nominated for a 2001 Pushcart Prize.
- “Toward Gestures.” *Elixir* 1 (2001): 10-16.
- “Reconfigurings.” *The Sonora Review* 40 (Spring 2001): 61-62.
- “A Progress.” *Conjunctions* 36 (Spring 2001): 317-319.
- “Twelve Days.” *Conjunctions* 36 (Spring 2001): 315-316. Featured poem for *Conjunctions* 36 Web page.
- “The Love One Has for the Dark.” *Conjunctions* 36 (Spring 2001): 320-321.
- “Halo Effect.” *Indiana Review* 23:1 (Spring 2001): 99-100.
- “The Road To.” *Reed Magazine* 54 (2001): 122.
- “The Fiction of Memory.” *The Journal of African Travel Writing* 8/9 (2001): 49-50.
- “The Library.” *The Journal of African Travel Writing* 8/9 (2001): 51-52.

- “The Shape of Night.” *The Journal of African Travel Writing* 8/9 (2001): 45-46.
- “In Translation.” *The Journal of African Travel Writing* 8/9 (2001): 47-48.
- “Aftermath.” *Atlanta Review* VII:1 (Fall/Winter 2000): 104-105.
- “Agoraphobia.” *Denver Quarterly* 35:1 (Spring 2000): 27.
- “Possession.” *Mid-American Review* XX:1-2 (Spring/Summer 2000): 177-178.
- “Cape Point.” *Mid-American Review* XX:1-2 (Spring/Summer 2000): 179-180.
- “How to Build a Fallout Shelter.” *Indiana Review* 22:1 (Spring 2000): 3. Nominated for a 2000 Pushcart Prize.
- “Termites.” *Louisiana Literature* 17:1 (Spring 2000): 67.
- “Bones.” *Louisiana Literature* 17:1 (Spring 2000): 66.
- “The #12.” *The Spoon River Poetry Review* XXV:1 (Winter/Spring 2000): 103-104.
- “Windowseat.” *The Spoon River Poetry Review* XXV:1 (Winter/Spring 2000): 102.
- “Birds of America.” *The Iowa Review* 29:2 (Fall 1999): 47-49.
- “Foundations for Fire.” *Prairie Schooner* 73:2 (Summer 1999): 138-139.
- “Seventh Year.” *Quarterly West* 48 (Spring/Summer 1999): 48-49.
- “Flood Coverage.” *Mid-American Review* XIX:2 (Spring 1999): 36-39.
- “Evolution.” *The Kenyon Review* XX:2 (Spring 1998): 80. Reprinted in *The Louisiana Review* 1:1 (Summer 1999): 58.
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- “The Way We Used to Believe.” *Prairie Schooner* 71:2 (Summer 1997): 124-125. Reprinted in *The Louisiana Review* 1:1 (Summer 1999): 59-60.
- “Reply Without Gazelles.” *The Iowa Review* 26:3 (Fall 1996): 63-64. Reprinted in *The Louisiana Review* 1:1 (Summer 1999): 61-62.
- “Half Life.” *Denver Quarterly* 31:2 (Fall 1996): 40-41. Reprinted in *The Louisiana Review* 1:1 (Summer 1999): 65.

- “Driving the Desert.” *Black Warrior Review* XXII:2 (Spring/Summer 1996): 20-21. Reprinted in *The Louisiana Review* 1:1 (Summer 1999): 66.
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- “Citizenship, Bophuthatswana.” *New Voices* (1994): 84-85.
- “Refugee.” *The Massachusetts Review* XXXIV:3 (Fall 1993): 431-432. Reprinted in *New Voices* (1994): 83-84.
- “Dust to Dust.” *Mid-American Review* X111:2 (1992): 17-18. Reprinted in *New Voices* (1994): 85-86.
- “Ghosts.” *Berkeley Poetry Review* 25 (1991-1992): 107-108.
- “At the Ferry Park.” *Cottonwood* 44 (1991): 10.
- “After Viewing the Body.” *Cottonwood* 44 (1991): 8-9.
- “Journal of a Lie.” *Southern Poetry Review* XXIX:2 (Fall 1989): 52-53.
- “Reeling.” *Calypso* 1 (1989): 5-7.
- “Raising the Wells.” *Calypso* 1 (1989): 8-9.
- “Dry Well.” *Caesura* VII (Spring 1989): 40-43.
- “The Dream Web.” *Blue Buildings* 11 (1989): 49-52.
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### **Poetry Publications, Journals and Anthologies, In Press**

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- “Evolution of a New World: Bessie Head’s *Maru* as Communal Bildungsroman.” *Journal of Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies* 6:2 (Fall 1999): 87-105.
- “The Military and the (Re)Making of African Postcolonial Identity in Ken Saro-Wiwa’s *Sozaboy* and Manuel Rui’s *Yes, Comrade!*.” *Journal of Third World Studies* XVI:2 (Fall 1999): 141-161.

### Review Essays

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- “Poetry from Pitt.” *Arts & Letters: Journal of Contemporary Culture* 5 (Spring 2001): 205-216.
- “Discordant Grace: Metaphysical Postmodern Poetry.” *Arts & Letters: Journal of Contemporary Culture* 2 (Fall 1999): 181-189.
- “‘Who Can Resist the Stories?’ Narrative and Witness in the Cross-Cultural Poetry of Laurence Lieberman.” *Denver Quarterly* 31:3 (Winter 1997): 132-136.

### Reviews

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- Review of *What Kills What Kills Us*, by Kurt S. Olsson (Silverfish Review Press, 2007), *Peace Corps Writers* (July 2008): available at <http://www.peacecorpswriters.org/pages/2008/0807/807rv-whatkills.html>
- Review of *The Mystery of Max Schmitt: Poems on the Life and Work of Thomas Eakins*, by Philip Dacey (Turning Point Press, 2004). *Peace Corps Writers* (May 2005): available at <http://www.peacecorpswriters.org/pages/2005/0505/505rvmysterymax.html>
- Review of *Negritude and Literary Criticism: The History and Theory of “Negro-African” Literature in French*, by Belinda Elizabeth Jack. *Journal of Third World Studies* XVII:1 (Spring 2000): 262-266.
- Review of *Where the World Is*, by Janet Kauffman. *Colorado Review* XV:2 (Fall/Winter 1989).

### Other Publications

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“Making and Meaning: An Interview with Bin Ramke.” The Association of Writers & Writing Programs, *The Writer's Chronicle* 36:4 (February 2004). 32-40.

“The Politics of Poetics: Creative Writing Programs and the Double Canon of Contemporary Poetry.” Book chapter in *Canon Vs. Culture: Reflections on the Current Debate*. Ed. Jan Gorak. New York: Garland, 2001. 81-102.

### AUTHORED PUBLICATIONS REVIEWED

*An Ecology of Elsewhere* (May 2016):

Starred review from *Library Journal*; reviewed in “Top Spring Poetry: 17 Don't-Miss Titles from Veteran and Upcoming Authors” (Barbara Hoffert, March 31, 2016):  
<http://reviews.libraryjournal.com/2016/03/books/nonfic/arts-humanities/top-spring-poetry-seventeen-dont-miss-titles-from-veteran-and-upcoming-authors/>

Named a Spring 2016 Poetry Top Pick by *Library Journal*. (Barbara Hoffert, Dec. 7, 2015):  
<http://reviews.libraryjournal.com/2015/12/prepub/spring-2016-poetry-top-picks/>

*Road Scatter* (2012):

Reviewed in *Colorado Review* and The Center for Literary Publishing (September 2013), by Christopher Kondrich

Reviewed in *Mid-American Review* XXXIII:2 (2013), by LewEllyn Hallett.

Reviewed in *Peace Corps Worldwide* (February 12, 2013), by Ann Neelon.

Reviewed in *Rain Taxi* 17:4 (Winter 2012/13) by Lightsey Darst.

Reviewed in *Oxford American* (November 26, 2012), by William Wright:  
<http://www.sandrameek.com/oxford-american-review-of-road-scatter.html>

Reviewed in *Midwest Book Review/Wisconsin Bookwatch* 7:10 (October 2012).

Reviewed in *Library Journal* (September 2012).

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Reviewed in *Colorado Review* (Fall 2009).

Reviewed in *Asheville Poetry Review* 16:1 (2009).

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Reviewed in *Mid-American Review* XXIX:2 (Spring 2009).

Reviewed in *Meridian* 23 (May 2009).

Reviewed on *Peace Corps Worldwide* (March 10, 2009): available at <http://peacecorpsworldwide.org/?s=biogeography>

*Burn* (2005):

Reviewed in *Prairie Schooner* (Spring 2007).

Reviewed in *The Chattahoochee Review* (Fall 2005).

Reviewed in *Mid-American Review* XXVI (Fall 2005).

Reviewed in *Arts & Letters: Journal of Contemporary Culture* 14 (Fall 2005).

Reviewed in *Peace Corps Writers* (March 2005): available at <http://www.peacecorpswriters.org/pages/2005/0503/503rvburn.html>.

*Nomadic Foundations* (2002):

Recommended pick in Dennis Loy Johnson’s syndicated column, “Winter Poetry,” which appeared December 2002 in *The Athens Banner-Herald*, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, and other newspapers. Available online at [http://www.onlineathens.com/stories/120102/boo\\_20021201002.shtml](http://www.onlineathens.com/stories/120102/boo_20021201002.shtml).

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Reviewed in *Peace Corps Writers* (March 2003): available at <http://www.peacecorpswriters.org/pages/2003/0303/303rvnomad.html>.

*The Circumference of Arrival* (2001):

Reviewed in *The Georgia Review* LVII:3 (Fall 2003).

Reviewed in *Peace Corps Writers* (2001): available at  
<http://www.peacecorpswriters.org/pages/2002/0201/201rvpoetry.html>.

## RECOGNITIONS

- “*Welwitschia mirabilis*, Namib Desert,” selected for the 2015 *Best of the Net Anthology*: Sundress Publications, 2016. (<http://www.sundresspublications.com/bestof/meek.htm>.) Nominated by the editors of *Terrain.org*.
- 2015 Mary S. and Samuel Poe Carden Award for Outstanding Teaching, Scholarship and Service (Berry College).
- 2015 Lucile Medwick Memorial Award, Poetry Society of America.
- Pushcart Prize Nomination for 2014, by Dan Albergotti.
- “Falling Rock,” November 2012, nominated by the editors of Cerise Press for a Pushcart Prize (XXXVIII).
- “Denial Machine,” *Verse Daily* Web Weekly Feature for July 2, 2012 (<http://versedaily.org>).
- “An Elegiac Tone Predominates,” *Verse Daily* Web Weekly Feature for April 16, 2012 (<http://versedaily.org>).
- “Museum of the Party,” November 2011, nominated by the editors of *Atlanta Review* for a Pushcart Prize.
- Named Dana Professor of English, Rhetoric and Writing, Berry College, 2011
- National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Poetry for 2011.
- Sabbatical awarded for Fall 2011, Berry College.
- Road Scatter*, authored book-length manuscript of poetry, finalist for the 2010 Sawtooth Poetry Prize, Ahsahta Press.
- “*Idolum Naturae Magnum: A Meditation*” and *Biogeography* featured on *Verse Daily* (<http://versedaily.org>), March 27, 2009.
- “Fracture and Regelation Theory,” from *Biogeography*, nominated by Tupelo Press for a 2008 Pushcart Prize.
- Edited book, *Deep Travel: Contemporary American Poets Abroad*, awarded a 2008 Independent Publisher Book Award Gold Medal.
- Awarded Berry College Faculty Summer Cultural Immersion & Professional Growth Grant for travel to Botswana and South Africa, summer 2008.
- Artist of the Year, 2007-8, named by the Rome Area Council for the Arts.
- Biogeography*, winner of the 2006 Tupelo Press Dorset Award.
- “Road Scatter” featured on *Poetry Daily* (<http://www.poems.com>), February 16, 2007.
- “Chronographia” finalist for the 2007 *Third Coast* Poetry Award.
- 2006 Georgia Author of the Year Award, Poetry (for *Burn*).
- Biogeography*, authored book-length manuscript of poetry, finalist for the 2007 Pleiades Press Lena-Miles Wever Todd Poetry Series Award (declined); finalist for the 2007 University of Wisconsin Press’s Brittingham Prize and Felix Pollack Prize competition; finalist, 2006 Tupelo Press Open Reading; finalist for the 2006 Sawtooth Poetry Prize (Ahsahta Press, Boise State University); finalist for the 2006 Dorset Prize, Tupelo Press, awarded Honorable Mention; finalist for the 2006 University of Wisconsin Press’s Brittingham Prize and Felix Pollack Prize competition; finalist for the 2006 Philip Levine Prize in Poetry, California State University at Fresno; semifinalist for the 2005 Beatrice Hawley Award, Alice James Books; semifinalist for the 2005 Sawtooth Poetry Prize, Ahsahta Press.
- “*Tillandsia Usneoides*” and *Burn* featured on *Verse Daily* (<http://www.versedaily.org>), July 16,

2005.  
 Received Summer Stipend, Berry College, 2005.  
 Centrum Residency, Port Townsend, Washington, Fall 2004.  
 Sabbatical awarded for Fall 2004, Berry College.  
*Burn*, authored book-length manuscript of poetry, finalist for the Dorset Prize, Tupelo Press, 2004.  
 Nominated for a 2003 Pushcart Prize (author nomination, by contributing editor Gary Gildner).  
 2003 Peace Corps Writers Award, Poetry (for *Nomadic Foundations*).  
 2003 Georgia Author of the Year Award, Poetry (for *Nomadic Foundations*).  
 Received Faculty and Development Grant, Berry College, 2003.  
 Editors' Choice, 2002 James Wright Poetry Award, *Mid-American Review*, for "On the Modifications of Clouds."  
 Nominated for a 2002 Pushcart Prize ("Half Life," *Nomadic Foundations*; nominated by Elixir Press).  
*Burn*, authored book-length manuscript of poetry, finalist for the University of Georgia Contemporary Poetry Series, 2002.  
 Received Faculty and Development Grant, Berry College, 2002.  
 Received Summer Stipend, Berry College, 2002.  
 "Foundations for Fire" and *Nomadic Foundations* featured on *Verse Daily* (<http://www.versedaily.org>), August 16, 2002.  
 Nominated for Georgia Author of the Year, Poetry, 2001 (for *The Circumference of Arrival*).  
 "Twelve Days" (poem), the featured selection for *Conjunctions 36* Web page. Available at <http://www.conjunctions.com/conj36.htm>.  
 Nominated for a 2001 Pushcart Prize ("Addiction Unit," *Prairie Schooner*; nominated by Jim Simmerman).  
 Nominated for a 2001 Pushcart Prize ("Amputations," *The Circumference of Arrival*; nominated by Elixir Press).  
 "Evolution" and *The Circumference of Arrival* featured on *Poetry Daily* (<http://www.poems.com>), September 1, 2001.  
 Nominated for a 2000 Pushcart Prize ("How to Build a Fallout Shelter," *Indiana Review* 22:1; nominated by the editors, *Indiana Review*).  
 Featured Poet of the Month, January 2001, Poetry Net. Available at <http://members.aol.com/poetrynet/first.html>  
 "Nomadic Foundations," authored book-length manuscript of poetry, finalist for the Kathryn A. Morton Prize in Poetry, Sarabande Books, 1998; finalist for the Northeastern University Press Samuel French Morse Poetry Prize, 1999; finalist for the University of Wisconsin Press Brittingham Prize and Felix Pollak Prize in Poetry, 1999; finalist for the Ohio State University Press/*The Journal* Award in Poetry, 2000; finalist for the Utah State University May Swenson Poetry Award, 2000; finalist for BOA Editions New Poets publication, 2000; finalist for the Alice James Books National Beatrice Hawley Poetry Competition, 2001; finalist for the Tupelo Press Poetry Competition, 2001, and awarded Honorable Mention; finalist for Pleiades Press Lena-Miles Wever Todd Poetry Prize (declined), 2001.  
 Academy of American Poets Award, 1994 and 1995  
 Colorado State University Poetry Fellow, 1988-89  
 Colorado State University English Department Academic Fellowship, 1988  
 First Place, Poetry, Colorado State University Creative Arts Symposium, 1987  
 Colorado Fellowship, 1986-87  
 Westfall Memorial Scholarship, Colorado State University, 1985-86  
 President's Scholarship, Colorado State University, 1984-85, 1985-86



Performing and Creative Arts Creative Writing Scholarship, Colorado State University, 1983-84  
University of Northern Colorado Music Scholarship (viola), 1981-82, 1982-83  
Phi Beta Kappa  
Phi Kappa Phi

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND SERVICE

Moderator and Panel Member, “Tendrils & Roots: Place-ing the Personal in the Contemporary Eco-elegy.” Association of Writers & Writing Programs National Conference, Los Angeles, March 31, 2016. With Brenda Hillman, Marcella Durand, Sherwin Bitsui, and Laura-Gray Street.

Panel Member: “Publishing--the Problems and the Promise” (with Ryan Rivas, Burrows Press, and Richard Mathews, University of Tampa Press). Blank Pages Creative Writing Symposium, University of South Florida, Tampa, Feb. 25, 2016.

Judge, with Ninebark Co-editors, Rome and Floyd County Elementary and High School Essay Contests, for “One Book, Many Voices” Community Read of George Ella Lyon’s *Voices from the March on Washington*. October 2015.

“*Ecotone* at Ten: Celebrating a Decade of Place-based Writing.” Panel reading. Notes from the Underground: The Depths of Environmental Arts, Culture and Justice: The 11th Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment. The University of Idaho, June 26, 2015.

Judge, Peace Corps Poetry Award, 2015.

“Poetry and the Environment.” Panel reading. Words and Worlds: The 29th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference in the Humanities. The University of West Georgia, October 31, 2014.

Judge, with Ninebark Co-editors, Rome and Floyd County High School and College Writing Contests, for “One Book, Many Voices” Community Read of Ruta Sepetys’ *Between Shades of Gray*. September 2014.

Judge, with Ninebark Co-editors, Rome and Floyd County High School and College Writing Contests, for “One Book, Many Voices” Community Read of Clyde Edgerton’s *Night Train*. September 2013.

West Virginia Writers Workshop, West Virginia University. Led three-day poetry workshop and gave public lecture on “The Elegy.” July 18-21, 2013.

Presenter, “Never Empty: How Reading Poetry Can End Writer's Block and Guide Revision.” Red Clay Writing Conference, Kennesaw State University, May 18, 2013.

- Moderator, "Bringing Home the Best: A Celebration of the Georgia Poetry Circuit." The Association of Writers & Writing Programs National Conference, Boston, March 8, 2013.
- Panel Member, "Taking Back the Creative Capstone." The Association of Writers & Writing Programs National Conference, Boston, March 9, 2013.
- Moderator and panel member, "Getting Published." Southern Women Writers Conference, Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia, September 22, 2012.
- Judge, Southern Women Writers Conference Emerging Writers Contest in Poetry, Berry College, 2012.
- Judge, with Ninebark Co-editors, Rome and Floyd County High School and College Writing Contests, for "One Book, Many Voices" Community Read of Kelsey Timmerman's *Where Am I Wearing: A Global Tour to the Countries, Factories, and People That Make Our Clothes*. September 2012.
- Screening judge (for Arthur Sze), AWP Award Series: the Donald Hall Prize for Poetry. Association of Writers and Writing Programs, 2012.
- Panel member, "The Poetic Possibilities of Deep Travel." The Association of Writers & Writing Programs National Conference, Chicago, March 3, 2012.
- "Bringing Africa Home Through Poetry." Panel organizer and participant. "Peace Corps and Africa: Honoring 50 Years" conference at the University of Wisconsin, March 26, 2011.
- Inaugural Professorial Lecture Series, Berry College. "Towards a Poetics of Place: A Poetry Reading." February 15, 2011.
- Panel member, "Broadening the Poet's Vision Through the Peace Corps Experience." The Association of Writers & Writing Programs National Conference, Washington D.C., February 3, 2011.
- Judge, Poetry Society of South Carolina Carrie Allen McCray, Constance Pultz, and Kinloch Rivers Memorial Poetry Prizes, January 2011.
- Judge, with Ninebark Co-editors, Rome and Floyd County High School and College Writing Contests, for "One Book, Many Voices" Community Read of Jay Asher's *Thirteen Reasons Why*, September 2010.
- "The Life You Save May Be Your Own: On Literary Service." Paper presented as part of panel, "Poets as Legislators: Bearing Visions in Private and in Public," at the Association of Writers & Writing Programs National Conference, Denver, Colorado, April 9, 2010.
- Judge, with Ninebark Co-editors, Rome and Floyd County High School and College Writing Contests, for "One Book, Many Voices" Community Read of Paul Rusesabagina's *An Ordinary Man*, September 2009.

Poetry Judge and Editor, *Phi Kappa Phi Forum*, the quarterly magazine of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, September 2008-.

Editorial Board Member, *Southern Women's Literary Review*, 2008-.

Judge, with Ninebark Co-editors, Rome High Schools Writing Contests, for "One Book, Many Voices" Community Read of Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, September 2008.

Judge, *The Pinch* Literary Awards in Poetry, 2008.

Judge, Bowling Green State University Devine Graduate Fellowships in Poetry, 2008.

Judge, with Ninebark Co-editors, Rome Community and High Schools Writing Contests, for "One Book, Many Voices" Community Read of Maya Angelou's *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, September 2007.

Director of the Georgia Poetry Circuit, 2007-.

Readings, discussions, book signings, at Georgia libraries (Cave Springs, Cedartown, Bremen), for Grassroots Arts Grant, Georgia Council for the Arts grant. June 2007.

Featured speaker, "The Poetry of Deep Travel." The Martha Berry Museum at Oak Hill, Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia, June 21, 2007.

Chair and presenter, "*Deep Travel: Contemporary American Poets Abroad: A Reading.*" The Association of Writers & Writing Programs National Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, March 1, 2007.

Chair, "A Celebration of Southern Women Writers: A Reading." The Association of Writers & Writing Programs National Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, March 1, 2007.

Co-Founding Editor, Ninebark Press, 2006-.

Judge, Russ MacDonald Poetry Contest (graduate student writing competition), West Virginia University, 2006.

Judge, Southern Literary Festival (Rhodes College), Literary Journal Competition, 2006.

Literary Panelist for the Georgia Council for the Arts, 2005-8.

Judge, Brenau College Literary Contest, 2005.

Reader for articles on southern African author Bessie Head for *Stirrings Still: The International Journal of Existentialist Literature* (SUNY Binghamton), 2005.

Judge, 2003 Elixir Press Poetry Chapbook Competition.

“Poetry from the Peace Corps Experience.” Panel participant, National Conference of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Washington D.C., June 2002.

“Writing Africa and the Poetry of Deep Travel.” The Association of Writers & Writing Programs National Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2002.

Chair, “Original Poetry.” Popular Culture Association National Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2001.

“The ‘Penitential Island’: The Question of Liberation in a Newly-Independent Nation in Earl Lovelace’s Trinidadian novels *The Schoolmaster* and *Salt*.” Paper presented at the Association of Third World Studies National Conference, San Jose, Costa Rica, November 1999.

“The Politics of Poetics: Creative Writing Programs and the Double Canon of Contemporary Poetry.” Paper presented at The Association of Writers & Writing Programs National Conference, Albany, New York, April 1999.

Chair, “Crossing Boundaries in the Creative Writing Workshop: Canon, History, Genre.” Association of Writing Programs National Conference, Albany, New York, April 1999.

“‘Beginning from Scratch’: Bessie Head’s *When Rain Clouds Gather* as Development Plan.” Paper presented at the Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies Conference, Georgia Southern University, March 1999.

Chair, “Social Relations in Africa.” Association of Third World Studies National Conference, Durham, North Carolina, October 1998.

“The Poetry of Reconciliation: The Role of Post-Apartheid Poetry in the Construction of a New South Africa.” Paper presented at the Association of Third World Studies National Conference, Durham, North Carolina, October 1998.

“Reconfiguring the ‘Us’ and ‘Them’ in the New South Africa: the Poetry of Mongane Wally Serote as Reconciliator.” Paper presented at the Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies Conference, Georgia Southern University, May 1998.

“The Military and the Making of Postcolonial Identity in Ken Saro-Wiwa’s *Sozaboy* and Manuel Rui’s *Yes, Comrade!*” Paper presented at the Association of Third World Studies National Conference, Hartford, Connecticut, October 1997. Published in the *ATWS 1997 Conference Proceedings*.

“Evolution of a New World: Bessie Head’s *Maru* as Communal Bildungsroman.” Paper presented at the Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies Conference, Georgia Southern University, April 1997.

“The Poetry of a Changed World: American Modernist and Chilean Inter-war Poetry.” Paper presented at the Rocky Mountain Modern Languages Association, October, 1994.

“The Public I: The Poetry of Mongane Wally Serote.” Paper presented at the University of Wyoming Conference on English, June, 1994.

“Crossing the Wilderness: Seventeenth and Nineteenth-Century Ideas of Nature and the Wilderness in Lydia Maria Child’s *Hobomok* and Herman Melville’s *Moby Dick*.” Paper presented at the University of Wyoming Conference on English, June, 1994.

“Clifford Geertz’s ‘Notes on the Balinese Cockfight’ and Frank Hamilton Cushing’s ‘My Adventures in Zuni’: Reading and Writing a Culture.” Paper presented at the Emory University Cultural Studies Conference, March, 1994.

### ADDITIONAL POETRY READINGS

SHORE: Acworth Creative Reading Series, Acworth, GA, May 2, 2016. With Amy Pence and Lynn Pedersen.

Berry College, April 7, 2016. Reading and Book Launch of *An Ecology of Elsewhere*.

Blank Pages Creative Writing Symposium, University of South Florida, Tampa, Feb. 25, 2016. Keynote Reader.

Flannery O'Connor and Other Southern Women Writers Conference, Georgia College & State University, Milledgeville, Sept. 18, 2015. With Laura Newbern.

The Georgia Center for the Book, August 24, 2015. With Anya Silver.

“*Ecotone* at 10,” Book People, Moscow, Idaho, June 25, 2015. Participating poet.

Persea Books and Fourway Press Authors reading, Minneapolis, April 9, 2015. Participating poet.

Southern Literary Festival, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, March 27, 2015. Featured poet.

Georgia Perimeter College: Newton, Dunwoody, Clarkston, and Decatur campuses, Sept. 22-23, 2014. Featured poet.

Seat in the Shade Reading Series, The University of Georgia, Athens, June 20, 2014. Featured poet.

Poetry@Tech (Georgia Tech University), Atlanta, Feb. 6, 2014. Featured poet.

Callenwolde Fine Arts Center, Atlanta, Oct. 9, 2013. Featured poet.

West Virginia Writers Workshop, West Virginia University, July 18, 2013. With Mark Brazaitis.

“An Evening with Southern Poets.” With fellow contributors to *The Southern Poetry Anthology Vol. V: Georgia*. Georgia Center for the Book, Decatur, Georgia, April 30, 2013.

Writers in the Sun Reading Series. Featured Poet. University of Central Florida, Orlando, April 2, 2013.

Charis Books, Atlanta, Georgia, January 17, 2013.

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Voices Carry reading, Georgia Center for the Book, Decatur, Georgia. Co-sponsored by Poetry Atlanta and the Georgia Center for the Book. With Jericho Brown, Theresa Davis, and Cecilia Woloch. October 27, 2012.

Berry Creative Writing Faculty Reading, Berry College. With Abigail Greenbaum. October 2, 2012.

Poetry Society of Georgia Reading Series, featured poet. Jepson Center Auditorium, Savannah, Georgia. April 21, 2011.

Plenary poet at “Talking Peace Corps” keynote presentation, with Director of Peace Corps Aaron Williams, and poets Susan Rich, Derick Bursleson, and Ann Neelon. “Peace Corps and Africa: Honoring 50 Years” conference at the University of Wisconsin, March 26, 2011.

Shorter University, featured reader, Rome, Georgia, October 28, 2010.

University of Denver Ph.D. Program Alumni Reading. Panel at Association of Writers & Writing Programs National Conference, Denver, Colorado, April 8, 2010.

A Reading by Tupelo Poets, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Tupelo Press, Denver, Colorado, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Meacham Writers’ Workshop, featured reader, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, March 26, 2010. Also conducted poetry workshop for UTC students and Chattanooga community members, March 28, 2010.

University of West Georgia, featured reader, Carrollton, February 24, 2010. Also met with Advanced Creative Writing, Poetry, class.

Sarabande Reading Series, featured reader, Louisville, Kentucky, January 25, 2010. With Kristi Maxwell.

South Atlantic Modern Language Association 81<sup>st</sup> Convention, Atlanta, November 6, 2009: Special Session: Peace Corps Poets and the Modern World.

Georgia Literary Festival, featured reader, Rome, Georgia, October 17, 2009.

RAEIN-Africa (Regional Agricultural and Environment Initiatives Network) International Conference: Innovation Systems for Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Livelihoods Development in SADC Countries Programme Launch, Windhoek, Namibia, June 24, 2009. Read with Namibian Poet Christie Warner.

University of Namibia, featured poet, June 23, 2009. Also conducted poetry workshop.

A Cappella Books, Atlanta, Georgia, February 27, 2009. With Karen Salyer McElmurray.

Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Rome, Georgia, December 6, 2008. Reading for the debut of *Biogeography*.

South Carolina Poetry Society, featured poet, Charleston, April 11, 2008.

Wheaton College (MA), featured reader, March 24. Also spoke on editing and anthologies in “Public Poetry, Private Poetry” literature class; met with advanced student poets in workshop.

Berry College Memorial Library, October 12, 2005, with novelist Michael Mejia. Sponsored by Memorial Library and International Programs.

Southern Women Writers Conference, Berry College, featured reader, September 23, 2005.

The Association of Writers & Writing Programs International Conference, Vancouver, Canada. “*Mid-American Review*’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: A Reading.” Invited reader. April 1, 2005. With Alvin Greenberg, Mary Ann Samyn, Alex Parsons, and Roy Jacobstein.

University of Memphis, with *River City* featured authors, March 18, 2005.

Colorado State University, featured poet, February 2, 2005. Also met with graduate creative writing, poetry, class.

The Association of Writers & Writing Programs National Conference, Chicago; “An Elixir Press Reading,” March 26, 2004.

Augusta State University Winter Gathering of Writers, featured poet, January 28, 2004.

Southern Women Writers Conference, Berry College, featured reader, October 17, 2003.

Georgia Tech, Barnes & Noble, featured reader, October 10, 2003.

Rome Area Council for the Arts, “College Poetry Night,” September 25, 2003. With Berry students, and with students and faculty from Floyd and Shorter colleges.

Special Session of the PCA/ACA, with poet Bill Tremblay, sponsored by *The Louisiana Review*. Popular Culture/American Culture Association National Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 2003.

Floyd College Book Forum, discussing February selection, *Nomadic Foundations*; featured reader, February 19, 2003; also met with creative writing poetry class at Floyd College (now Georgia Highlands College).

Mercer University, featured reader, November 6, 2002.

National Conference of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Washington D.C., June 2002.

Rome Area Council for the Arts, "Women's Voices," May 31, 2002.

Callenwolde Fine Arts Center, featured reader, May 9, 2002.

Kennesaw State University, featured reader, April 11, 2002; also led graduate poetry workshop.

Berry College, featured reader (sponsored by *Ramifications*), April 10, 2002.

Chattanooga Writers' Guild, at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, featured reader, April 8, 2002.

Reading of *The Circumference of Arrival*. Popular Culture Association National Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2001.

Georgia Poetry Society, at Morehouse College, Atlanta, featured reader, January 26, 2002.

Meachum Writers' Workshop, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, November 15-17, 2001; also met with student poets in conference.

*Prairie Schooner* 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, October 13, 2001.

Featured reader for "Poetry Monday," University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, October 8, 2001.

Mercer University, October 4, 2001.

Rome Area Council for the Arts, "School Night: A Poetry Reading," with Berry students as well as professors and students from Shorter College and Floyd College, September 27, 2001.

Georgia Book & Arts Festival, September 15, 2001.

Martha Berry Museum, September 2000.

Berry College, March 2000 (with June Spence and Scott Huler).

Louisiana State University at Eunice, featured reader, March 1999.

University of Denver, 1995.

## INTERVIEWS

- "An Interview with Sandra Meek by Allyson Hoffman." *Sweet: A Literary Confection*. May 3, 2016. <https://sweetlit.wordpress.com/blog/>
- "Author Spotlight: Poet Sandra Meek." *The Restless Writer* (blog by Carmella de los Angeles Guiol). April 28, 2016. <http://www.therestlesswriter.com/>
- "Talking with . . . Sandra Meek." An interview by John Coyne. Peace Corps Writers, 2007. <http://www.peacecorpswriters.org/pages/2007/0705/705talk-mEEK.html>

## SERVICE

### Institutional

- Member, Evans School Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee, 2015-2018.
- Member, Third Year Review Committee for Will Donnelly, 2015-2016.
- Member, English Department Committee on General Education Courses, 2015-2016.

Member, College Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee, 2012-2015.  
 Member, English Department Curriculum Committee, 2010-2011; 2012-2014.  
 Berry Liaison to the Georgia Poetry Circuit, 1998-.  
 Berry Representative to the Associated Writing Programs, 1998-.  
 Coordinator of English Department Reading Series (Creative Writing), 1998-2004, 2012-2013;  
 Co- Coordinator with Professor Michael Mejia 2004-2012, with Professor Will Donnelly, 2013-.  
 Panel Member, Preparing for Promotion and Tenure (2 sessions), for the Center of Teaching  
 Excellence, May 7, 2015.  
 Discover Berry, Department Representative, March 21, 2015.  
 Chair, English Department Curriculum Committee, 2013- 2014.  
 Discover Berry, Department Representative, April 2014.  
 Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of English, Rhetoric and Writing (fiction), 2012-  
 2013.  
 Member, Southern Women Writers Conference Executive and Advisory Committees, 2002-2012.  
 Member, Southern Women Writers Conference Program Committee, 2002-2012.  
 Member, Berry Student Publications Board, 2002-2012.  
 Chair, Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor of English, Rhetoric and Writing  
 (composition and creative nonfiction), 2011.  
 Discover Berry, Department Representative, November 17, 2012.  
 Discover Berry; participated in Q & A session and conducted creative writing mini-workshop for  
 visiting applicants and parents, November 7, 2008.  
 Member, Evans Speakers Committee, 2003-2008.  
 Discover Berry, Department Representative, April 19, 2008.  
 Co-Director, 2007 Southern Women Writers Conference, 2006-7.  
 Member, Berry Fulbright Interview Committee, Fall 2006.  
 Member, Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing Composition Committee, 2005-2006.  
 Discover Berry, Department Representative, November 12, 2005.  
 Chair, English, Rhetoric and Writing Search Committee (for Creative Prose), 2003-2004.  
 Member, English, Rhetoric and Writing Department Ad Hoc Committee on General Education  
 Literature Courses, 2003-2004.  
 Judge, Southern Women Writers Conference Emerging Poets Contest, 2003.  
 Member, Evans School Faculty Development Committee, 2002-3.  
 Chair, English, Rhetoric and Writing Department Ad Hoc Committee on Writing Track, 2002.  
 Charter Member, Phi Kappa Phi Berry Chapter.  
 Chair, Conson C. Wilson Lectureship Committee, 2001-2002.  
 Member, Cultural Events Committee, 1999-2002.  
 Member, Conson C. Wilson Lectureship Committee, 1998-2001.  
 Member, Anthropology Search Committee, 2001.  
 Member, Sociology Search Committee, 2001.  
 Member, Rhetoric Search Committee, 2000-2001.  
 Member, Writer-in-Residence Search Committee, 2000-2001.  
 Member, Committee for Visiting Artists and Scholars, 2000-2001  
 Member, Cultural Events Committee, 1999-2001.  
 Member, Evans Speakers Committee, 1997-2001.  
 Created (with Francesco Scordato) College's Creative Writing Web Page, 2000.  
 Member, Southern Women Writers Conference Committee, 1998-2000.  
 Member, Spanish Search Committee, 1999-2000.  
 Judge, Southern Women Writers Conference Emerging Poets Contest, 1997-1998, 1999-2000.



Judge, Student Theater Awards, 1999-2000.  
Member, Religion and Philosophy Search Committee, 1998-1999.  
Member, History Search Committee, 1998-1999.  
Member, Sociology Search Committee, 1998-1999.  
Member, Anthropology Search Committee, 1997-1998.  
Member, English Search Committee, 1997-1998.  
Co-chair, National Creative Society, Martha Berry Chapter, 1998-1999; member, 1997-1998.  
Speaker, Alpha Chi Induction Ceremony, Berry College, March 1998.  
Graduate Student Representative to Creative Writing Committee and Co-chair, Organization of Graduate Student Writers, Colorado State University, 1988-89.

### **Community**

Reading and Q & A at Cedartown Middle School for Poetry Night, April 14, 2016.  
Created and supervised Utterances: A Young Writers Workshop with ENG 475 Writing and Community students (Berry College), a creative writing class for Rome and Floyd County high school students, offered at Sara Hightower Library, Rome, Georgia, October-December, 2014. Program continued through spring 2015 by Berry students.  
Served as Facing Hope mentor for Caitlin Lewis with the Free Clinic (Bonners project), spring 2013.  
Presentations on Botswana and the Peace Corps: Kiwanas Club, Rome, August 11, 2008; Berry College, November 18, 2008; Second Avenue Methodist Church, Rome, November 19, 2008.  
Habitat for Humanity, November 5, 2005.  
Huntsville City Schools, Grissolm High: Gave Presentations on Botswana and Cross-Cultural Education and Communication, in Psychology and Sociology Courses, May 12, 1998; May 11, 1999; May 11, 2001; May 15, 2002; May 5, 2003; May 4, 2004.  
Poetry Instructor, National Creative Society Arts Camp at Berry, June 1999.  
Rome High School Writers' Retreat: Led Creative Writing Workshop, March 28, 1998.  
Senior College: Taught Creative Writing, February 4-25, 1997.  
Mentor/Speaker, Creative Writing/Cross-Cultural Education, Denver Public Schools, 1995-1996.  
Speaker, Southern Africa, University of Denver Speakers Bureau, 1993-1995.  
Peace Corps Volunteer, 1989-1991.