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Professional Experience:

Publications

Writing the Land: Foodways and Social Justice, Release October 2022
Poetry is Life: Writing with Yellow Arrow, Release February 2022
Debut Poetry Collection – *St. Paul Street Provocations*, Yellow Arrow Publishing, July 2021
The Prayer Line in Koreatown Los Angeles – PoetryX Hunger Website
My West African Grandmother – Pen In Hand Literary Journal
Praise for Colewort (*green leafy plant of the species Brassica*) – Oyster River Pages
several online Zines

Performances

MC – The Write Women Book Fest – EC Poetry & Prose Featured Performers 2019, 2022
Main Stage – Guinness Arts & Drafts Festival 2022
Monthly Open Mic – Baltimore County Arts Guild 2021, 2022
From a Poet's Point of View – Featured Poet Reading – Fall 2021
Baltimore County Arts Guild – Author Talk – August 2021
Wilde Readings (HoCoPoLitSo) – Featured Poet Reading – Winter 2021
PoetryX Hunger Online Reading – Fall 2020
Red Emma's Coffee House and Bookstore – Mothers Earth Poetry Vibe Open Mic
Root Studio – Friday night open mic

Information Technology Systems Specialist - Montgomery County Public Schools (2001/20)

Daily management of LAN networks. Often working with a diverse group of clients and professional colleagues to assess a situation and think logically to solve problems within time constraints.

Assistant to the Director of Development -The Columbus School of Law/The Catholic University of America (2000/01)

Reported and received project assignments directly from the Director of Development as well as the Dean and other senior staff of the Law School. Worked closely with the University President's staff in coordination of Board activities including the University annual fundraiser – The Cardinals Dinner.

Development Assistant for Special Programs – Board of Regents/The Catholic University of America (1998/99)

Primary liaison between distinguished alumnae comprising the Board of Regents and the University. Advanced approved projects and programs to potential significant donors, including supporting the solicitation of prospects for capital gifts to the University.

Eastern Regional Director – The Challenger Center for Space Science Education, Inc. (1995/97)

Project management for the recruitment and placement and of Challenger Learning Center locations in the eastern region. Member of senior staff for the organization and reported directly to the CEO/President and Board members.

Education/Certifications:

BerkleyX, University of California, Berkeley – Writing for Social Justice Certificate
MHRM – Keller Graduate School of Management, Devry University, Bethesda MD
Novell Products / Windows 2000/2003 Skills training through MCPS and Learning Tree, Inc.
Quantitative Skills Certificate – The Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh PA
BA – The American University, Washington DC

Community/Volunteer Activities/Awards (partial list)

Current Host – MWA First Fridays Poetry Open Mic
Past Host – Berks Bards Monthly Poetry Reading
Former Board Member – Maryland Writers Association

Board Member – Dream Big Inc. Organization, Baltimore MD

Advisory Board Member – So What Else Can We Do to Help, DC/MD

Volunteer - Sarah's Hope Homeless Shelter, Baltimore MD

Outstanding Service Award – NOVA Coalition of 100 Black Women Arlington VA

“Honorary Citizen” and Key to the City Award – Citizens of Hazard Kentucky