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EDUCATION

University of Colorado, School of Public Health

Master in Public Health, Maternal and Child Health
Concentration

Harvard University, Harvard Extension School

MLA in English and American Literature

University of California, Santa Barbara

BA in English

CERTIFICATIONS

University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical School

LEND trainee (Leadership and Education in
Neurodevelopmental Disabilities, Maternal Child
and Health Bureau)

HONORS

University of Colorado, School of Public Health

Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health
Alpha Upsilon Chapter, Elected Member, 2019

Harvard-trained educator, successful podcaster, and published author with over 20 years of experience writing and editing academic research, marketing and development, grants, fiction, creative non-fiction and poetry.

Work Experience

Blackbird Editing, Owner

January 2022-Present

- Over 25 years of experience writing and editing marketing copy, web content, grant proposals, research, and white papers
- Developmental Editor for bestselling leadership book "Lessons from the Drive-Thru by former YUM Brands COO, Monica Rothgery
- Facilitate two Blackbird writing groups to provide developmental and line editing support for book-length manuscripts in all genres, including fiction, non-fiction, memoir, YA, and business leadership
- Host seasonal writing retreats to hold space for serious, committed writers with book-length projects underway

Blackbird Consulting, Owner

January 2022-Present

- Create and present training seminars for independent and district school staff and parents at schools such as The Joshua School and Havern School
- Write and produce content and create an online training platform for the non-profit A Global Voice for Autism. This content is to train first responders in conflict and natural disaster regions internationally to support families who have a child with autism to access life-saving support and services in emergency settings

You Don't Want a Hug, Right? Podcast, Co-Host

www.youdontwantahug.com

January 2023-Present

- Scriptwriting, web content, and production of a successful podcast rated in the top 30% of all podcasts in 2023-2024
- Creation of Top Ten Tip sheets generated for over 30 episodes
- Cultivation of guest speakers from across disability community, including parents, academics, self-advocates, and intervention providers

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SELECTED PUBLISHED WORKS

Academic

Moody, E. J., Kaiser, K., Sharp, D., Kubicek, L. F., Ricles, B., Davis, J., ... & Rosenberg, C. R. (2019). Improving family functioning following diagnosis of ASD: A randomized trial of a parent mentorship program. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 28, 424-435.

Kaiser, K. (2011). Telehealth: Families finding ways to connect in rural Colorado. *Exceptional Parent*, 41(4), 18-19.

Hepburn, S., Kaiser, K., & Graham, M. (2014). Guidelines for the educational evaluation of autism spectrum disorder. Colorado Department of Education, Office of Special Education, Exceptional Student Services Unit.

Poetry

Split Verse: Poems to Heal Your Heart." Midmarch Arts Pr, 10 May 2000. Paperback, 90 pages

Fiction

Upcoming novel, "Whale Song"

SELECTED WORKSHOPS AND EDITING CLASSES

Writing

Haven Writing Retreat, Laura Munson - June 2022

Sackett Street Writers

Advanced Fiction Workshop with Emily Temple- January 2023

Advanced Novel Workshop with Julia Fierro, October 2023

Editing

Editorial Arts Academy, Developmental Editing with Pat Dobie- March 2024

Editorial Freelancers Association Member 2024

Work Experience

JFK Partners, UC School of Medicine, Clinical Instructor, Department of Pediatrics, LEND Family Discipline Director

January 2009 - Present

- Teach and mentor interdisciplinary clinicians, service providers, parents, and self-advocates during a rotating, year-long training program on leadership and education in neurodevelopmental disabilities.
- Co-investigator on multiple implementation grants that provided support programming to families newly diagnosed with ASD
- Wrote, edited, and researched multiple papers, articles, and guidelines for state and federal grant-funded studies
- Represented JFK as a standing member of multiple statewide interagency committees, including the Colorado State Autism Commission, Colorado Department of Education Autism Advisory Group, and CANDO. Provided technical assistance and content expertise
- Member of the Children's Hospital, Colorado Autism Family Advisory Committee

The Joshua School, Executive Program Director

September 2015 - June 2023

- Responsible for operational oversight of four campuses of students with significant developmental disabilities
- Provided programming, staffing and facilities content for the development of a yearly 8M budget
- Instrumental in the development and implementation of the organization's strategic plan
- Wrote grants and created website and newsletter content. Wrote annual grant reports and presented to current and prospective funders
- Oversight of all staff and related services
- Oversight and direct management of campus-level program directors and guided intervention model
- Crisis management and liaison with first responders
- Developed and managed school-wide policies, and all contact tracing for Covid-19 response for two years
- Served as a Board Member for two years before becoming an employee, providing research and educational expertise