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**Short Literary Curriculum Vitae**  
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**Education**

Bachelor of Arts – English, Classics Minor, University of Utah, Magna Cum Laude

Master of Arts – American Studies University of Utah, Magna Cum Laude

**Affiliations**

Science Fiction Writers Association (SFWA)

Lifetime Member, League of Utah Writers (2022+)

President-League of Utah Writers (2018-2020)

Executive Committee, League of Utah Writers (2016-2021)

National Horror Writers Association (HWA)

Founding Member of Utah Chapter of The Horror Writers Association

Founding Member and Vice President, League of Utah Writers Speculative/  
Genre Fiction Chapter — The “Infinite Monkeys”

**Academic Teaching**

University of Utah, Lifelong Learning 2016—present.

**Published Novels:**

Beatrysel Omnium Gatherum Media, (September 12, 2013)  
(ISBN-978-0615874630)

Dr. Stuart’s Heart (Novelette) Omnium Gatherum Media (March 30, 2014)  
(ISBN-978-0615999043)

Eleanor, The Unseen Book 1, Jolly Fish Press (July 1, 2014)  
(ISBN-978-1939967343)

The Brand Demand, Cherokee McGhee (March 5, 2015)  
(ISBN-978-1937556082)

Celeste, The Unseen Book 2, Jolly Fish Press (July 14, 2015)  
(ISBN 978-1631630224)

The Finger Trap, Jolly Fish Press (November 24, 2015)  
(ISBN-978-1631630385)

David, The Unseen Book 3, Jolly Fish Press (May 2, 2016)  
(ISBN-978-1631630620)

What Immortal Hand, Omnium Gatherum Media (September 2017)  
(ISBN-13: 978-0997971798)

- The Finger Trap, Dandelion Ink (June, 2019)  
(ISBN-13: 978-1733107211) *Reissued Title*
- Thicker Than Water, Dandelion Ink, (August 2019)  
(ISBN-13: 978-1733107235)
- The Knickknack Case, (Novella) Dandelion Ink, (January 2020)  
(ISBN-13: 978-1-7331072-5-9)
- In the Wake of Captain Lord, Dandelion Ink, (September 17, 2020))  
(ISBN-13 : 978-1733107273)
- Eleanor, The Unseen Book 1, Dandelion Ink, (February 22, 2021)  
(ISBN-13 : 978-1736632918) *Reissued Title*
- Celeste, The Unseen Book 2, Dandelion Ink, (February 22, 2021)  
(ISBN-13 : 978-1736632932) *Reissued Title*
- David, The Unseen Book 3, Dandelion Ink, (February 22, 2021)  
(ISBN-13 : 978-1736632956) *Reissued Title*
- The Counterfeit Connection, Dandelion Ink, (June 15, 2021)  
(ISBN-13 : 978-1733107297)
- Of Kings, Queens and Colonies, Flame Tree Press (November 16, 2021)  
(ISBN-13 : 978-1787585966)
- The Hermit of Big Horn County, Dandelion Ink, (July 20, 2022)  
(ISBN-13 : 978-1736632970)
- Of Civilized, Saved and Savages, Flame Tree Press (Jan 10, 2023)  
(ISBN-13 : 978-1787587953)
- The Finger Trap, Rough Edges Press (August 18, 2023)  
(ISBN-13 : 978-1685493219) *Reissued Title*
- Thicker Than Water, Rough Edges Press (August 18, 2023)  
(ISBN-13 : 978-1685493219)
- In the Wake of Captain Lord, Rough Edges Press (September 7, 2023)  
(ISBN-13 : 978-1685493233)
- The Counterfeit Connection, Rough Edges Press (September 29, 2023)  
(ISBN-13 : 978-1685493257)
- The Hermit of Big Horn County, Rough Edges Press (October 20, 2023)  
(ISBN-13 : 978-1685493271)
- The Real Deal, Rough Edges Press (November 14, 2023)  
(ISBN-13 : 978-1685493295)
- Of Heroes, Homes and Honey, Flame Tree Press (January 9, 2024)  
(ISBN-13 : 978-1787587984)

**Published Short Stories:**

- The Point, in Little Visible Delight Omnium Gatherum (December 5, 2013)  
(ISBN-13: 978-0615932248)
- A Thousand Secret Doors in Secrets and Doors Crimson Edge Publishing Company (January 23, 2015) (ISBN-13: 978-0986374524)
- Keep Sweet in Old Scratch and Owl Hoots, Griffin Publishers (January 9, 2015)  
(ISBN 978-1505517347)

*The Grape Whisperer* in Heroic, Tales of the Extraordinary, Salt Lake Comic Con (September, 2015) (Special Edition)

*The Lost Curse of the Witch's Nest* in Hidden in Plain Sight, James Ward Kirk Publishing (November 30, 2015) (ISBN-13: 978-0692594377)

*May 15th* in It Came From the Great Salt Lake, Griffin Publishers (February 11, 2016) (ISBN-13: 978-0997197099)

*Flame Unspeakable*, in Apocalypse Utah: A Collection of Utah Horror, Griffin Publishers (February 2017) (ISBN-13: 978-0997197051)

*The Strange Vanishing of Charles Prescott, Billionaire* in Mirages and Speculations: Science Fiction and Fantasy from the Desert, Kydala Publishing, Inc. (August 19, 2017) (ISBN-13: 978-1975926489)

*Audra's Confession*, in The Hunger, A Collection of Utah Horror, Twisted Tree Press (April 10, 2018)(ISBN-13: 978-0999020029)

*Counting*, in A Year of the Monkeys, Genre Writers Infinite Monkeys Corporation (August 12, 2018) (ISBN 978-1732583603)

*The Strange Vanishing of Charles Prescott, Billionaire* in At First Glance, LUW Press (August 13, 2018) (ISBN-13: 978-0988236769)

*Forward and Eye of a Hurricane*, in A Little Wrong, The Salt City Genre Writers 2019 Chapter Anthology (February 2019) (ISBN-13: 978-1796838039)

*The Lodge*, in Peaks of Madness: A Collection of Utah Horror, Forty-Two Books (April 1, 2019) (ISBN-13: 978-0578451435)

*A Bargain Well Met*, in Grifty Shades of Fey: Cautionary Tales Uncovering the Dark Side of the Fair Folk, Fiction Vortex (February 1, 2020) (ISBN-13: 978-1947655539)

*Deprogrammed*, in The Function of Freedom: League of Utah Writers 85th Anniversary Anthology, (July 24 2020) (ISBN-13: 978-0988236790)

*The Lodge*, in Chasing Tomorrow, LUW Press (July 30, 2020) (ISBN-13: 978-0988236783)

*A Sense of Justice* in The Witching Time of Night, Independently published, (October 28, 2020) (ISBN-13: 979-8555001405)

*A Sense of Justice* in Shadowed Hourglass, LUW Press, Genre Writers Infinite Monkeys Corporation, (July 26, 2021) (ISBN-13: 978-1735484105)

*The Last Chance* in If Not Now, When?, (July 31, 2021) (ISBN-13: 978-1732583634)

*Hardened Scars* in Strong in Broken Places, LUW Press (November 30, 2021) (ISBN-13: 978-1735484112)

*Note Found in an Abandoned Clock* in Beyond Beehives, LUW Press, (December 10, 2021) (ISBN 13: 978-1735484136)

*Last Chance* in Utah's Best Poetry & Prose 2022, LUW Press (April 11, 2022) (ISBN-13 : 978-1735484150)

*Holy Light* in Art and Sedition, LUW Press (August 9, 2022) (978-1735484174)

*The Hammer Club* in Kindred Spirits, Genre Writers Infinite Monkeys Corporation (March 30, 2023) (978-1732583641)

*Note Found in an Abandoned Clock* in Utah's Best Poetry & Prose 2023, LUW Press (July 22, 2022) (ISBN-13 : 978-1735484174)

*As to Plan* in The Big Book of Things That Go Bump in the Night, Timber Ghost Press (November 14, 2023) (ISBN-13 : 979-8988304029)

### Honors and Awards

Gold Tier President's Volunteer Service Award, 2016

Gold Tier President's Volunteer Service Award, 2017

Utah Writer of the Year

Gold Quill, League of Utah Writers - Outstanding Young Adult Novel, Eleanor, The Unseen Book 1

Silver Quill, League of Utah Writers — Outstanding Novel The Brand Demand

Honorable Mention, League of Utah Writers short genre fiction, *Last Summer*

Recommended Read, League of Utah Writers, Young Adult Published Novel, Celeste, The Unseen Book 2

Diamond Quill—highest scoring work of all published books, The Finger Trap.

Third Place, League of Utah Writers—Prose: Speculative Fiction Category, *The Strange Vanishing of Charles Prescott, Billionaire*

Silver Quill League of Utah Writers — Outstanding Anthology, The Hunger

Honorable Mention, League of Utah Writers Prose: Young Adult Fiction, *As To Plan*

Third Honorable Mention, League of Utah Writers Short Fiction, *The Eye of the Hurricane*

Second Honorable Mention, League of Utah Writers Horror, *The Lodge*

Second Place, League of Utah Writers First Chapter Novel, Coronam, of Kings, Queens, and Colonies

First Place, Prose Speculative Fiction, League of Utah Writers for *A Sense of Justice*

Recommended Read Quill, League of Utah Writers Quills Published Book Award, Novel for Thicker than Water: A Tony Flaner Mystery

Recommended Read Quill, League of Utah Writers Quill: Anthology, *A Bargain Well Met* in Grifty Shades of Fey

First Honorable Mention, League of Utah Writers, Prose Short Fiction, *Kintsugi*

Third Place, League of Utah Writers Prose Short Fiction, *The Last Chance*

Recommend Read Quill, League of Utah Writers Quills Published Book Award, The Knickknack Case: A Tony Flaner Mystery (Novella)

Silver Quill, League of Utah Writers Quills Published Book Award, In the Wake of Captain Lord: A Tony Flaner Mystery

Third Place Olive Woolley Burt Awards, League of Utah Writers, in Horror, *The Hammer Club*.

Bronze Typewriter Award, League of Utah Writers, *Note Found in an Abandoned Clock*.

Silver Quill in published anthologies, League of Utah Writers, If Not Now, When?

Recommended Read in published novels, League of Utah Writers, Of Kings, Queens and Colonies.

Lifetime Membership Award, League of Utah Writers

**Conferences, Conventions, Workshops and Appearances**  
(See Long form CV)