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At A Glance: A social practice and theater artist and writer, who is adept in teaching, interviewing, producing, art direction, collaborating, public speaking, and engaging people in community.

Education

Carson Newman College (1992):

B.A. Political Science

B.A. Human Services

Drew University (1995):

M.T.S. Master's of Theological Studies

Teaching

- 1999-2000 Taught Creative Writing with Juvenile Offenders as part of my work for Helen Ross Center, Knoxville TN
- 2002-2003 Co-facilitated weekly Creative Writing group at AGAPE house (serving those experiencing homelessness) in Asheville, NC,
Published Chapbook of collected works
- 2002-2003 Taught Creative Writing in the Adult Education program, Asheville-Buncombe Community College, Asheville, NC
- 2004-2012 Taught full-time at various colleges. Courses included: Ethics, Cultural Diversity, Critical Thinking, Intro to Sociology, Political Science
- 2015 Blogging workshop at [Art Camp Nashville](#)
- 2016 Storytelling workshop at Art Camp Nashville, Riverbend Maximum Security Prison and Stratford High School (after-school program)
- 2017 Make Your Story Yours workshops and other workshops at abrasiveMedia and other locations.
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Community Storytelling Apprenticeship Program, with Conexion Americas and Opportunity Now program, Principal Artist and Program Development, Summer 2018
Workshop series with One Voice Nashville at TrueCore Behavioral Solutions with Incarcerated youth
- 2019 Arts Education Apprenticeship, Opportunity Now with Conexion Americas

Art-Making

- 2017 Art Direction: collaboration with painter, Beth English and photographer, John Partipilo

Story Booth Nashville: Getting Around Nolensville Pike

Partnership with Conexion Americas and Envision Nolensville Pike to gather community stories about transit. Story Booth Nashville is a mobile recording tent. Creating a six-part audio series on [Soundcloud](#)

Story Booth Nashville: [Coming Out](#)

Partnership with [Tennessee Equality Project](#), to gather community stories about Coming Out. Creating six audio episodes, featuring some interviewees.
Produce and curate stage show, showcasing eight interviewees, Lipstick Lounge, Nashville, TN

- 2018 **Story Booth Nashville: “Working It Out: LGBTQ Community at Work”** project, In partnership with Tennessee Equality Project, funded through the THRIVE project, with Metro Arts. Produce and curate stage show, showcasing seven interviewees, abrasiveMedia, Nashville, TN
Co-producing **Community Map of Nolensville Road** with Artist, Amy Jackson, including ArtFlash: Create Your Community Map event
[Opportunity Now](#) Showcase: Assisted two groups of teenagers, trained in the summer program, in creating a podcast and a short film
Planned Parenthood: collaboration to record oral histories of longtime supporters of Women’s health in Middle Tennessee
WeGo Public Transit: Storytelling collaboration, [#mytransitstory](#), with photographer, [John Partipilo](#)
- 2018 Learning Lab: artist collaboration with Department of Social Services, focusing on Community-building with Seniors in North Nashville, at Elizabeth Center
Artist Residency at Elizabeth Center, focusing on increasing arts experiences of Participants
- 2019 Contributed podcast episode and Flash Nonfiction piece to Nashville Visionaries exhibit, Curated by Carl Pope, at Tennessee State University
- 2019 Heart of Columbia: Tracking meaning through community engagement, visual art, and, a heat map, in collaboration with Greater Nashville Regional Council
- 2019 Scout Your Route: an interactive walking tour, collaboration with the City of Lebanon, TN
- 2019

Producing

- 1997-2001 **Women Out Loud**
Started Women’s Open Mic night in Knoxville, creating a space for female performers
- 1999-2001 Four Songwriter Competition events in Knoxville, TN, two fundraisers for Sexual Assault Crisis Center
- 2000-2001 Co-owner and Program Planner for threenineteen, Knoxville, TN
- 2001 Laurel High School Student Film Festival at threenineteen, in partnership with East Tennessee PBS.
- 2015 **True Stories: NSFW** at The East Room, Nashville TN, four storytelling shows on various themes
- 2016 Produced three storytelling shows in partnership with Sideshow at Actor’s Bridge, Darkhorse Theater, Nashville, TN
- 2017 **True Stories Let Loose: Storytelling Shows**
The Artists Speak: Outsider at abrasiveMedia.
The Artists Speak: Purpose at abrasiveMedia

Writing

- 2002 Self-published “Testament,” a book of poetry
- 2012-2015 Blogger at [Big Blue Dot Y’all](#)

- 2016 Two Essays published on [Tenx9 Nashville](#) website
- 2017 "Whiteout" poem, published in Nasty Women Book Project
- 2017 "In a Tiny Office," published on Tenx9 Nashville website
- "Two Artists Talk Trauma and Truth" [abrasiveMedia](#) blog
- 2018 "Conversations with Omari Booker" [abrasiveMedia](#) blog
- "Making Bowie Proud" Part 1 & 2, [abrasiveMedia](#) blog

Performing

Hosting:

- 1997-2001 Women Out Loud, Knoxville, TN
- 2000-2001 Get Your Heart On: Poetry Series Event, Knoxville, TN
- 2015-2016 True Stories: NSFW, Nashville, TN
- 2017 Women's March Kick-off, Lipstick Lounge, Nashville, TN
- True Stories Let Loose: The Artists Speak, [abrasiveMedia](#), Nashville, TN (Two events)
- 2018 True Stories Let Loose: Coming Out and Working It Out

Poetry:

- 1997-2001 Poetry at Women Out Loud
- 2000-2001 Knoxville Poetry Slam
- 2001 Asheville Poetry Slam
- 2002 Reading from "Testament" at Malaprop's Bookstore, Asheville, NC
- 2017 Reading with Nasty Women Nashville Fundraiser for TIRRC
- 2018 Featured Poet, Flatrock Poetry, Nashville TN
- Featured Reader, with [The Porch](#), Bobby's Idle Hour, Nashville, TN
- 2019 Host of Lyrical Brew in March

Comedy:

- 2017 Guest on panels with Cushing and Associates, Third Coast Comedy Club, Nashville, TN
- 2018-2019 Stand-up at various venues

Storytelling:

- 2013-2018 Told 21 true, personal stories at Tenx9 Nashville, more than any other storyteller
- 2015-2016 True Stories: NSFW, six stories told
- 2016 That Time Of The Month, Zanies, Nashville, TN
- Neighbors (pre-podcast), Flatrock Coffee & Tea, Nashville, TN
- 2017 Various stories at Tenx9 Nashville, Douglas Corner Cafe
- Tenx9 and The Porch present, Parnassus Books, Nashville, TN
- 2018 Hope Happens, A night of storytelling and poetry at Thistle Farms, Nashville, TN
- Hear Me Out, Flatrock Coffee and Tea, Nashville, TN
- Life Out Loud, Cafe Coco, Nashville, TN
- Unlocked, a collaboration with [One Voice Nashville](#), featuring voices from inside the Juvenile Justice system, 4th Story Theater
- Resistomato: Tomato Arts Festival
- The Sirens of Appalachia, Tennessee Women's Theater Project, Women's Work 2018
- 2019 Facilitator with [Narrative 4](#) story sharing
- 2019 Storytelling at Tenx9 Nashville, and for three community events

Public Speaking

- 1995-1997 Regular speaking engagements as part of my position with Dismas House
- 1999 Laurel High School Graduation
- 2015 Telling Your Story with Nashville Creative Group
Speaker Session at Art Camp
- 2016 Elements of Story with Nashville Creative Group
Social Media Literacy, Stratford High School, Nashville, TN
Speaker Session at Art Camp
- 2017 [Creative Mornings](#) featured speaker, "Taboo," Nashville, TN
Keynote Speech and session at Art Camp Nashville on Community-based art and Collaboration
- 2018 Storytelling with 8th Graders, Lead Public Schools
Presenter at [The National Consortium for Creative Placemaking](#) Northeast Conference
Presenter at The National Consortium for Creative Placemaking Southeast Conference
- 2019 Presenter at The National Consortium for Creative Placemaking Appalachian Conference

Awards:

- 1992 Voted Outstanding Graduate in Both Majors
Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award
- 1994 Selected for Storytelling project funded by Providence Mutual Insurance, with Drew Theological School in Newark, NJ
- 2017 Creative's On The Rise: Influencer category, Creative's Day, Nashville, TN
- 2018 Selected for Metro Arts Learning Lab program for community-based artists
- 2019 Selected for Phase Two of Metro Arts Learning Lab