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**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D., English, University of Wisconsin, 2020.

Dissertation: *Man of God: A Novel*

Advisor: Dr. George Clark

M.A., English, Bemidji State University, 2016.

Thesis: "Causes and Symptoms of Combat-Induced Posttraumatic Stress Disorder  
in Macbeth"

Advisor: Dr. Larry Swain

B.A., summa cum laude, Bemidji State University, 2013.

Major: English

Advisor: Dr. Rose Weaver

B.A., summa cum laude, Bemidji State University, 2013.

Major: Humanities

Thesis: "Like Candy instead of Bread: Sergei Eisenstein, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn,  
and the Nature of Artistic Genius"

Advisor: Dr. Rose Weaver

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Novels: Adult**

*The Other Side*, Simon and Schuster, 2000.

*Praying to a Laughing God*, Simon and Schuster, 1998.

In manuscript: *The Moon Song*, a novel.

**Novels: Young Adult**

*Switch*, Simon and Schuster, 1996.

*Sun Dance*, Simon and Schuster, 1995.

*Pecking Order*, Harpercollins, 1994.

*The Walls of Pedro Garcia*, Delacorte Press, 1993.

**Short Stories: Young Adult**

"Hunting Bear," in *Twelve Shots: Twelve Outstanding Stories about Guns*,  
Delacorte Press, 1997.

## HONORS AND AWARDS—WRITING

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National Book Award Nomination, *The Other Side*, 2000.  
National Book Award Nomination, *Praying to a Laughing God*, 1998.  
Dashiell Hammett Prize finalist, *Praying to a Laughing God*, 1998.

## WRITING GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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Loft/McKnight Foundation Fellowship for Fiction, 2003.  
Bush Artist Fellowship, 2001.  
Minnesota State Arts Board Mentorship Program, 1995.  
Minnesota State Arts Board Grant, 1994.

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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Teaching Assistant, Bemidji State University, 2020.  
English 6316: Seminar in British Literature – Shakespeare’s History Plays (1 section). 5 students.

Adjunct Professor, Bemidji State University, 2019-20.  
English 3150: Writing in the Disciplines (2 sections). Sole instructor, 20 students.

Graduate Assistant, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 2016-2019.  
English 101: Introduction to College Writing (4 sections). Sole instructor, 25 students per section.  
English 102: College Writing and Research (3 sections). Sole instructor, 25 students per section.  
English 233: Introduction to Creative Writing (1 section). Sole instructor, 25 students.

Graduate Assistant, Bemidji State University, 2013-2016.  
English 1151: Composition (3 sections). Sole instructor, 25 students per section.  
English 2152: Argument and Exposition (3 sections). Sole instructor, 25 students per section.

Teaching Assistant, Bemidji State University, 2015.  
English 4420: Shakespeare and his Age (1 section). 40 students.

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

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Freelance Novelist: 1991-Present.  
Wrote and published six novels. Coordinated with publicists at Delacorte Press, HarperCollins, and Simon and Schuster to promote my work through mailings, radio and television, school visits, and other public appearances. Maintained financial and publication records.

Writing Instructor, The Institute of Children's Literature: 1996-2011.

Responsible for Instruction and Mentorship of creative writing students in writing short fiction, short non-fiction, novels, and book-length non-fiction, both online and through correspondence. Maintained student and financial records.

Health Club Supervisor: 1989-1991.

Responsible for maintenance of a health club in the Northwest Health Club system, now Lifetime Fitness. Responsible for the hiring and firing of personnel, the purchase of supplies and working with associated salespeople, and the development and coordination of daily and yearly maintenance schedules.

Nuclear Reactor Operator, United States Navy: 1982-1988.

Responsible for the operation, testing, and maintenance of the control, instrumentation, and protective systems of a nuclear propulsion reactor aboard the USS *Bainbridge*. Responsible for the training of all associated nuclear personnel. Served in combat zones in the Caribbean and Central America, North Africa, and the Middle East. While temporarily assigned to the Coast Guard, awarded the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal.

#### TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS

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Bemidji State University, 2013-2016.

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 2016-2019.

#### HONORS AND AWARDS—ACADEMIC

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Distinguished Graduate Student Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 2018-19.

Summa cum laude in English and the Humanities, Bemidji State University, 2013.

Deans List, Bemidji State University, 2011-2013.

#### AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

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American Federation of Teachers, 2016-2019.

Association of Writing Programs, 2016-present.

Assistant Editor, *The Cream City Review*, 2016.

Writing Center Instructor, Bemidji State University, 2011-2015.

Judge, The Edgar Awards, 2000.

Fiction Judge, the *OASIS* Awards, a national literary journal and writing contest, 2009.

Mentor, Minnesota State Arts Board Mentorship Program, 1995

#### REFERENCES

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Dr. George Clark  
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UWM Department of English

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