

Julia C. Achterberg

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Education

1992 B.A. in English. Teacher Certification.
Teaching minor in Biology, cognate in Art.
Michigan State University East Lansing, MI 48824
GPA: 3.4 at completion.
Cumulative GPA at MSU: 3.87

1988 Diploma, Honors
Haslett High School 5450 Marsh Rd. Haslett, MI 48840

Certification

Michigan Secondary Professional Certificate (6-12) expiring 2017
BA and DA endorsements, Highly Qualified in English

Teaching Experience

- 2000-Pres **High School Guided Study Supervisor/Homebound Tutor**
Okemos High School
Principal: Christine Sermak, previously Dr. John Lanzetta
Vice Principals: Russ Verrell and Asja Wilcox
Supervised six guided study halls (teaching study skills and technology lessons), and tutored homebound students in all subject areas. Sponsor of the Black Student Union, Med/Ren club, and monthly Open Mic Poetry Nights.
Proctor for MEAP, ACT, MME and other standardized testing.
- 2012-2013 **ELA Content Area Expert**
W-A-Y Program
Supervisors: Bethany Rayl (Regional Executive) and John McCarthy (Curriculum Director)
Acting as an ELA expert in an online PBL-based environment evaluating student products according to the Common Core Standards, creating projects, and mentoring students directly. Created a digital writing workshop for the Creative Writing Elective. Also chosen to build PBL-based ELA curriculum for Michigan EAA.
- 1998-2000 **High School Teacher**
Homer Community Schools
Principal: Jeff Hinkle (replaced by Tom Sallow)
Mentor: Nancy Norton (and Art Welch), English and History
Taught 9th-10th grade English at both college prep and regular

levels and instructed one class of 9th grade Biology. Selected texts for 2000-2001 and read for and “co-hosted” the Big Eight Quizbowl Invitational hosted by Homer High School. Chaperoned and administered job shadowing experiences under the business teacher's program.

1998

Substitute Teacher

Ingham Intermediate School District, Okemos Schools, East Lansing Schools, Haslett School, and Williamston Schools.

Substitute taught full time in all areas and age levels while attending MSU, pursuing graduate programs in Fiction Writing and Literature.

1996-1998

High School Teacher

Houghton-Portage Township Schools

Principal: Timothy J. Murphy (replaced by Kass Gerhardt)

Mentor: Jane Liimatainen, English and Literature

Instructed 11th and 12th grade Advanced Anatomy and regular and Honors 9th grade English (Lit and Comp).

Sponsored the chess club. Chaired the NCA Reading Goal Committee and assisted in writing the High School English Curriculum from state benchmarks and guidelines. Also shared in organizing the Annual Shakespeare Festival.

1993-1996

Jr./Sr. High Teacher

Lakeside Christian School

Director: TreilaJill Friar

Instructed all of the following classes: 5 classes of English (7-12 Houghton-Mifflin series), Literature (British and American), ESL, World History (9-10), History (7-8), Church History, Government, Physical Science (9-10), Computer/Typing (7), and New Testament Bible. In addition to these, I also supervised study hall, a part-time lunch detention, and a part-time “tardy” room. Activities I organized and attended with students included an annual trip to the Michigan Renaissance Festival (Lit.) and Spring Arbor College’s Annual Model U.N. Project (Gov.).

1992-1993

Substitute Teacher

Haslett, Williamston, Okemos, East Lansing, Holt, and Perry Schools

All areas, all ages.

Additional Teaching Experience

Student Teacher in Biology and English

Durand High School 9575 Monroe Rd. Durand, MI 48429 (517)288-3468

Supervising Teachers: Darlene DeYoung (English) and Susan Bentley (Biology)

Field Supervisor (MSU): Patricia Babcock
Instructed on class of Biology, two classes of 10th grade English, and one 11th grade English. Assisted in a First Responders Class for Ms. Bentley.

Field Experiences

Hannah Middle School 819 Abbott Rd. East Lansing, MI 48823
Supervising Teacher: Hope Jackard (General Science)

MacDonald Middle School 1602 Burcham East Lansing, MI
Supervising teachers: Ms. Bartley and Mr. King
(6th grade Social Studies/Math Team Room)

Writing Workshop Instructor

Waverly Middle School Writing Workshop, 1991
Supervisor: Marilyn Wilson, Professor at MSU
Instructed students in the writing of Legends, Myths, and Fables.

Scribble, Scrawl, and Compose, 1991
Supervisor: Dianne Brunner, Professor at MSU
Instructed students in writing poetry.

Professional Development Activities

Conference Attendance and Presentations

- 1994-95 Association for Christian Schools International
South Bend, IN Teacher Conference
- 1998 NCTE conference Chicago
- 1999 NCTE conference Detroit
- 2007 Bright Ideas Conference, Michigan State University
Pre-conference Technology Workshops
co-presented "Teaching English in the Digital Age"
(with Elizabeth Cyr, also a Teacher Consultant from RCWP)

Institutes, Workshops, and Organizations

- 2002 Teacher Consultant, 2002 Cohort
Red Cedar Writing Project's Summer Institute
MSU site of the National Writing Project for Teachers
Directors: Dr. Janet Swenson, Dr. Diane Mitchell
- 2002-06 Member of Teachers as Writers, a continuity program of the RCWP
Program Leader: Dr. Mary Anna Kruch, Grand Valley State University

- 2006 Digital Storytelling Workshop
provided by Pearson Education and the Bay Area Writing Project
hosted by the Red Cedar Writing Project and the MSU Writing Center
- 2006 Red Cedar Writing Project's "Summer Workshops Marathon"
An entire summer of teacher professional development workshops and activities
focused on integrating technology into the classroom.
Workshops attended: Reading and Writing Graphic Novels facilitated by Gene Yang
(American Born Chinese, Level Up, The Last Airbender), Incorporating Pop Culture
and Video Games into the Classroom, Online Publishing for Students, Webquests
and Online Research, Writing on Exhibit: Digital Writing in Museum Experience,
Zines, Podcasting, Blogs, Classroom Websites, Slideshows, Digital Portfolios, Wikis,
Vodcasting, and the ongoing digital writing marathon.
Participated in and/or facilitated book talks on Chris Turner's *Planet Simpson:
How a Cartoon Masterpiece Defined a Generation*, Gene Yang's *American Born
Chinese* (graphic novel), Steven Johnson's *Everything Bad is Good for You: How
Today's Popular Culture is Actually Making Us Smarter*, and Marc Prensky's
Don't Bother Me Mom, I'm Learning.
- 2006-Pres Program Leader for Teachers as Writers, a continuity program of the RCWP.
Hold meetings and provide support for a community of writer/educators.
- 2008, 2009 RCWP Summer Technology Institute. Tech liaison participant and presenter
demonstrating Second Life.
RCWP Wide Paths Conference, Visual Literacy Strand participant.
- 2010-2011 Tech Coach for SE2T2, Superintendents Extending Education Through
Technology, an initiative of MASA (Michigan Association of School
Administrators) Director: Jerry Jennings, Ed.D.

Published Work

- 2007 *Imagining Desire: An Anthology of Second Life Poets*, Musofyr Publishing
Phorkyad Acropolis, editor (aka Stephen Schum, PhD Professor of Theatre and
Media Communication, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg)
Two of my poems were published; "Decadence I" and "Whatif".
- 2013 *Women's Experience in Second Life*, MacFarland Publishing April, 2013
Co-editor and contributing author (with Dianna Baldwin, Associate Director of the
Writing Center at Michigan State University) of an anthology of academic essays on

women's experiences in virtual worlds.

Contributed the essay, *Digital Geisha*, about women's roles in cross-gender relationships in virtual worlds.

Virtual Worlds Experience

Second Life (6+ years) Avatar Name: **Steorling Heron**

Poetry Contest Hostess, Zephyr's Aire Pub Selina Sodwind, proprietor
Recruiter, Dancer, and Bookings Manager for Australian multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter, producer Dexter Ihnen (Dexter Moore/Morph in real-life; Dolphin award winning songwriter and "Guitar Wizard" of Australia with six albums of his own and a production studio, Dexonyx, where he masters other artists' work.)

Creator/Hostess of StarGaze Poetry Nights, Developers Dock, Microsoft Sims
Guest Manager/Security, Hipnotic Moon venue, Silent Lucidity Tommy Cult and Chalise Montgomery, owners.

Spoken Word Poet, Blue Angel Poet's Dive, Persephone Phoenix, owner.

SL Blogger, www.steorling.myspace.com

Repeat Attendee, Montreal Musician's Meet-up hosted in "real life" by musician, singer, songwriter Montian Gilruth (Ian Gray), musician, singer, songwriter, Maximillion Kleene, and singer Mimi Carpenter. (2009 and 2011)

BlueMars Avatar Name: **Steorling**

beta tester

Entropy Avatar Name: **Jaedaheis "Steorling" Eslenar**

disgruntled (gimped until v.10.2) newbie

Anarchy Online (eight years) Avatar Name: **Jaedaheis** (and alts)

Unit Commander, People of Borealis

General, Dark Revolution

General, Dead Reckoning

LOTRO *beta tester since pre-launch, Co-founder of Kinship on Morthond.*

European and US Servers, multiple avatars. (Steorling, Jadeaheis, Ruinriel, etc)

Community Organizations, Honors, and Awards

Community

Girls Scouts (Elementary, Jr. High)

4-H of Ingham County, equestrian and art, founded dog club as a Teen Leader (1985-88)

East Lansing Trinity Church, youth and college ministries (1984-1994) Still Attending.

Huron River Labrador Retriever Club (1990-1993)

Muscular Dystrophy Association Annual K-9 Walk fundraiser/promotion (1987-1991)

Master Gardner Program, Ingham County Extension (2001-2002)

College

Dean's List

Invited to attend graduate courses in Sonnet Writing as a freshman by Professor Whallon, College of Arts and Letters, Michigan State University

High School

National Honor Society (1986-88)

Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Cert. Of Recognition

Member of Haslett Choir and 16 member Haslett Chorale under Mary Alice Stollack (1982-1988) Numerous "One" ratings and Gold Awards at state, regional, national, and international music competitions. Selected by Mrs. Stollack from the members of the Chorale to attend the MSU Choir Leaders Clinic. Enrolled in AP English and AP Biology earning 21 credits scoring a 5 on each exam.

Travel, hobbies, interests

Traveled most of the United States as well as, the Bahamas, Canada, Italy, and the Netherlands. Interested in reading, creative writing (novels, poetry), horses, Labrador Retrievers, canoeing, camping, hiking, drawing/mixed media, photography, music, travel, bead art, cooking, gardening, gaming, virtual worlds, emerging technology, and much more.

References, Credentials, Letters of Recommendation, and Writing Portfolio

Available upon request