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## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

### Co-owner, Mud Flat Press

Involved in all aspects of this book publishing business using print on demand (POD) technology and digital media. Writing, editing, design of cover art and inside of book. Created, designed and administer the Press's website and Facebook account. Editing scripts for book reading events. Communicating with and advising clients, managing, scheduling and tracking publishing projects to finish on deadlines, promoting the books & the business with written, verbal and online communication.  
<http://www.mudflatpress.com>

### Co-owner, ClaytonWorks

Involved in all aspects of this graphic arts, design & writing business. Services consist of web & graphic design, copy writing, editing, design of newsletters, brochures, business cards, posters, & logos. Communicating with, advising and working in collaboration with clients; and scheduling and tracking projects to meet deadlines. <http://www.claytonworks.com>

Author — six novels and one book of art criticism.

### Freelance writer

**The News Tribune**, Tacoma, Washington — theater review column and arts and entertainment stories by assignment.

**Weekly Volcano, Tacoma, Washington** — art review column and feature stories by assignment.

**Thurston Talk** — feature articles by assignment.

### SAGE-Olympia

Website designer and email list manager using Mailman and social media for this net affiliate of SAGE USA. <http://sageolympia.org>

### PFLAG-Olympia

Website designer, newsletter co-editor, and email alert list manager using Mailman.  
<http://www.pflag-olympia.org>

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

**Copy editor**, Weekly Volcano, Tacoma, Washington, 2006-2009.

**Features writer**, Art Access, Seattle, Washington — monthly art reviews, 1995-2009.

**Assistant Features Editor**, The News Tribune, Tacoma, Washington — selected and edited wire service stories, edited stories from staff and freelance writers, wrote book reviews and news briefs, April-Dec. 2003.

**Newsletter Editor & Program Facilitator**, Oasis Youth Center, Tacoma, Washington — desktop publishing of a monthly newsletter 2001 to 2002.

**Freelance writer**, The Olympian, Olympia, Washington — wrote arts, entertainment and travel stories, 1997 to 2002.

**Senior Editor**, Fort Lewis Ranger, Tacoma, Washington — wrote news stories on military and veterans issues; weekly interview column; sports column; feature stories with an emphasis on culture and lifestyle; art, theater and music reviews; copyediting, 1996 to 2001.

**Columnist and calendar editor**, Tacoma City Paper, Tacoma, Washington — wrote lifestyle and arts features, news stories, and a weekly visual arts review; compiled a weekly arts and entertainment calendar, edited copy and participated in planning sessions with editorial staff, 1995 to 1998.

**Freelance writer**, Art Papers, Atlanta, Georgia — wrote art reviews, 1980 to 1985.

**Freelance writer**, The Hattiesburg American, Hattiesburg, Mississippi — wrote feature articles, 1980 to 1985.

**Co-owner and Editor**, Persons Publishing, Hattiesburg, Mississippi — Published a weekly newspaper (5 years), a monthly general interest magazine (1+ years), and a statewide quarterly arts and literary magazine, Mississippi Arts & Letters, (2 years). Responsibilities included reporting and interviewing, writing, copy editing, design, photography, illustration, distribution, bookkeeping, business correspondence, advertising sales, public relations and marketing, and training and supervising a small staff. Mississippi Arts and Letters was ranked in the top 100 fiction markets in the United States by Writer's Digest for our relationship with and encouragement of writers in 1984, 1977 to 1985.

**Editor**, Everything for Everybody, New York, N.Y. — edited, designed and distributed a community-based alternative weekly newspaper while working as staff member for a multi-faceted service organization, 1973 to 1977.

## EDUCATION

**MA**, drawing and painting, East Tennessee State University, 1970.

**BFA**, drawing and painting, University of Southern Mississippi, 1967.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### **Families United Against Hate**

Board secretary of this grassroots nonprofit organization created by and for families and survivors of hate-motivated violence, 2001 to present. <http://www.fuah.org>

### **PFLAG-Olympia**

Member 1995-present, board president 2003 – 2012. <http://www.pflag-olympia.org>

### **Olympia Unity in the Community**

Dedicated to organizing positive and pro-diversity educational events and appropriate community responses to the presence of hate groups in the Olympia area, 2006 to present.

<http://www.olympiaunityinthecommunity.org>

**SAGE-Olympia** - Leadership team member, 2011 to present. <http://sageolympia.org>

**Stonewall Youth** - Board member sometime around 1996-97. <http://www.stonewallyouth.org>

**Safe Schools Coalition** - trainer 1996-2012.

**Capital City Pride** - planning committee and co-editor of event program 2004-2007 and planning committee 2013.

## AWARDS

**Lifetime Achievement in Human Rights Award** - Thurston (County) Diversity Council, 2013

**Heartbeat and Advocacy Award** - PFLAG-Olympia, 2012

**Activist of the Year Award** - Capital City Pride, Olympia WA, 2012

**Volunteer Recognition Award** - Arts Olympia, 1991