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ACADEMIC DEGREES

M.A., English, creative writing emphasis, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, 1995.

B.A., English, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, 1988.

B.A., Mass Media-Communication, print journalism emphasis, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, 1988.

BOOKS

SELECTED ESSAYS AND JOURNALISM

On the Opioid Crisis and the Grief of Ohio

ls, *Furnishing Eternity*

November 3, 2017. Print.

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March 24, 2017. Online.

Online.

-10, 2014.

Republished on Esquire.com, April 19, 2014. Online.

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Grantland, March 21, 2014. Online.

Grantland, S, April 19, 2014. Online.

SHORT FICTION

-80 #7, Akron, Ohio, Fall/Winter 2004.

-80 #6, Akron, Ohio, Spring 2004.

-80 #5, Akron, Ohio, Fall/Winter 2003.

-80 #3, Akron, Ohio, Spring 2003.

-80 #3, Akron, Ohio, Spring 2003.

NEWSPAPER AND RADIO JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

AKRON BEACON JOURNAL, Akron, Ohio

Columnist and Feature Writer, June 1994 to November 2008

WKSU, 89.7-FM (NPR), Kent, Ohio

Regular contributor of features and commentary, 2000 to 2006.

MEDINA COUNTY GAZETTE, Medina, Ohio

Reporter and Features Editor, May 1990 to June 1994

SELECTED ACADEMIC & LITERARY SEMINARS

One Step Forward: Writing the Rust Belt and Learning Its Lessons

Western Reserve Writers Conference,

Writing the Rust Belt: Techniques for Writing About Place and Why It s So Important

Featured Reading, Panelist. September 25-26, 2020.

Western Reserve Writers Conference,

Featured presenter leading daylong workshop sessions on creative nonfiction writing.
Annually, 2012 to present.

Presented: Creative Nonfiction Workshop. April 29, 2017.

Panelist: Open Q&A. April 1, 2017.

July 25, 2015.

Narrative Expectations in the Personal Essay April 8-11, 2015.

November 15, 2014.

November 16, 2013.

Moderator/presenter
March 7, 2013.

November 17, 2012.

August 18, 2012.

March 3, 2012.

Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio.

The MFA The000B3C143.59004831005100470003>100010040580055.000100405800370048120044900

October 14, 2004.

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

Professional Development Leave, University of Akron, Spring semester, 2023 (forthcoming).

Ohioana Book Award finalist, *Barnstorming Ohio*, Ohioana Library Association, 2021.

Library Journal *Barnstorming Ohio*, 2020.

AudioFile Magazine Earphones Award,

University of Akron Faculty Research Summer Fellowship, 2013.

Northern Kentucky One Book One Community selection, *All the Way Home*, 2011.

Choose to Read Ohio, *All the Way Home* (selected for major statewide literacy campaign), 2010-2011.

Cleveland Arts Prize, Mid-Career Art

SERVICE TO THE BUCHTEL COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

RTP Committee, Humanities Full Professor, 2020 to present.

Member, Horn Faculty Search Committee, Department of Music, 2013-2014.
Buchtel College Council, Department of English representative, 2011-2012.

Buchtel College Council Ad Hoc Committee on Minors and Certificates, 2012.

Buchtel College Council Curriculum Committee, Department of English representative, 2011-2012.

Keynote Address, Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences Phi Sigma Alpha Honorary Society Induction and Awards Reception. April 2010.

Collaborated with College of Arts and Sciences to conceive and launch a scholarship fund in the name of Rob Levandoski, a deceased University of Akron writing instructor, 2009.

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND NEOMFA

NEOMFA Campus Coordinator, Fall 2014 to present.

NEOMFA Executive Committee member, Fall 2014 to present.

Member, search committee to hire NEOMFA Permanent Coordinator, 2021.

Graduate Programs Coordinator, Spring 2018 to Spring 2019.

Nominated and presented colleague Mary Biddinger with the Cleveland Arts Prize, September 2019.

Hosted and introduced NEOMFA visiting author Adam Gopnik, University of Akron, March, 2018.

Co-chair (with Dr. Mary Biddinger), RTP committee: Three assistant professor renewals, 2017.

Hosted and introduced NEOMFA visiting author Rob Sheffield, University of Akron, 6-8, 2017.

Hosted and introduced NEOMFA visiting author Roxane Gay, University of Akron, November 19-20, 2015.

Hosted and introduced NEOMFA visiting author Chuck Klosterman, University of Akron, February 20-21, 2014.

Hosted and introduced NEOMFA visiting author Sarah Vowell, University of Akron, April 25-26, 2012.

Department Committees:

2017-2018:

Department Advisory Committee
Graduate Programs/Assistants Committee

2016-2017:

Department Advisory Committee
Graduate Programs/Assistants Committee

2015-2016:

Graduate Assistants Committee
Composition Program Committee

2014-2015:

Graduate Assistants Committee
Undergraduate Program Committee
Composition Program Committee

2013-2014:

Department of English Undergraduate Programs Committee.
Department of English task force on revamping the major

2012-13:

Department of English Advisory Committee.
Department of English Undergraduate Programs Committee.

2011-12:

Department of English Advisory Committee.
Department of English Library Committee, Chair

2010-11:

Department of English Library Committee, Chair.

2009-10

Department of English Library Committee.

2009 to present

Department Awards Committees (various)

NEOMFA Committees

NEOMFA Executive Committee, 2014-present

Judge, Thurber Prize for American Humor, 2015

Visiting Editor, Ashland University MFA program in creative writing, July 2015.

Introduced author

Again --

Hospital, May 31, 2014.

Presented the band the Black Keys with the Cleveland Arts Prize, Cleveland Museum of Art Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio, June 27, 2013.

Keynote Address, Ronald McDonald House Annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, Firestone Country Club, Akron, Ohio, May 7, 2011.

Judge, Square Stories

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INVITED MEDIA APPEARANCES AND REVIEWS (selected)

PRINT

Most Interesting People 2018: David Giffels Cleveland Magazine, January 2018.

David Giffels Built Coffins With His Father. Then His Father Died. Fatherly, January 17, 2018.

Books: A Father and Son Bond Over a Coffin Detroit Free Press, January 6, 2018.

ew: Books from Karen Ellis, David Giffels and Sam Graham-Felsen

rk Times Book Review, December 24, 2017.

Furnishing Eternity

Furnishing Eternity

Furnishing Eternity Reviews, October 15, 2017.

Furnishing Eternity

Review, July 21, 2016.

-makers to playmake

The Hard Way on Purpose

January 18, 2015.

The Hard Way on Purpose

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inneapolis Star Tribune, April 5, 2014.

Columbus Alive, April 3, 2014.

Republic, March 22, 2014.

Journal, Nov. 24, 2009. *All the Way Home* (selected by Gwendolyn Bounds), Wall Street

, 2008.

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TELEVISION, RADIO AND ONLINE

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