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Arlington Poet Laureate Committee

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Attention: Arlington Poet Laureate Committee

I would like to express my interest in being considered for an appointment to Arlington's Poet Laureate Committee. It would be a delight to be involved with helping to recommend a Poet Laureate to Arlington's Select Board and support our town's Poet Laureate in events across Arlington.

It is exciting to live in a community that continues to seek ways to strengthen links between the arts and the people of the town. Arts in the community can range from familiar to unexpected to challenging. Today especially, people are seeking out art that comforts and inspires and I would like to be involved in advocating for an artist that nourishes the town by helping its people discover and reflect on their daily lives.

I welcome the opportunity to learn more about the Poet Laureate Committee and would be happy to talk about it in further detail.

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Experience

Arlington Public Schools
Title 1 Math Interventionist
September 2016 - present

Arlington, MA

Identify, assess and instruct elementary school students in grades K-5 who need specialized instruction and practice in mathematical concepts. Work closely in

partnership with general education classroom teachers using curricula from TERC Mathematics and Kathy Richardson's AMC.

Arlington Public Schools Arlington, MA

Math Specialist

September 2011 – 2016

Instructed small groups of elementary school students in grades 1-3 who needed practice and additional instruction in mathematical concepts

Freelance Writer/Book Researcher Arlington, MA

September 2001 - 2016

Provided historical research and interviewed subjects as an assistant to author Larry Tye for the Satchel Paige biography, *Satchel – The Life and Times of an American Legend*, published by Random House. Also wrote and edited business features, careers features, case studies and news articles for a wide range of business and trade magazines and Web sites including *CIO*, *NetworkWorld*, *BioITworld*, *TechTarget.com* and *Microsoft Executive Circle*.

Taquitos.net

Senior Editor

April 1999 - present

Cambridge, MA

Interview corporate executives for online Q&A features, edit feature stories and write and compile food news items. Organize and participate in taste test review sessions and compile and write snack food reviews.

Served as a Taquitos.net media spokesperson. Featured in a wide variety of news stories ranging from the *Los Angeles Times* to *The Wall Street Journal*.

CXO Media -- *CIO* and *Darwin* magazines

Feature Writer

October 1999-September 2001

Framingham, MA

Conceived, reported and wrote national award-nominated feature stories for leading national technology and business monthly magazines. Pieces covered a broad range of topics and issues and included cover stories, pieces on managing beloved brands with small IT staffs, and the ERP-fueled rebirth of Indian Motorcycles.

Managed online CRM Research Centers for *CIO* and *Darwin*. Wrote features, updated news sections, researched links and functioned as staff consultant on CRM.

Wrote monthly "Trendline" features on human interest topics including technology-based foundations, pneumatic tube technology and breakfast cereal innovation.

Computerworld

Senior Writer

July 1998-October 1999

Framingham, MA

Planned and reported breaking and analytical news and technical section articles covering computer and technology industry for leading weekly technology newspaper.

Managed Industry Almanac financial section of *Computerworld*. Assigned and edited weekly column, advised writers and signed off on final page proofs for production.

Computerworld

Senior Online Writer

April 1995-July 1998

Framingham, MA

Planned and reported breaking news stories and features for online news feed. Stories included the Microsoft anti-trust lawsuit, Steve Jobs' return to Apple and the early rise of online stock trading. Conducted and edited audio interviews with industry newsmakers including presidential adviser Ira Magaziner and computer industry pioneer and computer mouse inventor Douglas Engelbart.

IDG Newsletters

Business Coordinator

June 1993-March 1995

Boston, MA

Coordinated conferences, vendor co-marketing programs, user group outreach and trade show presence for the newsletter division of International Data Group.

C-Ville Weekly

Associate Editor

July 1991 - August 1992

Charlottesville, VA

Edited news and feature arts stories. Wrote features, news and arts columns for weekly 40,000 circulation newspaper. Managed and produced Classified Ads section. Wrote the very first news features about the Dave Matthews Band and New York cabaret singer Jack Donahue.

Education

B.A. English University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA

Volunteer work

Founder and director of the Stratton Elementary School's annual "Letters About Literature" writing program. Introduced the program to the school's 5th grade students, oversee student participation and guide and coach students who participate in this national writing contest.

Volunteer with Food Link, Inc., an Arlington, MA-based community food rescue and environmental sustainability organization. Member of volunteer team that collects, sorts and distributes over 1,000 pounds of donated food items from 13 retail partners.

Volunteer with the ONE Campaign, U2's world advocacy organization fighting extreme poverty and preventable disease. Work with other volunteers at events to raise support for effective programs and advocate for private and government support.

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Stratton Elementary School

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