

SHARLA BENEDICT REGION
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EDUCATION

University of Florida, M.F.A., Creative Writing/Poetry, 2003

Florida State University, B.A., English/Creative Writing, Honors in the Major, 2000

Tallahassee Community College, A. A., 1998

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Upper Elementary Teacher (Lead Teacher), The Magnolia School, Tallahassee, FL 2008 – 2013
All subject areas, with specialization in Language Arts & Creative Writing

Adjunct Professor, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, 2003-2004
Freshman Composition and Rhetoric (121 & 122)

Adjunct Professor, Chattanooga State Technical & Community College, 2003
Freshman Composition, ENCL 1010

Teaching Assistant, University of Florida, 2001-2003
CRW 1301 Beginning Poetry Writing, ENC 2210 Technical Writing, and ENC 1102 Freshman
Composition: Writing about Literature with a focus on Latino literatures

Teacher of English as a Second Language, Caledonian School, 1992-1993, Prague, Czech
Republic

AREAS OF INTEREST & TEACHING COMPETENCE

Composition and Rhetoric, Technical and Professional Writing; Writing About Literature;
Creative Writing: poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction; Immigrant Literature; Latino Literature;
Contemporary Poetry; Travel and Environmental Writing; Translation; Writing for Mass Media;
Film, Book, Music and Poetry Reviews; English as a Second Language

JOB-RELATED EXPERIENCE

Self-Employed Musician & Music Teacher

1992 – present

Teaching emphasis on ukulele, banjo and guitar, basic music theory, singing and
songwriting. Five recorded collections of music, much of it original, and many years
experience as a performer in a variety of bands and musical genres, with an emphasis on
folk and Americana.

Self-Employed Tutor

2002 – present

All subjects, with an emphasis on home-schooling and Language Arts & Creative Writing.

Library Coordinator, Technical Writer, and Research Assistant

Benedict Engineering Co., 2004-2008

Tallahassee, FL

Responsible for: writing, editing, proofing, and formatting proposals and grants; writing and editing engineering and legal technical documents, papers, and correspondence; web research and literature searches; managing electronic and hardcopy files; library maintenance, both hardcopy and electronic.

Technical and Creative Writer/Consultant

FCAT Explorer Project, 2000-2004

Infinity Software Development, Tallahassee, FL

Responsible for: writing and editing passages and math and language-arts items for educational software geared to 4th-10th-grade students; writing advertising text; creating content and themes for games to support skill sets.

Item Writer

California Test Bank, 2001

Tallahassee, FL

Responsible for: writing language arts items for 5th-8th graders based on pre-chosen passages; matching items to skill sets to evaluate student aptitudes; locating and suggesting new passages for assigned grade levels.

Library Coordinator, Technical Writer, and Proposal Manager

Benedict Engineering Co., 1997-2000

Tallahassee, FL

Responsible for: editing, proofing, formatting, and writing proposals; writing and editing engineering and legal technical documents and correspondence; web research and literature searches; maintaining proposal calendars; Power Point graphics; managing electronic and hardcopy files; library maintenance, both hardcopy and electronic; training personnel in implementation process and electronic methods.

PUBLICATIONS

Poems:

“The Idea That Created the Universe,” *Mid-American Review*, Spring 2004

“Elegy for the Birdman,” *New England Review*, Summer 2003

“Ode to a Sword Swallower,” *GSU Review*, Spring 2000

Short fiction:

“The Fire Bird,” *FCAT Explorer*, 8th-Grade Reading, March 2002

“When Women Go to War,” *FCAT Explorer*, 10th-Grade Reading, May 2002

“From Crisis to Common Sense,” *FCAT Explorer*, 10th-Grade Reading, May 2002

“Leaving,” *Japanzine*, Spring 2000

“The Turkey,” *Seven Hills Short Stories*, 1997

Play:

“A Very Selfish Planet,” *FCAT Explorer*, 4th-Grade Reading, 2000

Nonfiction:

“Taking it Outside,” *Family Forum Magazine*, Spring 2000

“Dishing With the Sauce Boss,” *Break Magazine*, April 1999

Various book reviews, *Break Magazine*, 1998-2000

“A Pet Can Teach Us about Life’s Richness,” *Tallahassee Democrat*, October 1, 1998

“Apalachicola: What Was, What Is, What Will Be,” *Tallahassee Magazine*, Spring 1997

Technical:

“Parent and Family Guide,” *FCAT Explorer*

“Tips and Explanations,” *FCAT Explorer*

“Teacher Module,” *FCAT Explorer*

Editing:

Assistant Poetry Editor, *Apalachee Quarterly* (1997-1999)

Poetry Editor, *Eyrie* (1996-1998)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Fellow, National Writing Project (2009)

Meacham Writer’s Festival, Reader (2004)

Finalist, Georgia State University Poetry Contest (2000)

Golden Key Honor Society Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar (1999)

Academy of American Poets John Mackay Shaw Award (1999)

Cody Allen Harris Poetry Prize (1999)

FSU English Department Outstanding Undergraduate (1999)

Kingsbury Fellowship recipient (1999)

Winner, Seven Hills Short Story Contest (1997)

Winner, Best Poem at a Community College (1997)