

Areas of Expertise

Research

Grant Writing

Budgeting

Program Work

Collaboration

Administration

Recruitment

Public Relations

Marketing

Networking

Media Writing

E-Newsletters

Management

Special Events

Negotiation

Contracts

Teaching

Public Speaking

Lobbying

Advocacy

Entrepreneurship

Planning

Outreach

Computer Skills

PC's/Macintosh

iPhone

Microsoft Office

Websites

Social Media

Internet

Blogging

Midjourney AI

Type: 70 w.p.m.

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SUMMARY:

Seeking a position that helps to align the broader political culture with that of schools; we can't teach kindness, understanding and empathy in schools then present a society (to our children) that runs contrary; this type of cultural work is a long slog, but must be done.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Owner/Barista/Entrepreneur, Poseidon Coffee, Pittsfield, MA (2018-Current)

Began espresso kiosk at court complex in Pittsfield, MA, connecting with customers over coffee

Owner/LMT, Energy Rising/Stockbridge Massage, Pittsfield, MA (2011-2022)

Started massage therapy practices in Pittsfield and Stockbridge partnering with inns and B&B's

Freelance Writer, Berkshire Office of Tourism, Pittsfield, MA (2016-2017)

Wrote e-newsletter articles, website content and blogs to promote tourism in Western MA

Department Chair, Mildred Elley, Pittsfield, MA (2007-2010)

Wrote curriculum and taught classes full-time for the Mildred Elley Massage Therapy Program: recruiting and mentoring teachers, advising students, developing program.

Executive Director, NYC Audubon Society, New York, NY (2001-2002)

Responsible for managing the largest chapter of the Audubon Society. Philanthropy, legislation (gave testimony, wrote position papers) and research regarding natural areas in NYC.

- Wrote \$15,000 research grant: monitoring and stewardship of 15 islands in NY/NJ Harbor
- Wrote \$1,500 grant for publication of "Look Around New York" educational materials

Grant Manager/Environmental Coordinator, City of Everett, MA (1998-2000)

Wrote state grants to fund hazardous waste disposal, composting and recycling programs for residential, commercial, institutional and government locations; implemented grant programs.

- Wrote \$47,925 grant to begin recycling cooperative for businesses and to fund start-up costs for opening household hazardous waste center
- Wrote \$20,038 long-term Municipal Recycling Incentive Program grant
- Wrote \$13,713 grant to cover cost of TV/monitor processing plus provide equipment for recycling at multi-family dwellings
- Wrote \$7,200 Toxics Use Reduction grant to eliminate petroleum-based solvent use by municipal garage and area repair shops

EDUCATION/LICENSES/BOARDS:

City College of NY, MFA candidate, Creative Writing Program (2021-Current)

Thesis Adviser: Salar Abdoh; graduating December, 2026

SUNY, Albany, graduate literature coursework for MFA
Baruch/CUNY Business School, Marketing Program, 2004

Foundation Center research training, NYC, 2002

University of Massachusetts, Boston, 1994-1999

Bachelor of Arts: Philosophy major, English minor; Focus: Professional Writing

Board member Hoosic River Watershed Association, 2025

(Arranged partnership with UMASS, Amherst lab to test river for PFAS; advocated against land application of PFAS sludge fertilizer ultimately leading to a successful citizen petition.)

SUNY Schenectady Culinary Arts classes, Serv Safe Manager, 2020

MA State license therapeutic massage, 2006-2020