

SHANNON SANKEY

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EDUCATION

Chatham University, Pittsburgh, PA.

MFA, Poetry and Pedagogy, expected 2017.

University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, PA.

BA, Creative & Professional Writing, 2015.

Pittsburgh High School for the Creative & Performing Arts, Pittsburgh, PA.

HS Diploma, Literary Arts, 2011.

PUBLICATIONS

Literary Journals

“Watching My Mother Sleep” *Pittsburgh Poetry Review* (2015). Print.

“[Thorn Street](#)” *The Sigma Tau Delta Rectangle* (2015): 18-19. Print.

“[Little Prayer](#)” *Atticus Review* (2015). Web.

RECOGNITION

Fellowships

Margaret L. Whitford Fellowship, Full Tuition-Remission, 2015-17, Chatham University.

Green Scholar: Research & Teaching Assistantship 2014-15, University of Pittsburgh.

Awards

Gerald Stern Poetry Prize, 2015, University of Pittsburgh.

Scholarship to Chautauqua Writers Festival, 2015, Chautauqua, NY.

First Place, Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Poetry Contest, 2013, Jim Daniels.

APPEARANCES

Featured Readings

Classic Lines Bookstore, Nov 2015, Pittsburgh, PA.

Pittsburgh Poetry Review Launch Party, Nov 2015, Pittsburgh, PA.

Word Circus, Most Wanted Fine Arts Gallery, Sept 2015, Pittsburgh, PA.

The Rectangle Launch Party, Mar 2015, Albuquerque, NM.

Pitt-Greensburg Writers Festival, with Sheila Squillante, Apr 2015, Greensburg, PA.

Conferences

Presenter: Original Poetry, Sigma Tau Delta Conference, Mar 2015, Albuquerque, NM.

Presenter: Original Poetry, Sigma Tau Delta Conference, Mar 2014, Savannah, GA.

Panels

Panelist, "Minority Feminisms and Fiction Post-1970," Sigma Tau Delta Conference, Mar 2015, Albuquerque, NM.

Panelist, "We the Animals, We the Archetypes," Sigma Tau Delta Conference, Mar 2014, Savannah, GA.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editing

Editor, (Moore, Caroline) *Punk Rock Entrepreneur: Running a Business Without Losing Your Values*. Portland: Microcosm, 2016. Print. Forthcoming.

Guest Editor, *Pittsburgh Poetry Review*, Winter 2016. Print. Forthcoming.

Editor-in-Chief, *Pendulum Literary Magazine*, 2013-15. Print. Greensburg, PA.

Copy Editor, *The Insider*, Jan 2015-Apr 2015. Print. Greensburg, PA.

Copywriting

Copywriter & Digital Media Strategist, Inventionland, 2015-present, Pittsburgh, PA.

Freelance Copywriter, ShannonSankey.com, 2012-present, Pittsburgh, PA.

Copywriter, Carney+Co., 2012-15, Greensburg, PA.

COMMUNITY

Writing Instructor, Words Without Walls, Allegheny County Jail, Jun-Jul 2016.

Host, Word Circus Reading Series, Most Wanted Fine Arts Gallery, 2015-17,
Pittsburgh, PA.

Certified Adult Literacy Instructor, YWCA USA, 2013-15, Greensburg, PA.

Writing Instructor, GED Prep, YWCA USA, 2013-15, Greensburg, PA.

Panelist, Social Media Advisory Group, Blackburn Center Against Domestic and Sexual
Violence, 2013-15, Greensburg, PA.

Host, Spread the Word! Reading Series, University of Pittsburgh, 2011-15,
Greensburg, PA.

CREATIVE PROJECTS

Poetry Collection

Working Title: *Body, Autoimmune*.

Poems access the experience and language of disease through several selves:
the disembodied self, the ill body, the mother's body, the child, the woman.

Personas confront and empathize with one another in a fractured, lyric dialogue
of chronic illness.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.