

MICHELLE SKUPSKI BISSELL

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LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

President and Co-Founder, Buckets of Hope for Tenderhearts | 2012 – Present

- Founded a non-profit organization in memory of son, Jude, to support families grieving the loss of a child. Currently in partnership with the maternity ward at Southwest General Hospital
- Have raised and donated over \$15,000 to child loss organizations over a five-year period

President, Strongsville Cooperative Preschool | 2019 – present

Secretary, Strongsville Cooperative Preschool | 2017 – 2019

Strongsville PTA Member | 2015-present

Co-Coordinator, MOPS, Mentor United Methodist Church | 2014-2015

Hospitality Coordinator, MOPS, Mentor United Methodist Church | 2013-2014

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Editor, Akron Series in Contemporary Poetics | Fall 2010-Spring 2011

- The series is affiliated with the University of Akron Press
- Read and offered editorial comments on essays to be included in *The Monkey and the Wrench: Essays into Contemporary Poetics*

Assistant Lecturer, University of Akron | Spring 2010 & Fall 2010

- Taught English Composition I
- Had student win The Mary Mostenic Award for Composition

Poetry Editor, *Whiskey Island Magazine* | 2008-2009

- Read and selected poetry for publication

Poetry Reader, Cleveland State Poetry Center | Spring 2009

- Read for the First Books Competition
- Assisted in screening manuscripts for publication

Graduate Assistant, University of Akron | Fall 2008 & Spring 2009

- Taught English Composition I

Writing Lab Tutor & Graduate Assistant, University of Akron | Fall 2007 & Spring 2008

- Worked one-on-one with students who requested assistance on writing assignments in varying disciplines

Cognitive Skills Trainer, Learning RX | 2005-2006 & 2007-2008

- Worked one-on-one with students ages 6-18 administering a cognitive skills, reading, or math program.

Office Assistant to the President, Ashland Theological Seminary | 2006-2007

- Completed office work (drafted letters, organized events, etc.) for President and his Administrative Assistant

Substitute Teacher, Constellation Community Schools | 2006-2010

- Subbed regularly for Constellation Community Schools, K-6

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Certificate in Composition, University of Akron | May 2010

- Specialized training in the teaching of reading and writing at the college level

Master of Fine Arts in Poetry, University of Akron | December 2009

- Degree earned through the Northeast Ohio Master in Fine Arts (NEOMFA) program

Bachelor in Arts, Baldwin-Wallace University | December 2005

Major: English | Minor: Religion

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AWARDS AND PUBLICATIONS

Poetry

- "The Barest Rib." *poemmemoirstory* (2013, number 12).
- "Picking Strawberries for Preserves." *Crab Creek Review* (2102, Volume 2).

Wayne College Regional Writing Awards

- Second Place in Poetry for "Of the Reds in Crayola's 64," 2007-2008 Competition

Book Reviews

- Review of *The Poetry of Piety: An Annotated Anthology of Christian Poetry*, by Ben Witherington III and Christopher Armitage. *Ashland Theological Journal* 38 (2006): 154-155.
- Review of *A Handbook of the Christian Faith* by John Schwarz. *Ashland Theological Journal* 38 (2006): 133-134.
- Review of *Hear My Story: Understanding the Cries of Troubled Youth* by Dean Borgman. *Ashland Theological Journal* 38 (2006): 148-149.

Short Fiction

- "The Sneeze." *Prairie Margins* (2006).