K. Henderson

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### Education

University of Pittsburgh / MFA, Creative Writing: Poetry

AUGUST 2019 - PRESENT; PITTSBURGH, PA

Bennington College / BA, Liberal Arts: Music, Literature

SEPTEMBER 2011 - DECEMBER 2016; BENNINGTON, VT

**Brockway Faculty Scholar** 

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## Theses (Undergraduate)

Literature: I Sibyl

JUNE 2016; BENNINGTON, VT

A collection of 30 poems exploring female polyvocality. Readers:

Michael Dumanis, Mark Wunderlich.

Music: [CELLOPHANE]

DECEMBER 2016; BENNINGTON, VT

Composed, wrote the libretto for, produced, and performed this

chamber operetta. Adviser: Kitty Brazelton.

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### **Publications & Commissions**

Beloit Poetry Journal (forthcoming)

WINDHAM, ME

2 Poems: "A Mixed Girl's Virginia," "The Host"

Black Warrior Review, Issue 47.1 SEPTEMBER 2020; TUSCALOOSA, AL Chapbook: *Cruel Maths or Kind Proof* 

MERDE, the Zeen (forthcoming)

MAY 2020; NEW YORK, NY Drawing: "the fountain"

University of Pittsburgh Department of Physics & Astronomy

APRIL 2020; PITTSBURGH, PA Chapbook: *Cascade, Decay* 

1001 Journal, Issue 2

NOVEMBER 2019; PORTLAND, OR

Poem: "A Grief, Adorned"

Iowa Review, Poetry Month Online Feature

APRIL 2019; IOWA CITY, IA

Poem: "Mixed Girl Writes the Dictionary"

The Silo, Volume 70.

DECEMBER 2013; BENNINGTON, VT

Poems: "Gorgeous," "John Henry," "Mighty Taco"

BURT ON FIRE, dir. Julia Mounsey, Sam Mayer

DECEMBER 2013; BROOKLYN, NY Composer: "Wanda's Lament"

## Workshops & Fellowships

### Cave Canem

JUNE 2019; GREENSBURG, PA

Fellow at this national incubator for Black poets.

## Tin House Summer Workshop

JUNE 2018; PORTLAND, OR

Student in poetry workshop led by Shane McCrae.

### Residencies

University of Pittsburgh Department of Physics & Astronomy Artist in Residence Program

JANUARY - APRIL 2020; PITTSBURGH, PA

Received grant to work with high-energy particle physicist Ayres Freitas, PhD.

### Select Performances

Black to the Future: a Festival of Art, Social Justice, and

Dreaming

FEBRUARY 28th, 2020; PITTSBURGH, PA

Synthesizer/voice: "WE"

White Whale Bookstore / Black History Month Celebration & Reading

FEBRUARY 17th, 2020; PITTSBURGH, PA

Featured poet.

Studio Faro Poetry Series / Chaos, Love of Language, Little Hells

NOVEMBER 10th, 2018; PORTLAND, OR

Featured poet.

### Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus / Alto I

JANUARY 2017 - SEPTEMBER 2018; BUFFALO, NY

Ein Deutsche Requiem (Brahms), Belshazzar's Feast (Walton), Messiah (Handel), Alexander Nevsky (Prokofiev), Carmina Burana (Orff), Requiem (Verdi)

# Torn Space Theater Company / Actor

2015 - 2018; BUFFALO, NY

Experimental site-specific performances/installations in Silo City, a

#### former industrial zone.

AUGUST 2018: STATIONS, dir. Dan Shanahan. *Guide* AUGUST 2017: BURDEN, dir. Dan Shanahan. *Showgirl* 

AUGUST 2015: STOREHOUSE, dir. Dan Shanahan. Cheerleader

### Deane Carriage Barn Concert Series / Scareababe

APRIL 4TH 2016; BENNINGTON, VT

Drummer in this psychic cowgirl DIY band. Performed ten original songs. Toured the Southern US the following summer.

## Sage City Symphony / Violin I

2012 - 2013; BENNINGTON, VT

Petrushka (Stravinksy), Mahler Symphony No. 6, Brahms Symphony No. 1.

# **Professional Experience**

## University of Pittsburgh / Instructor: Seminar in Composition

AUGUST 2019 - PRESENT; PITTSBURGH, PA

Instructor of first-year undergraduate writing seminar; class of 19 students.

## Ellen Bourn Wellness Consulting / Copywriter & Ghostwriter

AUGUST 2017 - PRESENT; BUFFALO, NY [REMOTE]

Write daily horoscopes and contribute to monthly newsletters for this psychic medium.

### Center for African American Poetry & Poetics / Reader

JANUARY - MARCH 2020; PITTSBURGH, PA

Evaluated submissions for CAAPP book prize; co-developed short list for prize judge Terrance Hayes.

### Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra / Bow Marker

MAY 2018 - SEPTEMBER 2018; BUFFALO, NY

Transferred bowings and editing from bow masters, created bowings for Pops concerts, marked cuts & retouches, repaired aged/damaged music, created new parts.

### Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra / Library Apprentice

JANUARY 2018 - MAY 2018; BUFFALO, NY

Checked in performance folders, pulled, catalogued, and returned scores, erased cuts, processed acquisitions.

## Bennington Review / Editorial Assistant: Poetry

SEPTEMBER 2015 - DECEMBER 2015; BENNINGTON, VT

Evaluated slush pile submissions for the inaugural issue of this national literary magazine. Contributed to the magazine's mission, aesthetic sensibilities, and branding/image.

## Jessica Tardy, Freelance Copywriter / Copywriting Assistant

JULY 2014 - SEPTEMBER 2014; BOSTON, MA [REMOTE]

Wrote boilerplate language, scripts, and print copy for a variety of this freelance copywriter's clients.

## Poets House / Media & Library Intern

JANUARY 2014 - FEBRUARY 2014; NEW YORK, NY

Assisted with leading poetry workshops and activities for elementary school students in the Children's Room. Tweeted to 450K followers.

# Ardea Arts & Family Opera Initiative / Administrative Intern

JANUARY 2013 - FEBRUARY 2013; NEW YORK, NY

Worked closely with executive director Grethe Barrett Holby. Represented the company at the 2013 IPAY conference, facilitated contact with creative development team, communicated with donors, wrote grants.

## Bennington Free Library / Assistant Children's Librarian

JANUARY 2012 - FEBRUARY 2012; BENNINGTON, VT

Contributed column to the library newsletter. Designed and taught a zine-making workshop for elementary and middle school students.