

Sheri McGuinn: Writing Credentials

Professional Writing Credits

2018 Ongoing: Media work, editing, and other assistance for Suzanne Blaney
2015 Article in *Literacy Today* July/August issue: "Publishing on Demand"
2015 Write/design promotional materials for White Mountain Nature Center
2015 Article in GYMOAZ *Get Your Mountain On Arizona*: "Leave Them Wanting More"
2014 Complete Masters of Administration: Emphasis Professional Writing
2014 Book shepherd for picture book by Kathryn J. Reed: *Freebie the Cat*,
2013 Book shepherd for picture book by Phyllis Trella: *All Our Relations*,
2011 Producer on trailer for *Our Wild Coast*

Self-Publishing Expertise

2018 Self-Publishing Workshops at Sierra Community College
2012-2017 Durare Publishing: Publisher/author of paperbacks & e-books
2015 Article in July/August 2015 Literacy Today: "Publishing on Demand"
2015 Art Space, Show Low TV: Panel member
2014 White Mountain Arts Alliance: Self-publishing workshops
2014 National Council of Teachers of English Convention: Poster presenter; "Self-Publishing for Schools"
2013 & 2014 Northland Pioneer College: Self-publishing workshops
2012 Women Who Write (Louisville, KY): Keynote speaker & workshop presenter
2012 Connect at the Library, Show Low TV: Panel member

Fiction Writing Achievements

2018 Ongoing: Writing screenplay on contract for Nasser Entertainment
2017 Writer credit on movie shown on Lifetime & other venues: *Running Away*
2016 Short story in *Best Short Stories from Saturday Evening Post's Great American Fiction Contest 2016*:
"Maria Angelica's Baby"
2015 Screenplay optioned by Nasser Entertainment: *Running Away*
2011 Screenplay Finalist in Sacramento International Film Festival: *Michael Dolan McCarthy*
2009 Novel Quarter-Finalist in Amazon Breakout Novel Awards: *Michael Dolan McCarthy*
2008 Honorable Mention Writer's Digest International Self-Published Book Awards: *Running Away*
2008 Short story published in *The Maverick*: "The Development"
2007 Short story published in *The Maverick*: "A Single Christmas Tale"
2007 Honorable Mention Writers Digest Short Story Writing Competition: "Bad Mommy!"
2006 Misc. Crew credit/Creative Consultant on movie: *Eye of the Dolphin*

Samples available on request.

Sheri McGuinn
WRITING WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, RELATED ACTIVITIES

Participant	1981 American Society of Journalists & Authors Tenth Annual Writers' Conference, NYC, NY
Participant	1990 Chautauqua Institute Seminar on Grant Writing, Chautauqua, NY
Participant	1998 In-service on grant writing through MCSD—TLCFG grant awarded April 1999, Denver, CO
Participant	2005 Grants USA Grantsmanship Training (18 hours), Pinetop, AZ
Participant	2005 Hassayampa Institute for Creative Writing Conference (one week), Prescott, AZ
Participant	2007 Wrangling with Writing Conference, Tucson, AZ
Participant	2008 Las Vegas Writers Conference, Las Vegas, NV
Participant	2009 The Great American Pitchfest, Los Angeles, CA
Participant	2009 LA Times Festival of Books, Los Angeles, CA
Screenplay Finalist	2011 Sacramento Film Festival, Sacramento, CA
Participant	2011 Self-Publishing Bookcamp, Stanford, CA
Participant	2012 Business of Writing International Summit, Louisville, KY
Participant	2012 National Council of Teachers of English (& ALAN) Annual Convention, Las Vegas, NV
Keynote speaker & presenter	2012 Women Who Write, Louisville, KY
Participant	2013 Business of Writing International Summit, Louisville, KY
Presenter	2013 & 2014 Self-Publishing Workshops at Northland Pioneer College, Show Low, AZ
Presenter	2014 Self-Publishing Workshop at Arts Alliance of the White Mountains, Show Low, AZ
Exhibitor & participant	2014 Book Expo America, NYC, NY
Exhibitor & participant	2014 American Library Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV
Poster presenter & exhibitor	2014 National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention, Washington, DC
Participant	2015 Great American Pitchfest, Los Angeles, CA
Exhibitor & participant	2017 Citrus Heights: Hidden Treasures Art Show, Citrus Heights, CA
Participant	2017 WNBA Pitch-O-Rama, San Francisco, CA
Exhibitor & participant	2017 Oakland Book Festival, Oakland, CA
Exhibitor	2017 Gold Country Writer's booth at Gold Country Fair, Auburn, CA
Panelist	2017 WNBA Author event at the Book Passage, Corte Madera, CA
Featured Author	2018 Gold Country Writers Six-Author Event, Face In a Book, El Dorado Hills, CA

Other Contact Info & Work History Available to Serious Inquiries smcguinn@yahoo.com

These letters of recommendation support the skills documented in my resume.

Skill area documented in letter:

Communication – Written (*writing, editing, adaptation of material, presentation in required format*)



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January 16, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Sheri McGuinn was in two of my courses during the fall of 2011: Professional Editing and Advanced Technical Writing.

Sheri's work was always on time and exemplified careful attention to detail.

In these courses Sheri focused on

- Writing for specific audiences
- Grammar and usage review
- Creation and editing of figures such as tables and graphs
- Editing for
 - consistency
 - organization
- Editing both paper and digital copy

I recommend Sheri's work. Please feel free to contact me with further questions.

Sincerely,

Erika Konrad, Ph.D.
Lecturer

Skill area documented in letter:

Communication – Verbal (*workshop presentation, collaboration*)



Herman G. Honanie
CHAIRMAN

Alfred Lomahquahu Sr.
VICE-CHAIRMAN

January 14, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to write this "Letter of Recommendation" for Ms. Sherri McGuinn to be included as a part of her resume file.

I have had the pleasure to work directly with Ms. McGuinn during our 2014 Hopi Workforce Investment Act Summer Youth Employment Program. During this time I contracted with our local Northland Pioneer College to facilitate a 3 day "Work Readiness Skills Training" for 24 of our Hopi and Tewa Youth and Adult WIA participants.

The curriculum developed by NPC was created to provide work readiness skills that included; building transferrable skills, identifying current individual strengths, developing a plan of action, communication skills, life skills, creating resumes and cover letters, interviewing skills, work ethics, job searching skills, decision making techniques and teamwork, etc...

Ms. McGuinn was very knowledgeable in the utilization of the curriculum tutorials and provided instruction in a way that made it easy for our Native American students to comprehend and relate in a realistic "real world" setting. She demonstrated very good classroom and teaching skills, conducted herself in a professional way that also relayed a certain level of learning experience to the students. She was able to quickly garner the trust and attention of the students by setting the ground rules for the training and promoting mutual respect among the instructor and students. She was prepared and organized throughout the training period.

In the time I participated as the group's supervisor, I was impressed with Ms. McGuinn's work ethic and all around amiability. She is to be commended, and it was a pleasure working with her. She would be a definite asset to any organization.

Please feel free to contact me for any further questions!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Everett Gomez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "E" and "G".

Everett Gomez, Case Counselor
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The Hopi Tribe WIA Program is an equal opportunity employer/program.
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.
TTY/TTD: 711

Skill areas documented in letter:

Communication – Written (*yearbook*)

Communication – Verbal (*teaching, collaboration*)

Research and Analysis (*research materials*)

Organization (*independent prioritization of tasks*)

McNary School District

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January 14, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter as a reference for Ms. Sheri McGuinn. I have known Sheri for over six years, since August of 2008 when she began working as a substitute teacher for McNary Elementary School District.

During her employment at McNary, Ms. McGuinn displayed a professional demeanor, maintained positive relationships with our students and staff, and had excellent classroom management skills. Sheri was very conscientious about following the instructions that classroom teachers left for her, and provided detailed notes at the end of the school day, to inform the teacher who was absent about the lessons that were completed, student behavior, etc. It was obvious that Sheri enjoyed working with our Native American student population!

In one instance, Ms. McGuinn served as a long-term substitute for us for several months. She was extremely diligent in planning lessons, and seeking out supplemental curriculum materials for Math, to prepare our Jr. High students for standardized testing. During this assignment she went above and beyond the usual requirements for a substitute, putting in many extra hours without additional monetary compensation. She also volunteered to create a school yearbook for us, after not having an annual for several years, which was appreciated and enjoyed by students, staff and parents.

Sheri not only has experience as an educator, but is a gifted writer and presenter. She is a high energy individual who puts enthusiasm and dedication into any projects that she undertakes.

If you have questions I may answer regarding Sheri McGuinn's work at McNary Elementary School, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Wade, Ed.D.

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Superintendent
McNary Elementary School District

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Skill areas documented in letter:

Communication – Written (*adaptation of material, writing*)

Communication – Verbal (*teaching, mentoring, co-ordination of stakeholders*)

Creativity (*developed, implemented*)

Research and Analysis (*research, analysis*)

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February 28, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure for me to write a letter of recommendation for Ms. Sheri McGuinn. I have known Ms. McGuinn for the past sixteen years. We were co-workers (teachers) in the Special Education Department in the Fairfield Unified School District.

Ms. McGuinn developed and implemented a Special Education Deficit Credit Program at Fairfield High. The purpose was to provide an alternative for special education students who were behind in credits and could not enroll in a continuation school (due to lack of space and/or inability to work independently in that environment. Ms. McGuinn set the criteria for student selection, reviewed required curriculum and ordered the most appropriate materials to meet the needs of students whose skill levels ranged from 2nd grade to about 12th grade. She developed a tracking method to decide what quantity of work and evaluation standards would be used and ensured that student achievement standards were maintained.


While Ms. McGuinn was at Fairfield High, she was also a mentor for a new teacher who shared her classroom and for an instructional assistant. She helped the teacher with curriculum, classroom management, and the IEP process and provided guidance to the instructional assistant as to how lesson plans were to be taught and the best practices of how to communicate with high school students.

When Ms. McGuinn transferred to Rodriguez High School we had the opportunity to continue to work together and collaborate in providing WorkAbility transition services for her students. Ms. McGuinn understands the skills and resources needed as students transition out of high school and into the working world.

During the time I have known Ms. McGuinn, I have found her to be intelligent, creative, a team player and extremely hard working. She truly cares about her students and has built good rapport with the students and their families.

I enjoyed working with her and sharing our knowledge and experiences; always looking for ideas as to how we could improve services for our students. I wish Ms. McGuinn the very best in her future endeavors. I know she will be an asset to any organization she joins in both teaching and administrative positions. Please feel free to contact me either by phone (707-685-0907) or email (blanchesillen@sbcglobal.net).

Your truly,



Blanche Sillen, Program Specialist (Retired)