

# Sarah Kain Gutowski

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Professor of English  
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## EDUCATION

- 2003 M.F.A., Graduate Creative Writing Program: Poetry  
New York University; New York, NY
- 1998 B.A. Cum Laude in English and Mass Communication  
James Madison University; Harrisonburg, VA

## ADDITIONAL STUDY

- 2018 Bread Loaf Writers Conference; Sicily, Italy  
sponsored by Middlebury College  
Poetry Workshop with C. Dale Young
- 2016 Southampton Writers' Conference; Southampton, NY  
Graduate Course: Playwriting Workshop with Lucas Hnath  
Graduate Course: Script Development Lab
- 2014 Southampton Writers' Conference; Southampton, NY  
Graduate Course: Playwriting Residency, International Theatre Festival
- 2011 Southampton Writers' Conference; Southampton, NY  
Graduate Course: Meter and Form with Julie Sheehan
- 2010 Southampton Writers' Playwriting Conference; Southampton, NY  
Graduate Course: Playwriting Workshop with Annie Baker
- 2008 Southampton Writers' Conference; Southampton, NY  
Graduate Course: Poetry Workshop with Derek Walcott
- 2004 Prague Summer Program; Prague, Czech Republic  
sponsored by Western Michigan University; Kalamazoo, MI  
Theme: The Nation in You: National and Personal Identity  
Graduate Courses: Czech Literature & Mixed Genre Writing Workshop

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2017-Present Professor, Suffolk County Community College, Riverhead, NY

2013-2017 Associate Professor, Suffolk County Community College, Riverhead, NY

2011-2013 Associate Professor, Suffolk County Community College, Selden, NY

2008-2011 Assistant Professor, Suffolk County Community College, Selden, NY

2005-2008 Instructor, Suffolk County Community College, Selden, NY

2003-2004 Adjunct Lecturer, Dowling College, Oakdale, NY

2003-2004 Adjunct Instructor, Suffolk County Community College, Selden, NY

2002-2003 Adjunct Instructor, New York University, New York, NY

#### FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AWARDS

2021 Winner, 14<sup>th</sup> annual National Indies Excellence Award for Poetry

2020 Finalist, Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Award, Poetry

2019 Nominee for the Pushcart Prize from Texas Review Press for the poem “Why a Mother Doesn’t Fight Back”

2018 Runner Up for *Fabulous Beast: Poems*, X.J.Kennedy Poetry Prize (Texas Review Press)

2018 Finalist for *Fabulous Beast: Poems*, 42 Mile Press Poetry Award

2017 Finalist, for *Fabulous Beast: Poems*, Hillary Gravendyk Prize (Inlandia Press)

2017 Finalist for *Fabulous Beast: Poems*, Richard Snyder Memorial Publication Prize (Ashland University Press)

2017 Finalist for *Fabulous Beast: Poems*, X.J.Kennedy Poetry Prize (Texas Review Press)

2017 Semi-Finalist for *Fabulous Beast: Poems*, Wisconsin Poetry Series' Brittingham and Felix Pollak Prizes

2017 Semi-Finalist for *Fabulous Beast: Poems*, Washington Prize, Word Works

2017 Semi-Finalist for *Fabulous Beast: Poems*, Pleiades Press Editors Prize

2017 Semi-Finalist for *Fabulous Beast: Poems*, 2017 Gold Wake Press Opening Reading Period

2017 Semi-Finalist for “Fabulous Beast: Poems,” Lexi Rudnitsky Poetry Prize, Persea Books

2016 Semi-Finalist for *Fabulous Beast: Poems*, Wisconsin Poetry Series' Brittingham and Felix Pollak Prizes

- 2016 Semi-Finalist for *Fabulous Beast: Poems*, Crab Orchard Series in Poetry First Book Award, Southern Illinois University Press
- 2015 Nominee for the Pushcart Prize from *So To Speak: A Feminist Journal of Language and Art* for the poem “But Mama, Why Do We Remember?”
- 2015 Semi-Finalist for *Fabulous Beast: Poems*, Inaugural Alice James Book Award, Alice James Books
- 2013-2014 Finalist for *Fabulous Beast: Poems*, Poets Out Loud Prizes, Fordham University Press
- 2013 Finalist for *Fabulous Beast: Poems*, May Swenson Poetry Award, Utah State University Press
- 2011 Recipient, Partial Tuition Scholarship, Stony Brook Southampton
- 2005 International Merit Award Winner  
*Atlanta Review*, Poetry 2005 International Poetry Competition
- 2004 Semi-Finalist, “Discovery”/*The Nation* contest
- 2004 Recipient, John Woods Scholarship  
Prague Summer Program, Western Michigan University
- 2002 Finalist, Jessie Bryce Niles Chapbook Contest, Comstock Writers’ Group
- 2001-2003 Teaching Assistantship, New York University
- 2001-2003 Partial Tuition Fellowship, New York University
- 2001 Finalist, *So to Speak’s* Annual Poetry Contest
- 1996-1997 Creative Writing Award for Poetry, James Madison University Department of English

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

- 2019 *Fabulous Beast* (Poetry, Texas Review Press, Sam Houston State University)
- 2013 *Fabulous Beast: The Sow* (Poetry, Chapbook, Hyacinth Girl Press)

PUBLICATIONS: POETRY AND PROSE

- 2021 “What Has Been, What Cannot Be” and “Dust and Empty Words” in *Bear Review*, Issue 8.1 (Poems)
- 2021 “Listen to the Shadows,” “Greet Again Your Failures,” and “No Choice Left” in *Statorec*, June 23. (Poems)
- 2021 “We Eviscerate What We Love” in *Tahoma Literary Review*, Issue 20 (Poem)

- 2020 "I Am My Own Country: The Many Lives of Esperanza Snyder" in *Calyx: A Journal of Literature and Art by Women* (Book Review)
- 2020 "Myth-Making," in *The Nervous Breakdown*, July 27. (Poem)
- 2020 "My Heart, Not Hers (And Not Hers Either)," "The First Real Darkness," and "Useless Masks" in *Menacing Hedge*, Issue 9.3, Winter 2020 (Poems)
- 2020 "A Pendulum's Swing" in *Phantom Drift: A Journal of New Fabulism*, Issue 10 (Poem)
- 2019 "The Couple" and "What Kills a Bird of Prey" in *The Gettysburg Review*, Issue 32.3 (Poems)
- 2017 "Lightning: Transfiguration and Punishment" and "What Our Mothers Won't Name" in *Phantom Drift: A Journal of New Fabulism*, Issue 7 (Poems)
- 2017 "The Children Have a Request," "She Grows a Second Heart," and "She Removes the Stitches" in *Painted Bride Quarterly*, Issue 95, Print Annual 8 (Poems)
- 2016 Cynthia Marie Hoffman's *Paper Doll Fetus* in *Calyx, A Journal of Literature and Art by Women*, Vol. 29:1, Winter/Spring Issue (Book Review)
- 2015 "She Leaves Home," "She is Warned, and Ignores the Warning," "Mama, What is Regret?" "Mama, How Does the Woman with the Frog Tongue Eat?" "She Cultivates a Harvest She Cannot Reap," "She Collects Objects That Are Not Hers," "She Discovers What She Desires," and "Mama, Where are Their Parents?" in *Menacing Hedge*, Issue 5.02 (Poems)
- 2015 "Mama, What is Regret?"; "Mama, How Does the Woman with the Frog Tongue Eat?" and "A Woman, Tempted" in *Fjords Review*, Special Women's Edition (Poems)
- 2015 "But Mama, Why Do We Remember?" in *So to Speak: A Feminist Journal of Language and Art*, Winter/Spring Issue (Poem)
- 2014 "A Woman: Split" in *Stirring: A Literary Collection*, Volume 16, Issue 5 (Poem)
- 2014 "A Woman" in *Stirring: A Literary Collection*, Volume 16, Issue 4 (Poem)
- 2014 "The Mother Makes Time for Herself" in *Speaking of Marvels*, February 24 (Poem)
- 2013 "A Woman, Addressing Doubt" and "The Mistakes Our Mothers Make" in *Verse Wisconsin* Online, Parents and Children Issue, October 2013 (Poems)
- 2012 "Why Our Mothers Panic" in *Verse Daily*, September 21 (Poem, Reprint)
- 2012 "What Our Mothers Know As Love" and "Where Have We Taken Our Husbands And Fathers?" in *The Gettysburg Review*, Volume 25, Issue 2 (Poems)
- 2012 "The Reason Our Mothers Can't Help Us," "Our Mothers Are Children, Too," and "Why Our Mothers Panic" in *The Southern Review*, Volume 48, Issue 2 (Poems)

- 2011            *ep;phany*: a literary journal (Poem)
- 2001            *The Threepenny Review*, Spring Issue (Poem)
- 2001            *So to Speak: A Feminist Journal of Language and Art*, Winter/Spring Issue (Poem)

LECTURES, CONFERENCES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATIONS

- 2021            “Indie Author Day All Week with the Fairfax County Public Library: Poetry Panel Discussion via Zoom. November 12.
- 2021            "Every Second Feels Like Theft," a Conversation in Poems and Cyanotypes Created While Living Through the Pandemic Year (Exhibit) at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual New York City Poetry Festival on Governor’s Island, NY. June 24 and 25.
- 2020            "Poetry VI: Origin Stories: Poems of Faith, Family, & Fabulism" (Panelist, Poetry Studies and Creative Poetry Presentation) at the Pop Culture Association National Conference via Zoom. June 3.
- 2017            "We Wrote A Manifesto: Teaching Creativity" (Lecture with visual artist Meredith Starr) at Riverhead Campus Teaching and Learning Center, Suffolk County Community College. Riverhead, NY. November 15.
- 2017            "Constraints: Catalysts for Creativity," a Master Class for The Stony Brook Poetry Society (Lecture & Workshop) at Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York. November 2.
- 2017            “Reciprocity: How Teaching Creativity Helped an Artist and an Author Redefine their Practice” (Panelist, Presentation) at SECAC, Columbus, Ohio. October 27.
- 2016            “Teaching Collaboration: Combining Creative Writing and Visual Art in the College Classroom,” (Panelist, Presentation) at the Two-Year College Association Northeast Conference. Hartford, Connecticut. October 14.
- 2016            “The Visionary Advisor: Running a Student Literary Journal at a Two-Year College Campus,” (Panelist, Presentation) at the Association of Writers and Writing Program’s annual conference. Los Angeles, California. April 1.
- 2015            “Poetry Videos and Video Poems,” (Lecture) Riverhead Campus Teaching and Learning Center, Suffolk County Community College. Riverhead, NY. April 22.
- 2014            “Hindsight: What You Can Learn from My First Year” (Moderator, Panel Presentation) part of the Faculty Association New Member Discussion Series, a Professional Development Workshop co-sponsored by the Faculty Association of Suffolk County Community College & The Office of Faculty and Professional Advancement, Suffolk County Community College, Selden, New York. September 12.

- 2014 “To Poem or Not to Poem: Two Mid-Career Poets on Writing in Different Genres,” (Panelist, Presentation) Riverhead Campus Teaching and Learning Center, Suffolk County Community College, Riverhead, New York. November 12.
- 2012 “Carolyn Forché and The Poetry of Witness” (Lecture) at Suffolk County Community College’s Week of Awareness in Selden, New York. March 22.
- 2011 “Writing Plays with Poetry: The Place of Verse Drama in Contemporary Literature and Theatre” (Moderator, Panel Presentation) at the Association of Writers and Writing Program’s annual conference with panelists John Barr, David Yezzi, and Stephen Young. Washington, D.C. February 5.
- 2010 “How to Web-Enhance Your Service Learning Projects Using Online Course Platforms Such as D2L and NiceNet” (Lecture) at the Professional Development Workshop titled “Effective Strategies for Designing and Implementing Service-Learning into your Courses.” Suffolk County Community College, Selden, NY. November 19.
- 2010 “Verse Drama” (Panelist, Presentation) at “Bring It Home: A Presentation of Scholarly Research and a Creative Writing Project” at Suffolk County Community College, Selden, NY. April 28.
- 2007 “The Weight of These Words: How Gender Issues Impact Our Artistic Choices” (Lecture) at Women’s Week: “Fighting Words: Deconstructing Patriarchal Language.” Suffolk County Community College, Selden, NY. March 27.
- 2006 “Mass Poetic: Freedom and Artistic Expression” (Panelist, Presentation) at Nassau Community College’s Active Learning Conference, Garden City, NY. April 21.

#### READINGS & EVENTS

- 2021 “Poor Mouth Writers’ Night Reading Series,” Zoom. February 10.
- 2020 “Tenth Anniversary Reading for *Phantom Drift*,” Zoom. November 19.
- 2020 “Monday Night Poetry at the KGB Bar,” Zoom. October 26.
- 2020 “#Poetry Goes Viral,” Carolina Poets, Zoom. September 10.
- 2020 “Have Jawm Will Travel: Philly Does Texas (*Painted Bride Quarterly*’s AWP Off-Site Reading),” San Antonio, TX. March 6.
- 2020 “Book Signing with Texas Review Press,” AWP Annual Conference and Bookfair, San Antonio, TX. March 6.
- 2020 “Annual Winter Poetry Salon,” Pen Parentis, LMHQ, Manhattan, NY. January 14.
- 2019 “Meet the Author,” Texas Book Festival, Austin, TX. October 26 and 27.
- 2019 “Indie Author Day,” Herndon Fortnightly Library, Herndon, VA. October 12.

- 2019 “Imagine Wednesdays Reading Series,” Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY. October 9.
- 2019 “*Fabulous Beast: Poems* Northeast Book Launch,” Painters Restaurant, Brookhaven, NY. September 8.
- 2019 “*Fabulous Beast: Poems* Southeast Book Launch,” Bards Alley Bookstore, Vienna, VA. August 23.
- 2019 “Southampton Writer’s Conference Salon,” Southampton, NY. July 18.
- 2019 “Menacing Hedge AWP Off-Site Reading,” The Bad Habit Room, Portland, OR. March 29.
- 2019 “*Phantom Drift* AWP #19 Off-Site Reading,” Fabulous Kenton Club, Portland, OR. March 28.
- 2018 “Faculty Reading,” SCCC Creative Writing Festival, Suffolk County Community College, Riverhead, NY. April 24.
- 2017 “Faculty Reading,” SCCC Creative Writing Festival, Suffolk County Community College, Riverhead, NY. April 24.
- 2017 “*Menacing Hedge* AWP Off-Site Reading,” Johnny Pistolas, Washington, DC. February 9.
- 2016 “Dopplegängers, Domesticity, & Desire: A Reading and Performance,” Amos Eno Gallery, Brooklyn, NY. September 23.
- 2016 “Faculty Reading,” SCCC Creative Writing Festival, Suffolk County Community College, Riverhead, NY. April 11.
- 2016 “Poetry Street,” Southampton, NY. May 7.
- 2015 “A Poetry Reading with Sarah Kain Gutowski and Dan Giancola,” SUNY Stony Brook Poetry Center, Stony Brook, NY. November 20.
- 2015 “Queens Poets & Parents Reading,” Q.E.D. Astoria, Astoria, NY. October 25.
- 2015 “A Poetry Reading with *Gigantic Sequins* and Hyacinth Girl Press,” Modern Formations Art Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA. June 20.
- 2015 “Faculty Reading,” SCCC Creative Writing Festival, Suffolk County Community College, Riverhead, NY. April 20.
- 2015 Poetry Reading for National Poetry Month, Miller Place High School, Miller Place, NY. April 16.
- 2015 “Annual Winter Poetry Salon,” Pen Parentis, NYC, NY. January 13.

- 2014 “Hyacinth Girl Press: featuring J. Hope Stein, Sarah Kain Gutowski, Lisa Marie Basile,” The New York Poetry Festival, Governors Island, NY. July 27.
- 2014 “Faculty Reading,” SCCC Creative Writing Festival, Suffolk County Community College, Riverhead, NY. April 21.
- 2014 “Poets in Nassau,” Valley Stream, NY. April 4.
- 2014 “Iota Poetry Series,” Iota Bar and Restaurant, Arlington, VA. February 9.
- 2013 “Poets on Childlessness and Parenthood,” Canio’s Book Store, Sag Harbor, NY. December 7.
- 2013 “Poets on Childlessness and Parenthood,” Gum Spring Library, Stone Ridge, VA. November 2.
- 2013 “Poets on Childlessness and Parenthood,” Great Falls Public Library, Great Falls, VA. November 1.
- 2013 “D.A. Levy lives: celebrating the renegade press reading series”, Sidewalk Café, New York, NY. January 29.
- 2012 “Strange Animals” at Hambone’s Pub, Pittsburg, PA. May 27.
- 2012 “Faculty Reading,” SCCC Creative Writing Festival, Suffolk County Community College, Selden, NY. April 23.
- 2010 “Poetry Reading,” The Third Annual Patchogue Arts Festival, Patchogue, NY. October 24.
- 2010 “Hopeful Expressions: A Taste of Poetry and Art Auction,” The Giving Room, Southold, NY. May 27.

### WRITING, TEACHING, AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Poetry  
 Playwriting  
 Creative Nonfiction  
 Fiction  
 Service Learning  
 Distance Education  
 Traditional Literature  
 Third Wave Feminism  
 Appalachia and Traditional (Old Time) Music

### COURSES TAUGHT

*Suffolk County Community College*



*COL 125 College Success (Freshman orientation class; incorporated service learning)*  
*ENG 010 Developmental Writing*  
 ENG 101 Standard Freshman Composition (Traditional & online classroom settings w/ service learning)  
 ENG 102 Introduction to Literature  
 ENG 131 Introduction to Creative Writing (Traditional & online classroom settings)  
 ENG 131H Honors Introduction to Creative Writing  
 ENG 141 Introduction to the Novel  
 ENG 171 Introduction to Journalism  
 ENG 174 Literary Journalism  
 ENG 200 Advanced Expository Writing  
 ENG 204 Advanced Creative Writing/Poetry  
 ENG 206 The Short Story  
 ENG 297 English Independent Study: Chapbook Preparation  
 ENG 297 English Independent Study: Writing the Novel  
 ENG 297 English Independent Study: Writing the Nonfiction Novel  
 ENG 297 English Independent Study: Writing the Short Story Collection  
 ENG 297H Honors English Independent Study: Writing the Musical  
 HUM 120 Effective Thinking: Problem Solving, Reason, and Comprehension  
 HUM 121 Developing Creative Imagination in the Arts  
 HUM 296H Honors Humanities Special Topics: Gender, Bodies, and Identity

***Dowling College***

ENG 1001A Principles of Writing (Traditional & online classroom settings)

***New York University***

V39.0815 Creative Writing: Intro Fiction and Poetry

ACADEMIC SERVICE

**Suffolk County Community College**

2016-2020	LGTBQ+ College-Wide Task Force
2013-2020	Faculty Advisor, <i>East End Elements</i> , Campus Literary Magazine
2010-2020	Co-Chair, College-Wide Creative Writing Festival Committee
2016-2018	LGTBQ+ Literacy and Training Subcommittee
2014-2017	College-Wide Distance Education Committee
2013-2017	ENG 102 College-Wide Working Group
2012-2017	College-Wide Coordinator, New Member Program, Faculty Association
2009-2013	Member, English Department Creative Writing Committee
2009-2010	Chair, Journalism Program Review
2007-2013	Member, English Department Journalism Committee
2007-2013	Member, English Department Distance Education Committee
2007	Judge, 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Poetry Smackdown
2007-2009	Secretary, College-Wide Creative Writing Committee
2006-2009	Layout Designer, <i>Ammermania</i> , Ammerman Campus Newsletter
2006-2007	Member, Adjunct Issues Committee of the Faculty Association
2006-2011	Secretary, Faculty Senate Campus Relations Committee
2006-2010	Member, College Success Faculty
2006-2013	Advisor, Society of Writers (Student Club)
2006-2011	Co-Chair, English Department Literary Events Committee

2005-2010	Member, English Department Composition Committee
2005-2006	Member, Middle States “Leadership & Governance/Administration” working group
2005-2006	Member, Negotiating Team of the Faculty Association
2005	Portfolio Assessor, Adult Learning Program
2004-2005	Member, Executive Council of the Faculty Association

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Popular Culture Association  
 Pen Parentis  
 Academy of American Poets  
 Association of Writers and Writing Programs  
 Faculty Association of Suffolk County Community College

### RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2010-2011	Freelancer, Hyperion Books and Voice, New York, NY
2003-2009	Freelancer, Plume, a division of Penguin Putnum Inc., New York, NY
2004-2006	Freelancer, ReganBooks, a division of HarperCollins Publishers, New York, NY
2002-2003	Editor-in-Chief, <i>Washington Square Journal</i> , New York University, NY
2001-2002	Assistant Managing Editor, <i>Washington Square Journal</i> , New York University, NY
2000	Editorial Assistant, Finger Lakes Community Newspapers, Dryden, NY
1999-2000	Production Manager, Federal Employees News Digest, Inc. Reston, VA
1998	Assistant to the Chairman, Kegan Paul International Ltd., International Book Publishers, London, United Kingdom

References Available Upon Request