

CURRICULUM VITAE

Kimberly Garts Crum, MSW, MFA

Interests & Abilities

I am a published writer, developmental editor, and writing coach. I teach and critique creative nonfiction writing. In my experience, the writing process is more important than the product.

I love revision. I believe it's a creative process. In my work with clients, I bring intellectual curiosity, a sense of humor, and an ability to teach in a way that affirms each person's worth and unique ability.

Education

- **Master of Fine Arts in Writing** – October 2003, Spalding University, Louisville, Kentucky
- **Master of Social Work** – December 1980, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa
- **Bachelor of Arts in Social Work** – June 1977, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

Professional Experience

- **Instructor and Sole Proprietor.** Shape & Flow Writing Services, November 2012 to present
- **Adjunct Faculty teaching literature and composition.** Department of Liberal Studies, Spalding University, Louisville, Kentucky, November 2003 to April 2013
- **Adjunct Faculty.** School of Social Work, Spalding University of Louisville, Kentucky, February 2004 to March 2014
- **Published creative essays and journalism with *Today's Woman Magazine*.** Louisville, Kentucky, September 2000 to 2011
- **Psychiatry Triage Coordinator.** Norton Hospital Psychiatric Clinic, Louisville, Kentucky, September 1993 to January 1997

- **Social Worker.** Visiting Nurse Association, Louisville, Kentucky, August 1988 to June 1989
- **Social Worker,** University of Hospitals and Clinics, Burn Trauma Center and Emergency Room, Iowa City, Iowa, January 1981 to January 1986
- **Social Worker,** St. Luke’s Hospital, Davenport, Iowa, June 1977 to August 1979

Publications & Scholarship

- **A writing instructor** at the Carnegie Center for Art and Literacy (Lexington, KY) since 2022.
- Published “**The Body in the Basement,**” in *Dorothy Parker’s Ashes* (January 2023).
- **Panel Moderator**— “How to Publish a Literary Anthology,” at the Association of Writers and Writing Programs in Philadelphia, PA, March 2022.
- **Published** “Down There: A Visit to Old Louisville,” published in *The Louisville Anthology*, edited by Erin Keane (Belt Publications), 2020.
- **Coeditor** of a YouTube Channel, *The Boom Project Book, 2020 to 2022*
- **Self-published** on Medium.com since 2020
- **Coeditor** of a Medium.com publication *Landslide Lit(erary)* 2020 to present
- **Coeditor and Contributor**— *The Boom Project: Voices of a Generation* anthology of poetry and prose (Butler Books, 2019).
- **Published** “The Heart Beneath the Robe of the Earth,” a personal essay accepted by **HerStry**, Summer 2020.
- **Published,** “Along Came a Spider,” a personal essay published in *The Louisville Review*, spring 2016.
- **Published,** “When I Find Myself in Times of Trouble,” in the *New Southerner* literary journal in 2015. Was a semi-finalist in the magazine’s contest.
- **Published** “Slouching Toward Self-Actualization,” in *94 Creations* literary journal in 2014.
- **Published,** “Writing as a Social Work Practice Skill,” a journal article co-authored with Erlene Grise-Owens, published in the Fall 2013 issue of the *Journal of Social Work Education*
- **“The Importance of Self-Expression in Zora Neale Hurston’s Folklore and Fiction,”** An extended critical essay submitted in partial

- fulfillment of the requirements of the master's in fine arts Degree, March 2003.
- **“Seized by the Spirit,”** A creative thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements of the master's in fine arts Degree, September 2003.
 - **Published,** “Characteristics of Burn-Injured Children Reported for Child Abuse and Neglect,”
 - in *The Journal of Occupational Health Nursing*, July 1983.
 - **Presented research,** “Marital Satisfaction of the Post-Rehabilitation Burn Patient,” to the Thirteenth Annual American Burn Association meeting, Orlando, Florida, March 1983.

Honors & Awards

- **Nominee.** Most Admired Woman in the Arts. *Today's Woman Magazine*, 2019.
- **Mother Catherine Spalding Social Ministries Award,** Cathedral of the Assumption, Louisville, Kentucky 2010
- **Second Place.** Society for Professional Journalists, Louisville Chapter, for a feature article, “Infused with Joy,” for *Today's Woman Magazine*, June 2009
- **Second place.** Society for Professional Journalists, Louisville Chapter, June 2006, for an article titled, “A Woman's Place,” for *Today's Woman Magazine*, May 2005
- **First place.** Society for Professional Journalists, Louisville Chapter, June 2004 for a profile of a female Navy reservist, titled “The World on Her Shoulders,” *Today's Woman Magazine*, February 2003
- **First place.** Society for Professional Journalists, Louisville Chapter, June 2002, for a profile of a civil rights activist, titled “The Power of Conviction,” *Today's Woman Magazine*, October 2001
- **Second place,** Society for Professional Journalists, Louisville Chapter, June 2001, for an article about adolescent girls and their mothers, titled “Releasing Rapunzel,” *Today's Woman Magazine*, September 2000

Leadership & Service

- **Member, Mom's Demand Action,** Kentucky since 2018
- **Director.** Women Who Write, Inc. January 2020 to present.

- **Board President, Louisville Literary Arts.** January 2014 to January 2019.
- **Volunteer.** Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry, St. Williams Church, Louisville, Kentucky, 2015 to present.
- **Coordinator.** Spirit Ball fundraiser for the Conrad-Caldwell House Museum, Louisville, Kentucky, 2012 through 2014
- **Vice-Chair.** Parish Council, Cathedral of the Assumption, Louisville, Kentucky, March 2010 to February 2013
- **Coordinator.** St. James Art Show High School Scholarship Competition, October 2009 through October 2012
- **Chairperson.** Social Concerns Committee, Cathedral of the Assumption, February 2007 to February 2013
- **President.** Board of Directors, Help Ministries of Central Louisville, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, June 2000 to June 2003
- **Troop Leader.** Girl Scouts of America, Louisville, Kentucky, 1997 through 2001
- **President.** Harvey Browne Presbyterian Women, 2002- 2004
- **Officer.** Board of Directors, Iowa Chapter NASW, Des Moines, Iowa, August 1984 to June 1986