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CAREER OVERVIEW

SELF-EMPLOYMENT:

- award-winning author
- author readings/workshops/tours
- manuscript critiquing and evaluating for SWG, various publishers & individuals
- teaching writing workshop for libraries, schools, conferences, festivals
- editor of books, screenplays for individuals
- , individual mentoring
- sessional lecturer of writing workshops and film classes (SIAST, U of R, SMPA)
- producer, screenwriter & freelance writer of television documentaries
- freelance writer for periodicals
- researcher for periodicals, books, television and film
- curator of art exhibitions (The Exchange & related to my non-fiction research, books, and documentaries)
- promoter/publicist of cultural events

WRITER-IN-RESIDENCES

- 2018-2019 Regina Public Library, 9-month term position, 21 Sep 2018 to 30 June 2019. All genres of tutoring, workshops and editing, including fiction, non-fiction, screenplays, poetry.
- 2010 Edenwold Elementary School, Edenwold, SK. Writer-in-Residence, Kindergarten to Grade 6, May-June, 2010.
- 2010 Lakeview Elementary School, Regina, SK. Writer-in-Residence, Kindergarten to Grade 8, March-April 2010.
- 2009 Walker Elementary School, Regina, SK, Writer-in-Residence, Kindergarten to Grade 8, January (2 weeks)
- 2009 North Central Family Centre, Regina, SK. Writing facilitator for workshops with children to adult writers (Youth at risk, ages 10-24) Special book project with one group, June-October 2009.

INSTRUCTOR EXPERIENCE (Series)

- 2023 SMPA (SK Media Production Association) - scriptwriting
- 2023 Regina Public Library – Memoir Writing Workshops
- 2022 Regina Public Library – Family Memoir Workshops
- 2021 Regina Public Library – Family Memoir Workshops
- 2021 Vibank Public School – scriptwriting workshop series
- 2022 Seniors Centre Without Walls & Studio Without Walls - interactive, phone-based creative writing sessions for seniors designed to reduce isolation
- 2009-2010 University of Regina, Continuing Education, several Creative writing classes (fiction and non-fiction)

- 2008-2009 WCC-Endeavour Corp, Japan -Taught English to Japanese students over Skype, taught literacy skills to incarcerated youth,
- 2001-2007 Session instructor of *Freelance Business Skills* (in Film & Video), Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST), Regina, SK
- 2007 Instructor - Saskatoon School Board - *Literacy for Life: A Conference for Children, Youth, and Adults*, held at the University of Saskatchewan
- 2005 & 2007 Session Instructor for classes in scriptwriting for Television & Film (documentary and drama), University of Regina Extension
- 2005 Northlands College, La Ronge – Film classes
- 2005 New Media Campus – scriptwriting course
- 2006 Instructor of the drama scriptwriting course - New Media Campus, Regina, SK
- 2004 Saskatchewan Festival of Words – Instructor for children writing their stories.
- 2004 Sage Hill – Creative Writing Experience for teens, Regina, SK
- 2004 Session instructor for creative writing for children - Saskatchewan Festival of Words, Moose Jaw, SK
- 2002 Instructor of a writing workshop for the Oxford Learning Centre, Regina, SK
- 1999 Session instructor for creative writing for children - Saskatchewan Festival of Words, Moose Jaw, SK
- 1999 Saskatchewan Festival of Words – Instructor for children writing their stories.
- 1998-present Teaching Creative Writing workshops for schools, libraries, and writing groups in communities all over Saskatchewan (kindergarten to university levels, children to adults of all ages) - Saskatchewan Writers Guild (SWG) & self-employed appointments
- 1998-present Mentoring individual writers; advising, teaching, critiquing, editing & proofing manuscripts. This includes several weekend courses for writing groups, such as in Estevan and Tisdale, where I did one on one consultations and taught an all day workshops.

AUTHOR READINGS/ PRESENTATIONS/TOURS:

- 2023 CANSCAIP SK Conference, Saskatoon - panel presentation
- 2023 Germany Tour – groups, bookstores, etc.
- 2021 Germany Tour - Universities
- 2020 Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, Luxembourg Tour for embassies at English speaking international schools
- 2019 Book launch for German translation of *Honouring the Buffalo* at Frankfurt Book Fair, plus workshop/talks, for the Canadian Embassy to Germany in Berlin, plus Germany Tour for libraries and schools.
- 2017 Northern Reading Program Tour (10 libraries/schools), Pahkisimon Nuye?áh Library System, Northern Saskatchewan
- 2016 When Words Collide, Calgary, presenter
- 2007 Scotland school readings
- 2014 TD Children’s Book Week Tour – Quebec, Ontario

MANUSCRIPT EVALUATIONS

- 2018-2019 Writer-in-Residence, Regina Public Library, term. Manuscript Evaluations, tutoring, workshops, and editing of fiction, non-fiction, screenplays, poetry.
- 2018-present Saskatchewan Writers Guild. Manuscript Evaluation Services

- 2017-present CANSCAIP (Canadian Society of Children's Authors, Illustrators, and Performers). Editing, First 1000 Words fundraiser volunteer
- 1998-2010 Saskatchewan Writers Guild. Manuscript Evaluation Services
- 2018-present Saskatchewan Writers Guild. Manuscript Evaluation Services
- 2017-present CANSCAIP (Canadian Society of Children's Authors, Illustrators, and Performers). Editing, First 1000 Words fundraiser volunteer
- 1999-present. Freelance Editor: Individual writers/authors, scriptwriters. Critiquing and editing , Coteau Books & Centax Books. Editing and proofing
Children's Writers Round Robin (SK writing group) – 40 plus years.

CONFERENCE LECTURES

- 2007 Saskatchewan Writers Guild Conference
- 2005 Saskatchewan School Library Association Conference
- 2005 Saskatchewan Library Association Conference
- 2004 South Saskatchewan Teachers Conference

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

- 2010-2017 Executive Director (CEO), Saskatchewan Writers' Guild
- 1998-2007 Executive Director (CEO) - Saskatchewan Library Association
- 1998 Public Relations Manager – Coteau Books (Canadian Book Publisher) – co-ordinating special events and author book launches
- 1995 Program Director (Interim contract position) - Saskatchewan Writers' Guild

BUSINESS OWNER

- 2016-present CEO/Producer, Silverlight Productions Inc. (Documentary production company)
- 1996-2007 CEO/Producer - Spiral Communications Inc. (Documentary production company)

PUBLICATION CREDITS

All Ages Picture Book (Non-Fiction)

- 2019 *Die Würdigung des Bisons* (German translation, of *Honouring the Buffalo*), MONS Verlag, German Publisher
- 2016 *Hommage au Bison* (French translation, of *Honouring the Buffalo*) Les Éditions de la nouvelle plume
- 2015 *Honouring the Buffalo, A Plains Cree Legend*, 2015 (spring), Your Nickel's Worth Publishing, Picture Book, English/ Cree. With Ray Lavallee, Storyteller.

Fiction Books

- 2023 *The Treasure Box*, Your Nickel's Worth Publishing, Regina, SK
- 2017 *Ghosts in the Garden*, Coteau Books, SK Canada
- 2010 *Adventure of a Boy and Old Man – A Volume of Hideout* (Japanese Translation of *Dinosaur Hideout*). WCC books, Japan, 2010.
- 2009 *The Secret of the Stone Circle.* Coteau Books, Saskatchewan, Canada.
- 2008 *Dinosaur Blackout.* Coteau Books, Saskatchewan, Canada.
- 2006 *Dinosaur Stakeout.* Coteau Books, SK, Canada.
- 2005 *The Secret of the Stone House.* Coteau Books, Saskatchewan, Canada.
- 2004 *Dinosaur Breakout.* Coteau Books, Saskatchewan, Canada.

- 2003 *Dinosaur Hideout*. Coteau Books, Saskatchewan, Canada.
 1996 *The Secret of Sentinel Rock*. Coteau Books, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Non-Fiction Books

- 2026 *The Maasai: A traveler's Guide to Culture and Tradition*. Silverlight Productions Inc.
 2003 *Ingrained Legacy: Saskatchewan Pioneer Woodworkers 1870-1930*. Spiral Communications Inc, Saskatchewan, Canada (ISBN: 0-9732879-0-X).
 1991 & 2003 *Made in Saskatchewan: Peter Rupchan, Ukrainian Pioneer and Potter*. Prairie Lily Co-operative Ltd., Saskatchewan, Canada ,1991. ISBN 0-921435-04-5. 88 pages. (Reprinted in 2003, by Spiral Communications Inc., Saskatchewan, Canada.

Periodical & Report Writing

- 1985-present Writer, researcher, (& occasional) photographer for approximately 400 articles and columns for various periodicals since 1985. (Including the Leader-Post, weekly newspapers, and several magazines, South Saskatchewan Community Foundation annual report)

Fiction Anthologies

- 2025 Short Story, Feline Fortunes, in *Stray Cats*, Pete's Press, Regina, SK.
 1994 The short story, The Diary, in *Friends and Fences*, (Prairie Lily Co-operative Publishing Ltd. Saskatchewan, Canada).

Poetry Anthologies

- 1972-1975 *Saskatchewan Poetry Society*, poetry anthologies, Saskatchewan, Canada.

AWARDS/NOMINATIONS

Personal Awards

- 2006 Recipient of the 2006 YWCA Women of Distinction Award – in the Arts Category

Writing Awards

- 2024 – Finalist - Whistler Independent Book Award. *The Treasure Box*
 2024 - Next Generation Indie Award. *The Treasure Box*
 2019 – Kimi Seal Award, and Honorary Mention, Germany. *Die Würdigung des Bisons*
 2017 - Moonbeam Children's Award for Pre-Teen Fiction-Mystery, USA – Winner. *Ghosts in the Garden*
 2017 – Human Relations Indie Awards – Pre-Teen, USA – Winner. *Convictions*
 2017 - Moonbeam Children's Award for Young Adult Fiction- Historical/Cultural, USA– Gold Winner. *Convictions*
 2017 - IPPY Canada-West – Best Regional Non-Fiction - Silver Medal Winner. *Honouring the Buffalo* - co-authored with Elder and Storyteller, Ray Lavallee
 2017 Next Generation Indie Book Award for Historical Fiction 2017, USA – Gold Winner (First Place). *Convictions*
 2017 - Forward Indie Awards -Young Adult Fiction, USA – Nominated. *Convictions*
 2017 - Next Generation Indie Book Awards - Historical Fiction, USA –Winner. *Convictions*
 2017 - Saskatchewan Book Award for Children's Literature – Nominated. *Convictions*
 2017 Saskatchewan Book Award for Publication in Education – Nominated. v

2017 - High Plains Award - Women Writers category, USA – Nominated. *Convictions*

2016 - Next Generation Indie Book Awards, Children’s Picture Book (6 Years & Up), USA – Gold Winner. *Honouring the Buffalo*

2016 - Moonbeam Award for the YA Fiction - Historical/Cultural, USA – Gold Winner. *Convictions*

2016 - High Plains Book Awards categories: Art & Photography, and Children’s Book, USA – Nominated. *Honouring the Buffalo*

2016 - Saskatchewan Book Awards – Nominated for three categories: Children’s Literature, Aboriginal Peoples’ Writing (Ray Lavallee), Aboriginal Peoples’ Publishing Award (publisher). *Honouring the Buffalo* – co-authored with Elder and Storyteller, Ray Lavallee

2015/16 - Canadian Children’s Book Centre – Our Choice List. *Honouring the Buffalo*

2015 - Moonbeam Children’s Award for Environmental Issues, USA – Silver Winner. *Honouring the Buffalo*

2013 - Willow Awards (SYRCA), Diamond Willow – Nominated. *Ghosts of Government House*

2005 - Saskatchewan Book Award for Children’s Literature – Nominated. *The Secret of the Stone House*

2005 - Willow Awards (SYRCA), Diamond Willow, 2005 – Nominated. *Dinosaur Hideout*

2004 - Saskatchewan Book Award for Children’s Literature – Nominated. *Dinosaur Breakout*

2003 - Saskatchewan Book Award for Children’s Literature – Winner. *Dinosaur Hideout*

2004 - Canadian Children’s Book Centre – Our Choice List. *Dinosaur Hideout*

1996 - Saskatchewan Book Award for Children’s Literature – Winner. *The Secret of Sentinel Rock*

1996 – Saskatchewan Book Award for Publishing in Education – Nominated. *The Secret of Sentinel Rock*

1996/97 - Canadian Children’s Book Centre – Our Choice List. *The Secret of Sentinel Rock*

1996 - Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction for Young People – Nominated. *The Secret of Sentinel Rock Accolades*

SELECTED TELEVISION WRITING/PRODUCING PROJECTS:

- *Echoed Words*. Documentary, Silverlight Productions Inc. AMI Broadcaster, To be broadcast August 2023.
- *Honouring the Buffalo*, Animated Children’s Show, Silverlight Productions Inc. Citytv Saskatchewan.
- *A Promise to My Son*, ½ hr documentary, Silverlight Productions Inc/Cooper Rock Pictures Inc, 2021. Producer, Writer, Researcher, Production Manager.
- *The Abduction Project*, Short Movie, Ynot Media Canada, 2020. Producer, Researcher.
- *Kay Parley: A Mind of Her Own*, 1 hr documentary, Silverlight Productions Inc/ACCESS Communications, 2019. Executive Producer, Writer, Researcher.
- *Story Junction*, ACCESS Communications, 2020. Writer, Co-producer, storyteller, host.
- *Roger Ing: The Utopia Years*. Spiral Film Productions Inc., Regina, Saskatchewan, 1998. Writer/Researcher, Producer/Co-Director, Publicist. CBC
- *Ingrained Legacy*, a half hour documentary and *Splinters* a series of ten vignettes. Spiral Film Productions Inc., Regina, Saskatchewan, 1997. Writer, Producer, Co-Director, Researcher.
- *First Visions*. Spiral Film Productions Inc., Regina, 1997. Writer, Producer, Director, Researcher.
- *Rupchan: Spirit of a Prairie Potter*. Grasslands Productions Inc., Regina, Saskatchewan, 1992. Writer, Executive Producer, Researcher.

- *How to...* 18 vignettes for beginning writers, Saskatchewan Writers' Guild, 2016, Writer, Producer, Scriptwriter.
- *Bookworms Corner*, Access TV, 2012-2015. Executive Producer.
- *Subterranean Passage*, Reverie Films, Regina, Saskatchewan, 1999. Assistant Writer, editing.
- *Smuggling*, two short promo videos for the R.C.M.P., Sharper Image Film & Video Productions Inc., 1998. Writer, Researcher, Production Manager.

CULTURAL JURY – ACTIVITIES / CURATING

- *Whistler Independent Book Award*, 2025
- *High Plains Book Awards*, Billings, Montana, Jury for Children's literature, Summer 2017, 2019
- *Canada Council for the Arts – Literary Arts Promotion: Project Grants*, 2013
- *Alberta Book Awards*, R. Ross Annett Award for Children's Literature, picture books, 2005
- *Yorkton Short Film & Video Awards*, Selection Committee – Documentary Shorts, 2000
- *Gemini Awards*, Canada's national English-language television awards– pre-selection jury for Televised Special Events Category, 1999
- *SaskFilm & Video Corporation – Experimental Film funding*, 1999

PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Professional Memberships

- Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC)
- Canadian Society of Children's Authors, Illustrators, and Performers (CANSCAIP)
- Saskatchewan Writers Guild (SWG)
- Saskatchewan Motion Picture Association (SMPIA)

VOLUNTEER BOARD OR COMMITTEE POSITIONS

- SWG (Board: President & Various Committees-1988-2006)
- SMPIA (Board Member & Various Committees-1991-97, 2002-07, including Showcase Gala Coordinator for provincial film awards)
- Saskatchewan Book Awards (1997-1998)
- Delta Blues Association of Canada (President & other positions-1996-1997, 2000)
- SK Association of Screenwriters (SAS) – (Executive Board member – 2003)
- Saskatchewan Festivals Committee (SFC), (1996-97)
- Saskatchewan Cultural Exchange Society (SCES), (1996-1997 – member and board)
- Children's Writers Round Robin (1991-96)
- Saskatchewan Poetry Society (1970-1975)
- Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (1980-84, 1992-1994)
- Saskatchewan History & Folklore Society (1993-94),
- Saskatchewan Society of Education through Art (SSEA) (1993)
- Saskatchewan Craft Council (1992-93)