

Joe Miller

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor, Department of English, Columbus State University, Columbus, Georgia, August 2011 to present
- Faculty, *New Letters* Weekend Writers Conference, University of Missouri-Kansas City, June, 2011
- Instructor, Freshman and Sophomore English Program, University of Kansas, Lawrence, August 2009 to present
- Faculty, *New Letters* Weekend Writers Conference, University of Missouri-Kansas City, June, 2010
- Debate Coach, Central High School, Kansas City, 2004 to 2007
- Debate Teacher, De La Salle Education Center, Kansas City, 2005 to 2006
- Instructor, University of Louisville Summer Debate Institute, 2005
- Instructor, University of Oklahoma Summer Debate Institute, 2006
- Instructor, University of Missouri-Kansas City Summer Debate Institute, 2006
- Adjunct Instructor (graphic design), Metropolitan State College, Denver, Fall 2008

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Cross-X: The Amazing True Story of How the Most Unlikely Team from the Most Unlikely of Places Overcame Staggering Obstacles at Home and at School to Challenge the Debate Community on Race, Power and Education*, a literary nonfiction book about a season with an inner-city high school debate squad, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2006 (paperback, Picador 2007)

Publications in Literary Journals

- *Blunderbuss Magazine*, "The Well-Tuned Moment (essay)," July 2, 2014
- *The Missouri Review*, "The Black Saint and the Best Selling Writer" (essay), Autumn 2013
- *Decomp*, "Conquest [Translation]" (short story), June 2012
- *New Letters*, "Born Again and Again" (essay), fall 2011
- *Pleiades*, "On Acid" (essay), January 2010

Publications in Selected Magazines

- *Ledger-Enquirer*, Profile of Ralph "Soul" Jackson, June 2012
- *The Rumpus*, "Albums of Our Lives," May 2012
- *Salon*, "The Oddest Couple in Politics," September 2009
- *Running Times*, "Five Minutes with Alan Webb," July 2009 and "Trail Nuts," June 2009
- *Vibe*, "Jada Gets Wicked," Summer, 2006

- *Poets & Writers*, “Goddard’s Transformative Language Arts Program,” May/June, 2001
- *Art in America*, “Report From Colorado/Looking to the Future,” May, 1998
- *Art Papers*, various articles from 1997 to 1999
- *New Art Examiner*, various articles in 1997 and 1998

WRITING AWARDS

- Nominee, 2013 Pushcart Prize
- Special Mention, 2012 Pushcart Prize
- Winner, 2007 William Rockhill Nelson Award for Nonfiction Book, awarded by The Writers Place and *The Kansas City Star*
- Winner, 2007 Harry Chapin Media Award for Nonfiction Book, awarded by WHY (a nonprofit focused on finding community-based solutions to hunger and poverty).
- Finalist, Missouri Lifestyle Journalism Awards, in the Multicultural and Paul L. Myhre Series categories, 2004, awarded by the University of Missouri
- Finalist, John Bartlow Martin Award for Public Interest Magazine Journalism, 2003, awarded by Northwestern University
- Finalist, John Bartlow Martin Award for Public Interest Magazine Journalism, 2002, awarded by Northwestern University
- First Place, Best Coverage of Government, Missouri Press Association, 2003
- First Place, Best Young People’s Coverage, Missouri Press Association, 2003
- First Place, General Reporting, Kansas City Press Club Heart of America Awards, 2003
- First Place, Investigative Writing, Kansas Press Association, 2002
- First Place, Features Kansas City Association of Black Journalists, 2002
- First Place, Business Writing, Colorado Associated Press Editors and Writers, 1999
- Second Place, Feature Writing, National Association of Alternative Newsweeklies Editorial Awards, 2004
- Second Place, News Stories, National Association of Alternative Newsweeklies Editorial Awards, 2003
- Second Place, Feature Writing, Kansas City Press Club, 2000
- Second Place, Business Writing, Colorado Press Association, 1999
- Third Place, Best Story About Education, Missouri Press Association, 2004
- Third Place, Investigative Writing, Kansas Press Association, 2002
- Third Place, In-Depth Writing, Kansas Press Association, 2001
- Third Place, Political Reporting, Colorado Society for Professional Journalists, 2000
- Third Place, Investigative Reporting, Kansas City Press Club, 2000
- Honorable Mention, Best Coverage of Government, Missouri Press Association, 2003
- President’s Award Recognizing Outstanding Contributions in Journalism, Kansas City Press Club, 2003

VISITING WRITER ENGAGEMENTS

- Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, invited for spring 2011 semester by English Department for a one-day visit

- Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, invited by English Department for class visits and public lecture at Brown V. Board of Education National Historic Site, February 2008
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, invited by Illini Speech and Debate for class visits and lectures, radio and newspaper interviews and public lecture, March 2007
- University of Missouri, St. Louis, invited by Education Department for class visits and lectures, March 2007
- Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, invited by English and Education departments for class visits and lectures, November 2006

SELECT PUBLIC READINGS

- Carson McCullers Faculty/Student Reading Series, Columbus, Georgia, October 2011
- Central Missouri State University, April 2011
- Brown vs. Board of Education Historic Site, February 2009
- The Big Read, St. Louis, Missouri, October 2006
- Prairie Lights Bookstore, Iowa City, Iowa, October 2006 (recorded for broadcast as part of the *Live From Prairie Lights* series on MPR affiliate KRUI)
- Hue-Man Bookstore, New York, New York, October 2006
- Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, Colorado, October 2006
- The Raven Bookstore, Lawrence, Kansas, October 2006
- Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, Washington, November 2006
- Rainy Day Books Author Series, Kansas City, Missouri, November 2006
- Charmichael's Bookstore, Louisville, Kentucky, November 2006
- University of Louisville, November 2006
- Barnes and Noble, Mishawaka, Indiana, November 2006
- Esowan Bookstore, December 2006
- Kansas City Public Library, December 2006

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- "Is It a Book?" AWP 2011, organizer and facilitator
- "Faith and the Creative Writing Workshop," AWP 2012, organizer and facilitator
- "The Literati," AWP 2012, panelist
- College Language Association, Atlanta, 2012, presented paper, "Crashing at Carson McCuller's House"
- "What About Literary Journalism?" AWP 2013, organizer and facilitator
- "How to Write a Nonfiction Book Proposal," AWP 2014, organizer and facilitator

GRANTS

- CSU Faculty Center Interdisciplinary Initiative Grant, "The Great Speckled Bird and the Role of the Underground Press in the 1960s," Fall 2014 (with Dr. Gary Sprayberry)

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES AND REVIEWS

Print

- Associated Press, feature article, October 2006
- *Chicago Tribune*, included in “Best Books of 2006,” December 10, 2006
- *Boston Globe*, review, November 12, 2006
- *Elle*, review, October 2006
- *Entertainment Weekly*, review, October 2006
- *Publisher’s Weekly*, starred review, June 2006, “100 Best Books,” November 2006
- *Kirkus*, starred review, August 2006
- *Denver Post*, feature article, October 29, 2006
- *Seattle Times*, feature article, October 29, 2006
- *Kansas City Star*, feature article, “Best Books of 2006”
- *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, November 12, 2006
- *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*, review, November 17, 2006
- *Education Week*, review, November 2006
- *Teacher* magazine, review, November 2006
- *Pages* magazine, feature article, September 2006
- *Media Bistro*, interview, November 13, 2006
- *Riverfront Times*, St. Louis, feature article, October 4, 2006

Radio

- *Talk of the Nation*, NPR, interview, October 31, 2006
- *News and Notes*, NPR, November 24, 2006
- *Up to Date*, KCUR, Kansas City, November 7, 2006
- *The Afternoon Show*, WILL (Illinois Public Radio), interview, November 28, 2006
- *The Joey Reynolds Show*, WOR, New York, October 10, 2006

Television

- *Noon News on WHAS-TV*, Louisville, Kentucky, November 14, 2006
- *Talk Back Live with Steve Rose*, KCPT, Kansas City, December 2006

PROFESSIONAL WRITING EXPERIENCE

- Columnist, *KC Downtowner*, 2009 to 2010
- Freelance Writer, November 2008 to present
- Staff Writer, *The Pitch*, Kansas City, Missouri, 2000 to 2004
- Staff Writer, *Lawrence Journal-World*, Lawrence, Kansas, 2000
- Editor, *Boulder Weekly*, Boulder, Colorado, 1999 to 2000
- News Editor, *Boulder Weekly*, 1998 to 1999
- Business Editor, *Longmont Daily Times-Call*, Longmont, Colorado, 1998
- Staff Writer, *Boulder Weekly*, 1995 to 1998

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Director of Communications, Mayor’s Office, Kansas City, Missouri, May 2007 to November 2008
- Assistant Campaign Director, Funkhouser for Mayor, November 2006 to May 2007

EDUCATION

- University of Kansas, Lawrence, Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, creative nonfiction and fiction, anticipate completion spring 2011
- National Institute For Computer-Assisted Reporting, University of Missouri School of Journalism, 2001
- University of Colorado, Boulder, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Film Production, 1994
- Centro de Estudios Para Extranjeros, Universidad de Guadalajara, 1993 (Semester-long Spanish immersion program)

AFFILIATIONS

- Member, AWP
- Board of Directors, DEBATE Kansas City, 2008 to 2011