

Amanda Johnston

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EMPLOYMENT

2012 – Present Cave Canem Foundation, Inc., Retreat and Residencies Coordinator
2006 – Present Torch Literary Arts, Executive Director / Editor
2008 – Present Round Rock ISD, Administrative Associate
2005 – 2008 St. Edward's University, Office of Student Life, Administrative Secretary

EDUCATION

2012 – Present University of Southern Maine, Stonecoast MFA in Creative Writing, Poetry
2007 – 2008 St. Edward's University, B.A. English
2002 – 2005 Elizabethtown Community & Technical College, General Studies
1995 – 1998 Austin Community College, General Studies

TEACHING

2012 Visiting Poet, Grisham Middle School, RRISD, Austin, TX
2011 Visiting Poet, Grisham Middle School, RRISD, Austin, TX
2009 Po Biz, Cave Canem Summer Retreat, Greensburg, PA - Workshop
2008 Guest Artist, Grrl Action, Austin, TX - Workshop
2008 Po Biz, Cave Canem Summer Retreat, Greensburg, PA - Workshop
2007 Writing a Path to Truth, Writers' League of Texas, Austin, Texas – Workshop
2006 Performance/Poetry Workshop, Cave Canem Summer Retreat, Greensburg, PA – Workshop
2005 Bringing Your Words to Life, ECTC, Elizabethtown, KY - Continuing Ed.
2004 Page to the Stage, du Pont Manual High School, Louisville, KY – Workshop
2003 The Art of Slam, YMCA Young Black Achievers, Lexington, KY – Workshop
2003 Imaginative Writing, Elizabethtown Comm. & Tech. College, Elizabethtown, KY – Workshop

GRANTS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

2006 The Austin Project, Fellowship
2005 Cave Canem Retreat for African American Poets, Fellowship
2005 Austin International Poetry Festival Christina Sergeyevna Award
2005 Kentucky Foundation for Women, Hopscotch House, Artist-in-Residence
2004 Kentucky Foundation for Women Artist Enrichment Grant
2004 Kentucky Women Writers Conference Slam, Second Place
2003 Kentucky Foundation for Women Artist Enrichment Grant

PUBLICATIONS

2010 "Oracle" Reverie, Annual
2010 "Girlfriend there is no spoon" Reverie, Annual
2009 "Buckle" Reverie, Spring/Summer Vol. 3
2008 "Orange" The Journal of Affrilachian Arts & Culture
2008 "Making Brown" Pluck!: The Journal of Affrilachian Arts & Culture
2007 "Sparky Considers God's Hands" Cave Canem XI 2007 Anthology
2007 "A Burden of Flame: An interview with Amanda Johnston" Callaloo, Vol. 30, Number 4
2007 "Suburban Cows" New Literati
2007 "Pity" New Literati
2007 "Over Breakfast" His Rib, Penmanship Publishing
2007 "History Lesson" His Rib, Penmanship Publishing
2007 "Round" Tempu Tupu, Africa World Press

- 2007 "Mourning" Tempu Tupu, Africa World Press
- 2007 "Vacant Apartment" Tempu Tupu, Africa World Press
- 2007 "Have you ever been convicted of a felony?" Tempu Tupu, Africa World Press
- 2007 "Bowling in the Church of Beauty" The Ringing Ear: Black Poets Lean South, Georgia Press
- 2006 "Bowling in the Church of Beauty" Sorin Oak Review
- 2006 "Origami" Sorin Oak Review
- 2005 "Cul-de-sac" Kudzu
- 2005 "Dissecting Heritage" Kudzu
- 2005 "Thyme for Onions" di-verse-city Anthology
- 2004 "Reading in Bed" di-verse-city Anthology
- 2004 "Baby Mama Drama" KRHN Newsletter
- 2003 "Four Line Depression" The Heartland Review
- 2002 "Animal Instinct" The Heartland Review
- 2002 "Miz Cassidy's Vision" The Heartland Review
- 2002 "If Iraq Happens" The Heartland Review

ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS

- 2009 "Bomb Threat" November 3rd Club
- 2009 "Domicile" The Drunken Boat
- 2009 "My Father as a Blooming Stem" The Drunken Boat
- 2008 "Swimsuit" Un-Mute.com
- 2008 "First Song" Un-Mute.com
- 2006 "Bowling in the Church of Beauty" Cave Canem Featured Poems
- 2005 "Not Another Love Jones" Old City Cool
- 2005 "Not My Husband" Old City Cool
- 2003 "If Iraq Happens" Poets Against the War
- 2003 "Miz Cassidy's Vision" Poetry Repair Shop

BOOKS, CHAPBOOKS, CDS, DVDS

- 2008 Affrilachian Poets at the Nuyorican Poets Cafe, DVD
- 2008 Excerpts, Chapbook
- 2004 Not Another Love Jones, Chapbook
- 2004 Quickies, CD

FEATURE PRESENTATIONS, PERFORMANCES

- 2011 July Nuyorican Poets Café, New York, NY
- 2011 Feb. Bookwoman, Austin, TX
- 2011 Jan. Cave Canem Fellows Reading, Washington, D.C.
- 2011 Jan. Affrilachian Poets, Busboys and Poets, Washington, D.C.
- 2011 Jan. The Ancestor and The Archive Performance, Women and Their Work, Austin, TX
- 2010 Sept. Gypsy Slam, Kentucky Women Writers Conference, Lexington, KY
- 2008 June Fellows Reading, Cave Canem Summer Retreat, Greensburg, PA
- 2008 Jan. Affrilachian Poets, Nuyorican Poets Café, New York, NY
- 2008 Jan. Cave Canem Fellows Reading, Bowery Poetry Club, New York, NY
- 2007 Sept. America: love out of con/text, Last Sundays, Austin, TX
- 2007 Sept. America: love out of con/text, Minneapolis, MN
- 2007 Aug. National Poetry Slam, Panel / Beyond the Bar: Poetry in the Community, Austin, TX
- 2007 Mar. Cave Canem Reading, Spelman College, Atlanta, GA
- 2007 Feb. 30th Anniversary/Birthday Celebration, Bookwoman, Austin, TX
- 2006 Nov. Reading/Panel with Sekou Sundiata, Resistencia Bookstore, Austin, TX
- 2006 Oct. Cave Canem 10th Anniversary Celebration, Fellows' Reading, New York, NY
- 2006 July Affrilachian Poets 15th Anniversary Celebration, Lexington, KY
- 2006 June Cave Canem Fellows Reading, Greensburg, PA
- 2006 June June Jordan Memorial Reading, Carver Library, Austin, TX
- 2006 May Resistencia Bookstore, Austin, TX
- 2006 April The Austin Project: Jam sessions in a jazz aesthetic, Austin, TX
- 2006 April The Austin Project: Jam sessions in a jazz aesthetic, University of Texas, Austin, TX

- 2006 Mar. Art and Activism: The Center for African and African American Studies, Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX
- 2006 Mar. SISTAS ALOUD!: Cave Canem Poets for the National Women's Alliance, St. Edward's Univ., Austin, TX
- 2006 Mar. An Evening with the Affrilachian Poets, St. Edward's University, Austin, TX
- 2006 Feb. Performance Poetry Showcase, St. Edward's University, Austin, TX
- 2005 Dec. World AIDS Day Awareness Reading, St. Edward's University, Austin, TX
- 2005 July Texas Substance Abuse Conference, Austin, TX
- 2005 June Cave Canem Summer Retreat, Fellows' Reading, Greensburg, PA
- 2005 April Hope Motherhood Initiative Fundraiser with Poetri, Def Poet, Charleston, WV
- 2005 April 13th Annual Austin International Poetry Festival
- 2005 April Tuesday Night Reading Series, Evansville, IN
- 2005 April Tsunami of Compassion: Affrilachian Poets Literary Tour, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2005 Mar. Kentucky Women Writers Conference, Motto Slam, Host/Organizer, Lexington, KY
- 2005 Feb. Tsunami of Compassion: Affrilachian Poets, ECTC Elizabethtown, KY
- 2005 Feb. 16th Annual African American Read-In, ECTC, Elizabethtown, KY
- 2004 Dec. Helping Hand Benefit Variety Show, ECTC, Elizabethtown, KY
- 2004 Dec. InKY All Star Slam, Louisville, KY
- 2004 Dec. Sidekicks Slam, Austin, TX
- 2004 Dec. Austin Slam, Austin, TX
- 2004 Oct. Healing Words: Domestic Violence Awareness Reading, ECTC, Elizabethtown, KY
- 2004 Oct. Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil, ECTC, Elizabethtown, KY
- 2004 Sept. 2nd Annual Literary Performance Festival, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY
- 2004 June Bean Street Reading Series, New Albany, IN
- 2004 May InKY Reading Series, Louisville, KY
- 2004 April Austin International Poetry Festival, Austin, TX
- 2004 Mar. Sisters Celebrating Self Love, Woman Power Collective, Louisville, KY
- 2004 Feb. InKY Reading Series Debut, Louisville, KY
- 2004 Feb. 15th African American Read-In, Barns & Noble, Elizabethtown, KY
- 2004 Feb. Kentucky Women Writers Conference Slam, Lexington, KY
- 2004 Jan. Kentucky Reproductive Rights Celebration, Louisville, KY
- 2003 Dec. Helping Hand Benefit Variety Show, ECTC, KY
- 2003 Nov. SoupFest, Lexington, KY
- 2003 Nov. SisterSong Conf. /Cultural Explosion, Spelman Univ., Atlanta, GA
- 2003 Oct. Common Grounds Poetry Slam, Lexington, KY
- 2003 Oct. Healing Words: Domestic Violence Awareness Reading, ECTC, Elizabethtown, KY
- 2003 Oct. Falling for the Arts Festival, Leitchfield, KY
- 2003 Oct. 3rd Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil, ECTC, Elizabethtown, KY
- 2003 Oct. Insomniacathon, Louisville, KY
- 2003 Sept. Good Foods Co-Op Inaugural Slam, Lexington, KY

RADIO, TELEVISION, FILM

- 2006 "Slave Chronicles" Series, Video
- 2007 10IX: Expose Your X, "Afro Kid's Crash Austin," Highest Ranked Outside of Finalists, Video
- 2005 Poetry Special, KET Bookclub, TV
- 2005 The Frontiersmen by Allan W. Eckert, KET Bookclub, TV
- 2005 The Barbarian Parade by Kirby Gann, KET Bookclub, TV
- 2004 Walking Eddie, directed by Michael Banks, Cameo, Film

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Poetry Society of America
 Association of Writers and Writing Programs
 Austin Poetry Society
 Affrilachian Poets
 Cave Canem
 The Austin Project

REFERENCES

Available on request