

Cija Jefferson

Education

- Master of Fine Arts, 2016 | University of Baltimore | Creative Writing & Publishing Arts (non-fiction)
- Bachelor of Arts, 1997 | Sarah Lawrence College | Concentrations: Black History & Sociology

Higher Education Experience

- **Upperclass Academic Advisor**, Maryland Institute College of Art, advise undergraduate students (April 2018 to present)
- **Academic Advisor**, Walden University, work independently and proactively to identify student success issues; provide students resources; translate complex policy, and manage student success from onboarding to graduation for a cohort of a global population of over 400 graduate and doctoral distance-learning students (2006-2018)
- **Academic Advising Community Manager**- Walden University, interact with newly admitted and continuing students to help them achieve educational goals via “Our Community,” an online social media platform. (2015 to 2017)
- **Library Assistant IV**, Johns Hopkins University, manage student employees, provide primary resource reference assistance to students and faculty and oversee daily operation and security of George Peabody Library, a research library housing a collection of non-circulating eighteenth and nineteenth century rare books. (2004-2006)

Teaching

- **Speaking in Public (without being awkward)**, The Woods II writing retreat, “Have killer work to read but not so sure of reading your work in public? We share techniques for before, during, and after a successful reading.” December 2018

Writing/Editing Experience

- **Freelance Writer**, pitch and write essays/articles (2012 to present)
- **Staff Writer**, Homestead Publishing, education reporter for *The Aegis* and *The Record* newspapers (2002)

Publications

- [Not Watching the Clock/One writer lets motherhood find her](#) | Baltimore Style | December 2018
- Yellow Arrow Journal: Journey | [Midnight Run to Mexico](#) | Volume 1, p. 16 | August 2017
- [A People's Journey](#) | Baltimore Style, p. 63 | August 2017
- [The Moon and the Stars: A Review of the Clancys of Queens by Tara Clancy](#) | Atticus Review May 2017 (book review)
- [A Review of Ben Tanzer's "Be Cool"](#) | Atticus Review | February 2017 (book review)
- *Sonic Memories/and other essays | May 2016 (nonfiction book)
- [I Didn't Think I had a Bestie](#) | HelloGiggles | July 2015 (nonfiction)
- * Gone but Never Forgotten | REJECT, Edition 2: p. 24 | January 2015 (memoir)
- [Wretched of the Earth: "When I Was a Wild Child"](#) | Baltimore Fishbowl | January 2014 (memoir)
- [Motherhood w/out the Stretch Marks](#) | The Conversation w/ Amanda de Cadenet | November 2012
- [Perfect Punchline: Larry Lancaster](#) | The Flywire | November 2012 (interview)
- [The 30 and Up Club: Welcome to the Jungle](#) | The Conversation w/ Amanda de Cadenet | July 2012, (nonfiction)
- [Avoiding Negativity: The Ultimate Albatross](#) | The Conversation w/ Amanda de Cadenet | June 2012 (nonfiction)
- [Diary Reflections](#) | The Conversation w/ Amanda de Cadenet | April 2011 (nonfiction)

- *How to Read the September Issue of Vogue | HelloGiggles | September 2011 (nonfiction)
- *On Treasures | HelloGiggles | July 2011 (nonfiction)

*print only

Performances

Ongoing:

- Host | Writers and Words| Baltimore reading series

Readings/Storytelling:

- *Drinking Club* Vol. 5, Station North, Baltimore November 17, 2018 (read 'sacrificial' poem)
- [The Inner Loop](#) @ [Solid State Books](#) Tuesday September 18, 2018
- Yellow Arrow Publishing @ Highlandtown Artwalk | Baltimore | November 3, 2016
- Alumni Cabaret @ Sarah Lawrence College | Bronxville, NY | June 2, 2017
- Hey You, Come Back! @ The Crown | Baltimore | November 3, 2016
- Hollowed @ Charmington's | Baltimore | October 27, 2016
- Literary Roulette @ The Ottobar | Baltimore, | October 4, 2016
- Baltimore Book Festival | Writers and Words @ Ivy Bookshop Stage | co-host
- [GirlPowerMeetUps](#) | DC | July 17, 2016 | guest speaker
- The Big Show @ Creative Alliance | Baltimore | June 25, 2016
- Emerging Voices @ University of Baltimore | Play Reading: *Black Maggies* / June 2, 2016
- Words & Wine @ Spirits of Mt. Vernon | Baltimore | May 24, 2016
- MFA Graduate Reading Festival @ University of Baltimore | May 7, 2016
- Writers and Words @ Charmington's | Baltimore | January 12, 2016
- Baltimore Book Festival @ Ivy Bookshop Stage | University/MFA Writers Program | September 27, 2015
- REJECT Volume 2 @ Charmington's | Baltimore | January 31, 2015
- Emerging Voices @ University of Baltimore | Spring Story Slam | May 7, 2014
- [Hair!](#) @ The Windup Space | The Stoop Too storytelling series | April 24, 2014

Technology & Social Media Skills

- MAC and PC platforms | Adobe InDesign | Microsoft Office | Banner | Blackboard | Salesforce | Peoplesoft | Hotmail | Gmail | Outlook
- Tumblr | WordPress | Twitter | TweetDeck | Instagram | Facebook | LinkedIn | Google+

Professional Organizations

- AWP, Association of Writers & Writing Programs (2012-present)

*References available upon request