

Margaret Osburn

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CURRENT WORK

The Jelly Women: A Novel (with agent)

When Desire Can't Find Its Object: Stories about Confused Relationships

RECENT SHORT STORY PUBLICATIONS

"How Unlucky Are the Dead," Raleigh Review, 2018

"The Jelly Women," CALYX, 2016

"Between the Rows," Existere, 2015

"When Desire Can't Find Its Object," Salamander, 2015

FICTION AWARD

"When Desire Can't Find Its Object," 2014 Salamander Fiction Contest, judge: Jennifer Haigh

NONFICTION FREELANCE

MAGAZINES: *Americana*, *American Visions: The Journal of Afro-American Culture*, *Collectibles Illustrated*, *Yankee*, *Indianapolis Monthly Magazine*, & others

NEWSPAPERS: *Indianapolis Star*, *Indianapolis Business Journal*, *Washington Post*,
Chicago Tribune, & others

SYNDICATED: Words by Wire, Washington, D.C.

DOCUMENTARY FILM (Scriptwriter)

Once There Was A City, independent production, broadcast on PBS

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

1989-present: The Johns Hopkins University Odyssey program (Advanced Academic Studies Dept.)

"Character Development in Fiction and Memoir"

"Narrative in Fiction and Memoir"

"Writing from Personal Experience"

"The Journal as Personal Essay"

Former: JHU Osher, "Memoir Writing"; JHU Krieger and Carey Schools, freshman comp;
Maryland Institute, College of Art, "Writing the Personal Essay"; Smithsonian Associates,
Washington, D.C., "Writing Family Stories"

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

University of Hawaii, Honolulu, faculty/grad students (workshop presenter)

2018: "The Underlying Architecture of Essay Writing"

JHU Odyssey Writers' Weekend Retreat (organizer/presenter)

2015-18: "Memory & Imagination: An Exploration of Poetry, Fiction, & Memoir"

Passager Lit Journal National Writers Conference (guest speaker)

2011: "Voice and the Memoirist"

FICTION & MEMOIR WRITING COACH /EDITOR

Client authors published by trade (e.g., Jean-Pierre Weill, *The Well of Being*, Flat Iron Press, NY) ,
university (e.g., Sandra M. Nettles, *Crazy Visitations*, University of Georgia Press), and self-
publishers. One movie deal. One \$30,000 prize for a book manuscript. Short stories, personal
essays in literary journals, magazines, and newspapers, including the *Nation*, *Washington Post*,
New York Times, *Baltimore Sun*, *Urbanite*, *City Paper* (2 fiction contest winners), *Style*, and
many others.

INSTITUTIONAL CLIENT LIST: WRITING /EDITING

Bloomberg School of Public Health, Widener University Law School, MedStar Health System,
University of Maryland (UM) Cancer Center, UM Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity,
Hannah More School, Baltimore Public Schools, Bryn Mawr School, Berman Institute on
Bioethics (JHU), PEVCO International, Legg Mason, Graffito, Kathryn Shagas Design, Cooper
Wingard Design, Oxman Design, Greatest Creative Factor (partial list)

STAFF EXPERIENCE

University of Baltimore, PR Associate Director (alumni publications editor/projects manager)

Haldeman & Associates, Indianapolis, IN (editor/project manager)

Indianapolis Urban League (commentary/speech writer)

Indiana University Medical School (medical education writer/editor/project manager)

The Indianapolis Journal (reporter)

The Anderson Herald, Anderson, IN (reporter)

RECOGNITIONS: NONFICTION WRITING/EDITING

Strategic E-Health Marketing (national), 1st place medical website content
client: MedStar Health

ADDY (regional), annual report (designer Kathryn Shagas)
client: Hannah More School

Art Director's Club of Metropolitan Washington, EXHIBITIONS (designer: Genovese Coustenis)
Admissions Package—Bryn Mawr School for Girls
Annual Report—Maryland Historical Society
Annual Report—University of Maryland Cancer Report

Award-winning annual reports (designer Kathryn Shagas)
Harbor Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital

Woman's Press Club of Indiana, 2nd place, feature writing
employee: *The Indianapolis Journal*

Woman's Press Club of Indiana, 1st place, writer/graphic designer of poster
client: Indiana Committee for the Humanities

Woman's Press Club of Indiana, 1st place, editor, newsletter
employer: Indiana University Medical School

Indiana Business Communicators, 1st place, newsletter editor
employer: Indiana University Medical School

Woman's Press Club of Indiana, 1st place, news writing
employer: *The Anderson Herald*

EDUCATION

Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, B.S., journalism major, sociology minor

University of Maryland, Baltimore County, psychology courses

Hopkins Summer Writing Workshop, with Mary Robison

Indiana University Summer Writers Conference, with Grace Paley, Roger Zelazny, Philip Levine

SERVICE

The Johns Hopkins University
2010-18: continuing studies advisory board member

Maryland Historical Society
former: Civil War think tank

American Institute of Graphic Arts
former: Baltimore chapter, board of directors

Society of Professional Journalists
former: National Ethics Committee