

Rita Collins

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Transitional statement

During my teaching career, I had opportunities to be creative in numerous ways both inside and outside the classroom. My focus has now shifted towards creating artist books, letterpress printing and writing outside of the academic arena. The transition provides ways for me to blend my experiences as well as skills, aspirations, and political leanings.

Education

1992: Educational Leadership, Ed.D., Portland State University, Portland, Oregon
1986: Special Education, M.Ed., Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon
1982: Liberal Arts, B.A., St. Johns College, Annapolis, Maryland

Work experience

Business Owner

St. Rita's Amazing Traveling Bookstore and Textual Apothecary (2015 -)

Community Development

Sunburst Community Service Foundation: director of arts and education, Eureka, Montana (2011-2017)

Adult Education

Masaryk University, Faculty of Education: Taught courses in English and Special Education methodologies. Supervised student theses. Brno, Czech Republic (2005-2011)

Flathead Valley Community College: Coordinated development of vocational programs and community education classes. Kalispell, Montana (2004 - 2005)

University of the West: Taught undergraduate courses in educational theory and methodologies. Timisoara, Romania (2001-03)

Flathead Valley Community College: Taught courses in education, mathematics and remedial reading. Administrative work in disabilities services and community outreach. Kalispell, Montana (1993 - 2001)

Portland Community College: Curriculum development and teaching in basic skills program that included reading, mathematics and social studies to non-native English speakers and students with disabilities. Portland, Oregon (1986-92)

Elementary and Secondary Level Education

William Shakespeare School: Taught middle and high school classes: American literature, American history, cultural studies and creative writing. Timisoara, Romania (2001-03)

Trego School District: Resource room teacher for students with special needs in grades K-8. Trego, Montana (1993 -1997)

Tutoring Program: Directed after school supplemental academic program for students in grades 5-8. Eureka, Montana (1994 - 1997)

Awards and Fellowships

Lincoln County Library Poetry Competition: Libby, Montana (2011)

Masaryk University, Medal of Achievement: Brno, Czech Republic (2011)

National Institute for Literacy Fellowship: Washington, DC (1998)

Exhibits

Collins, Rita. *2026 Calendar Pyramid* Atlantic Arts Center, MD 2026

Collins, Rita. *Under \$2500*, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD 2026

Collins, Rita. *Letterpress Prints*, solo show, Red Emma's, Baltimore, MD 2025

Collins, Rita. *Under \$2500*, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD 2025

Collins, Rita. *Three Covid Quilts*, Eureka MT Quilt Show, MT 2024

Collins, Rita. *Artist Book*, Bainbridge Island Museum of Art, Bainbridge, WA 2023

Collins, Rita. *Letterpress Prints*, solo show, Eureka, MT 2022

Creative Publications

Collins, Rita. *Sandra Wong's Nyckelharpa*. Private collection. 2024

Collins, Rita. *Nearly a Pound*. 2023

Collins, Rita. *Friends*. Bainbridge Island Museum of Art, 2022

Collins, Rita. *The Saga of the Typewriter that Became an Accordion*. 2022

Collins, Rita & Jacobs, Shirley *Thrift Stories*. Icelandic Folk and Outsider Art Museum, 2019

Collins, Rita. *A Dirty Devil of a Tuesday*. Private collection. 2018

Collins, Rita. *Charlotte Garrigue Masaryk: A Story That Needs to be Told*. Artist book. 2017

Collins, Rita. *The Deck of Bed*. 2011

Collins, Rita. *Ten Leaves from Central Europe*. Private collection. 2011

Collins, Rita. *Where are you from?* 2010

Academic Publications

Collins, Rita Chalmers and Vojtková, Naděžda. *Using Learning Centres in the English Language Classroom. Voices*, Canterbury (United Kingdom) : IATEFL University of Kent, 2010, 212, p. 4-5, 2 pp. 2010.

- Collins, Rita Chalmers and Vojtková, Naděžda. *Práce v centrech aktivit* (Learning Centers Activities). www.rvp.cz : Výzkumný ústav pedagogický v Praze, 2010.
- Collins, Rita Chalmers and Vojtková, Naděžda. *Constructing New Classroom Models in a Teacher Education Course*. In *New Pathways in The Professional Development of Teachers*. 1. vyd. Munster : Lit Verlag, 2010. p. 279-284, 6 pp.
- Collins, Rita. Evropská jazyková cena Label 2010 (European Language Award Label 2010). Národní agentura pro evropské projekty, 2010.
- Collins, Rita Chalmers - Hanušová, Světlana - Janíková, Věra - Grenarová, Renée - Kyloušková, Hana - Marečková, Pavla - Schejbalová, Zdeňka. *Individualizace a diferenciacie vevýuce cizích jazyků na 1. a 2. stupni ZŠ* (Individualization and differentiation in foreign language teaching at primary and lower secondary school). In *ŠKOLA PRO VŠECHNY Vzdělávání žáků se speciálními vzdělávacími potřebami v základní škole*. 2010.
- Collins, Rita. *Building Bridges: University Students Reading with Young Learners*. In *Children's Literature in Language Education*. 2010
- Collins, Rita Chalmers. *Developing the Creativity of Gifted and Talented Students in Inclusive Programs: Odyssey of the Mind*. In Grenarová, R., Vítková, M. (eds.) *Cizojazyčná výuka a nadaný žák*. Foreign Language Teaching and a Gifted and Talented Pupil. 1. vyd. Brno : Masarykova univerzita, 2010. p. 25 -39, 15 pp. Edice neuvedena.
- Collins, Rita Chalmers. *Using Story Boxes in Language Learning*. *English Teaching Forum*, USA: US Department of State, 47, 1, p. 18-21, 4 pp.