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## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

**MFA with Distinction in Creative Writing**, concentration in Creative Nonfiction, National University, 2011

**Diploma in Irish Studies**, National University of Ireland, Galway, 2005

**BA in English**, minor in History, *summa cum laude*, Regis University, 1997

### Certification

**Certified Genealogist**, Board for Certification of Genealogists, 1999-present

**Certified Genealogical Record Searcher**, Board for Certification of Genealogists, 1988-1998

### Publications

#### BOOKS

##### Guidebooks

*A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Female Ancestors* (Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 1998)

*A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Immigrant and Ethnic Ancestors* (Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 2000)

*The Genealogy Sourcebook* (Los Angeles: McGraw-Hill, 1997)

*Carmack's Guide to Copyright & Contracts: A Primer for Genealogists, Writers & Researchers.* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2005)

*The Family Tree Guide to Finding Your Ellis Island Ancestors* (Cincinnati: Family Tree Books, 2005)

*Italian-American Family History: A Guide to Researching and Writing About Your Heritage* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1997)

*Organizing Your Family History Search* (Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 1999)

*You Can Write Your Family History* (Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 2003; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 2008)

*Your Guide to Cemetery Research* (Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 2002)

##### Family History Narratives and Genealogies

*American Lives and Lines*, co-authored with Roger D. Joslyn (Privately published, 1999)

*A Sense of Duty: The Life and Times of Jay Roscoe Rhoads and his wife, Mary Grace Rudolph* (Boston: Newbury Street Press, 2002)

- David and Charlotte Hawes (Buckner) Stuart of King George County, Virginia, Including Three Generations of Their Descendants* (Simla, Colo.: the author, 2001)
- The Ebetino and Vallarelli Family History: Italian Immigrants to Westchester County, New York, in the Early 1900s Including Descendants to 1990* (Decorah, Iowa: Anundsen Publishing Co., 1990)
- The Family History of Daniel Donovan and Catherine Caughlin* (co-authored with James W. Warren) (Salt Lake City: Warren & Carmack Publishing, 2008)
- The History of the Ferry, Sferra, Jeney, Hillman, and Hopkins Families* (Salt Lake City: Warren & Carmack Publishing, 2012)
- Italians in Transition: The Vallarelli Family of Terlizzi, Italy, and Westchester County, New York and The DeBartolo Family of Terlizzi, Italy, New York, and San Francisco, California* (Boston: Newbury Street Press, 2003)
- My Wild Irish Rose: The Life of Rose (Norris) (O'Connor) Fitzhugh and her mother Delia (Gordon) Norris* (Boston: Newbury Street Press, 2001)
- The Riggs Family of Accomack County, Virginia, and Louisiana, ca. 1687 to 1943.* ([www.RiggsGenealogy.com](http://www.RiggsGenealogy.com), 2008)
- With Two Potatoes in His Pocket: The History of the McNamara and McGuire Families of Ireland and Richmond, Virginia, also including the Families of Hagerty, Kelly, Landers, Mahoney, Menchke, Rogers, Roschers, and Williams & The History of the Powell and Thomas Families of Georgia and Texas, also including the Families of Clinton, Collins, Crump, Eastham, Judd, Mabry, and Shipley* (Salt Lake City, Utah: Warren & Carmack Publishing, forthcoming 2015)

### Record Abstract

- Communities at Rest: An Inventory and Field Study of Four Eastern Colorado Cemeteries* (Simla, Colo.: the author, 1993)

- Genealogy at a Glance Series** published by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, Md.
- American Cemetery Research* (2012)
- Ellis Island Research* (2011)
- Finding Female Ancestors* (2013)
- Immigration Research* (2011)
- Italian Genealogy Research* (2012)

### ESSAYS AND ARTICLES

#### Writing and Literary Journals

- "10 Enchanted Ways to Write Your Roots," *Writer's Guide to Creativity* (*Writer's Digest* special issue, August 2002): 22-25.
- "A Very Poisoned Cream Puff: The California Eugenics Movement through Steinbeck's *Cannery Row*," *Steinbeck Review* 8 (Fall 2011): 53-67.  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1754-6087.2011.01132.x/abstract>
- "An Interview with Rebecca McClanahan," *Writer's Chronicle* (March/April 2015): 78-90.
- "The Best Way to Share the Family Treasure," *Personal Journaling* (May 2003): 44-47.
- "Christmas Journals," *Personal Journaling* (December 2001): 20-24.
- "Daughtered Out," *Portland Review* 60 (Fall 2013): 49-57.

- “Flesh on the Bones: Turning Dry Ancestral Details into a Life Story,” *Brevity* 33 (Summer 2010). [http://www.creativenonfiction.org/brevity/craft/craft\\_carmack5\\_10.html](http://www.creativenonfiction.org/brevity/craft/craft_carmack5_10.html)
- “Family History Narrative: Genealogy Finds Creative Nonfiction,” *Creative Nonfiction* 41 (Spring 2011): 66-68.
- “The Family Snoop’s Scoops,” *Personal Journaling* (April 2001): 54-57.
- “Footnotes to a Journal,” *Personal Journaling* (October 2002): 45-47.
- “Free Art? Not So Fast,” co-authored with Maureen A. Taylor, *Writer’s Digest* (September 2001): 30-33.
- “From the Other End of the Speculum,” *Phoebe: A Journal of Literature and Art* 41.2 (Fall 2012), Honorable Mention, Creative Nonfiction Writing Contest, <http://www.phoebejournal.com/?p=2289>.
- “How to Tell Your Life Story,” *You Can Write Your Life Story* (*Writer’s Digest* special issue, July 2000): 16-20, 44.
- “Switched at Midlife,” *Hippocampus Magazine*, January 2012, winner of “Most Memorable Essay” and one of ten essays selected for the *Best of Hippocampus* issue, May 2013. <http://www.hippocampusmagazine.com/2012/01/switched-at-midlife-by-sharon-carmack/>
- “The Why, How, What of Interviewing,” *You Can Write Your Life Story* (*Writer’s Digest* special issue, July 2000): 56-59.
- “Write a Memoir to Remember” *Writer’s Digest* (July 2002). [http://www.writersdigest.com/writing-articles/by-writing-goal/write-first-chapter-get-started/write\\_a\\_memoir\\_to\\_remember](http://www.writersdigest.com/writing-articles/by-writing-goal/write-first-chapter-get-started/write_a_memoir_to_remember)

### Genealogical Journals

- “A Small Window of Opportunity: The Norris Family Returns to Tamlaghtmore, Co. Tyrone, Ireland,” *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 161 (April 2007): 119-22.
- “Fitzhugh Bible,” *The Virginia Genealogist* 38 (July-September 1994): 201-202.
- “The Genealogical Use of Social History: An Italian-American Example,” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 79 (December 1991): 283-288.
- “Going Through the Side Door: The Irish Origins of Delia (Gordon) Norris of Greenwich, Connecticut,” *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 157 (April 2003): 125-26.
- “Italian Naming Patterns and Necronyms: Six Generations of the Vallarelli Family as an Example of the Effect of Immigration,” *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 133 (July 2002): 177-81.
- “Immigrant Women and Family Planning: Historical Clues for Genealogical Research,” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 84 (June 1996): 102-114.
- “Looking for the Family Bible: Eleven Places to Check,” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 90 (December 2002): 297-300.
- “Mania and Nancy Bane: Identifying the Family of Nancy (Donnally) Bane, Inmate at the Central Ohio Lunatic Asylum and the Athens Insane Asylum.” *The American Genealogist* 79 (Jan-Apr 2004): 121-34.
- “Panunzio’s Deportation Cases of 1919-20: A Neglected Source and an Index,” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 83 (December 1995): 293-300.
- “Reverse Research Methodology: Tracing the Wife of William Gibbons<sup>5</sup> Stuart of King George County, Virginia, to Find Him,” *The Virginia Genealogist* 46 (Jan-Mar 2002): 47-53.

“Unpublishable Family Skeletons: The Death of Harriet (Symonds) Easton of East Hartford, Connecticut,” *The American Genealogist* 73 (July 1998): 220-23.

“Using Social Security Records to Test an Italian-American Family Tradition,” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 77 (December 1989): 256-59.

### Consumer and Trade Publications

In *Family Tree Magazine*:

- “A Little Italy,” (July 2010): 54-61. [10 resources for Italian genealogy]
- “American Originals,” (December 2000): 18-25. [cover story—discovering immigrant ancestors]
- “An Open Book,” (June 2001): 24-29. [finding published family histories]
- “Battle of the Bulge,” (March 2008): 16-21. [organizing]
- “Bible Study,” *Trace Your Family History* [special publication of *Family Tree Magazine*] (May 2005): 36-41. [bible records]
- “Blazon Truth,” *Trace Your Family History* [special publication of *Family Tree Magazine*] (May 2006): 30-35. [heraldry]
- “Breaking News,” (February 2007): 52-57. [newspaper research]
- “Buried Treasures,” *Trace Your Family History* [special publication of *Family Tree Magazine*] (September 2004): 44-49. [cemetery research]
- “Citizen Gain,” (May 2008): 20-25. [naturalization records]
- “Court Orders,” (September 2008): 42-47. [court records]
- “Cracking the Tombstone Code,” (June 2005): 46-51. [tombstone art]
- “The Courthouse Rules,” (December 2004): 66-67. [courthouse research]
- “Dear Diary,” (June 2000): 24-28. [finding diaries of your ancestors]
- “Directory Assistance,” (August 2003): 40-45. [cover story—city directories]
- “Ellis Island, Without Tears,” (December 2002): 24-31 [cover story]
- “Finding Mr. Right,” (September 2010): 42-49. [distinguishing people of the same name]
- “Genealogy by the Book,” *Trace Your Family History* [special publication of *Family Tree Magazine*] (September 2004): 40-43. [using published family histories]
- “Getting the Word,” (April 2000): 28-33. [writing your life story]
- “Going the Distance,” (February 2004): 34-39. [oral history interviewing long distance]
- “Good Deeds,” (August 2006): 60-67. [land records]
- “Gone but Not Forgotten,” (August 2002): 32-36. [death records, obits, funeral homes]
- “The Good Book,” (December 2001): 28-33 [finding and analyzing family Bibles]
- “Grave Concerns,” (October 2001): 34-39. [cemetery research]
- “Hard Copy,” (December 2004): 38-41. [copyright]
- “Homeward Bound,” (June 2006): 46-53. [trips to the ancestral homeland]
- “House Hunting,” (April 2003): 28-33. [family sources]
- “House Call,” *Trace Your Family History* (*Family Tree Magazine* special issue, November 2003): 10-15.
- “How to be a Great Ancestor,” (April 2005): 46-51. [leaving a record of yourself]
- “Indian Territory,” with James W. Warren (November 2009): 42-49. [American Indian research]
- “Irish Blessings,” (March 2008): 50-57. [Irish research]
- “Journey to Jamestown,” (July 2007). [tracing Jamestown ancestors]
- “Keys to the Golden Door,” (January 2004): 38-39. [Ellis Island research]

- “Key Ingredients,” (April 2004): 24-31. [unusual sources]
- “Master Plans,” (December 2005): 22-29. [maps]
- “Mystery Women,” (April 2001): 18-24. [cover story—discovering female ancestors]
- “Name Calling,” *2006 Genealogy Guidebook* [special publication of *Family Tree Magazine*] (January 2006): 28-33. [naming patterns]
- “Name That Ancestor,” (December 2003): 38-43 [dealing with multiple names]
- “Never Say Never,” (September 2009): 28-32. [brick wall tips]
- “Preventative Medicine,” (October/November 2012): 19-23 [problem solving tips]
- “Publish or Perish,” (February 2001): 50-55. [cover story—writing family history]
- “Recharge Your Research,” (July 2008): 16-21. [tips and research strategies]
- “Recipe for Success,” *2006 Genealogy Guidebook* [special publication of *Family Tree Magazine*] (January 2006): 66-72. [unusual sources]
- “Regional Studies,” with James W. Warren, (December 2005): 56-62. [regional National Archives facilities]
- “Routes of Passage,” (August 2004): 42-48. [ports other than NY]
- “Rx for Your Roots,” (February 2003): 24-29 [medical records]
- “Saving Yourself,” (August 2010): 58-63. [recording your life story]
- “The Secret Garden,” (August 2005): 27-29. [Castle Garden]
- “Secrets of a Cyber Sleuth,” (October 2004): 34-39. [researching online]
- “Separation Anxiety,” (July 2007): 28-32 [divorce records]
- “Singing a New Tune,” (March/April 2012): 48-53. [Irish records]
- “Something to Write Home About,” *Trace Your Family History* [special publication of *Family Tree Magazine*] (May 2006): 42-46.
- “Special Help,” (July 2009): 20-27. [special censuses]
- “Super Secrets of Successful Genealogists,” (December 2002): 38-45. [cover story]
- “Teaching New Dogs Old Tricks,” (March/April 2013): 22-27. [brick wall strategies]
- “Telling Time,” (August 2003): 46-51. [cover story—writing family history]
- “That’s Italian,” (October 2000): 46-53. [cover story—discovering Italian ancestors]
- “Trade Secrets,” *2006 Genealogy Guidebook* [special publication of *Family Tree Magazine*] (January 2006): 46-51. [busting through brick walls]
- “The Tree Doctor,” (November 2007): 52-57. [diagnostic genealogy]
- “Unzipping Your Coat of Arms,” (August 2000): 54-59. [dispelling the myths of coats of arms]
- “Viva Italia!” (June 2005): 52-59. [Italian research]
- “Wedding Bell Clues,” (June 2000): 38-43. [cover story—marriage records]
- “Where There’s a Will,” (October 2001): 44-49 [finding and using wills]
- “Winning the Paper Chase,” (April 2002): 22-27 [cover story—organizing family history]
- “The Write Ingredients,” *Preserving Your Memories (Family Tree Magazine special issue, September 2003)*: 34-39.
- “The Write Way,” (August 2001): 54-57 [keeping a family history journal]

#### In Miscellaneous Print and Online Publications

- “Activating Your Active Voice,” *Council of Genealogy Columnists Newsletter* 4 (Summer 1991): 2.
- “AP Style vs. Chicago Style,” *Council of Genealogy Columnists Newsletter* 5 (Winter 1992): 2.

- “A Recipe for Researching and Writing about Female Ancestors,” National Endowment for the Humanities, posted March 2001 <[www.myhistory.org/feature/carmack/html](http://www.myhistory.org/feature/carmack/html)>
- “Are You Overlooking Periodicals?” *Pikes Peak Genealogical Society Newsletter* (Colorado Springs, CO): 9 (July, August, September 1989): 5-7.
- “A Reviewer’s Look at Published Genealogies,” *Everton’s Genealogical Helper* (May-Jun 1997): 22-23.
- “Carved in Stone: Composition and Durability of Stone Gravemarkers,” *NGS Newsletter* 17 (May-June 1991): 69-70.
- “Composing Yourself,” *Preserving Your Memories* (September 2002): 40-45. [writing life stories]
- “Creating and Maintaining a Family History Filing System,” *Family Chronicle* 4 (March/April 2000): 33-37.
- “Dear Diary: Discovering Your Female Ancestor’s Private Life,” Genealogy.com, posted March 2001, <[genealogy.com/87\\_carmack.html](http://genealogy.com/87_carmack.html)>.
- “Digging in Cemeteries,” *Reunions* 1 (Spring 1991): 22-24.
- “Ellis Island: A Research Facility for Genealogists?” with Suzanne McVetty, *NGS Newsletter* 18 (May-June 1992): 68.
- “Family Legends and Myths,” Genealogy.com, posted March 2001, <[genealogy.com](http://genealogy.com)>
- “Female Ancestors of the Old South: Writing About Their Lives,” *Everton’s Genealogical Helper* 53 (Nov-Dec 1999): 18-21.
- “Finding and Using Published Genealogies,” *Genealogy.com*, posted 16 Nov 2000, <[www.genealogy.com/genealogy/77\\_carmack.html](http://www.genealogy.com/genealogy/77_carmack.html)>
- “Genealogical Writer’s Market: Part I — The Five U.S. National Journals,” *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly* 8 (September 1993): 61-63.
- “Genealogical Writer’s Market: Part II — Regional Journals,” *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly* 8 (December 1993): 93-95.
- “Genealogical Writer’s Market: Part III — U.S. National Newsletters,” *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly* 9 (March 1994): 15-17.
- “Getting Started on a Family History Search,” *Capper’s Magazine* (29 July 1997): 10.
- “Grammar and Punctuation Revisited,” *Council of Genealogy Columnists Newsletter* 4 (Spring 1991): 2.
- “Grave Impressions,” *Preserving Your Memories* (September 2002): 8.
- “The Great Obsession: Genealogists and Cemeteries,” *Epitaphs* 1 (Winter 2005): 12-13.
- “If These Walls Could Talk: A Primer for Tracing House Histories,” *National Genealogical Society NewsMagazine* 30 (December 2004): 59-60.
- “Instructing Doesn’t Have to Mean Solitude,” *NGS Newsletter* 16 (June 1990): 82.
- “Keep the Pages Turning,” The Family History Writing Challenge. The Armchair Genealogist Blog (23 February 2012). Online at <http://www.familyhistorywritingchallenge.com/members-only/article-archives/guest-authors/keep-the-pages-turning/>.
- “Making Your Readers Laugh,” The Family History Writing Challenge. The Armchair Genealogist Blog (27 February 2012). Online at <http://www.familyhistorywritingchallenge.com/members-only/article-archives/guest-authors/making-your-readers-laugh/>.
- “New College: External Degree Program,” *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly* 8 (September 1993): 68-70.

- “Painless Organization,” *Heritage Quest* 15 (Nov/Dec 1999): 8-10.
- “Putting the Two Together: Social History and Family History,” *Ancestry* 13 (Nov/Dec 1995): 23, 27.
- “Researching Italian American Ancestry,” *Reunions* 5 (Autumn 1994): 30-31.
- “Researching and Writing About Female Ancestors,” *Ancestry* 16 (Sep/Oct 1998): 14-18.
- “Reviewing Book Reviews: An Editorial,” *New England Ancestors* 2 (Summer 2001): 7.
- “Re-Visioning and Editing Your Family History Narrative,” The Family History Writing Challenge. The Armchair Genealogist Blog (23 February 2015). Online at <http://www.thearmchairgenealogist.com/2015/02/re-visioning-and-editing-your-family.html>.
- “Saturday Night Redux: Life and the Arts in Colorado Springs in Bygone Days,” *Colorado Springs Philharmonic Magazine* 2 (Winter 2004): 6-7, 26, 33.
- “Sexist Language: Are You Offending Some Clients?” *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly* 6 (Summer 1991): 33.
- “Ten Steps to Beginning Your Italian Family History Research,” *Family Records Today* 13 (July 1992): 96-102.
- “The Secret to Writing a Compelling Family History,” Genealogy.com, posted 14 Sep 2000, <[www.genealogy.com/genealogy/74\\_sharon.html](http://www.genealogy.com/genealogy/74_sharon.html)>
- “There’s More Here than Meets the Eye: A Closer Look at Cemetery Research and Transcribing Projects,” Federation of Genealogical Societies *FORUM* 7 (Fall 1995): 1, 16-17.
- “Three Steps to Writing the Story of Your Irish Female Ancestors,” *Heritage Quest* 15 (Sept/Oct 1999): 30-32.
- “Tracing Female Ancestors,” *Family Chronicle* (May/June 2002): 9-12.
- “You Don’t Have to Write a Book! Writing Your Family History as Personal and Memoir Essays.” Family History Writing Challenge. The Armchair Genealogist Blog (23 February 2013). <http://www.familyhistorywritingchallenge.com/members-only/article-archives/guest-authors/you-dont-have-to-write-a-book/>.
- “What’s the Scoop?” *Preserving Your Memories* (September 2002): 46-51. [oral history interviewing]
- “Who Owns the Client Report? What We Learned from Being Sued in Federal Court,” with Roger Joslyn, *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly* 16 (June 2001): 137-140.
- “Words Immortal: Writing Your Family History, part 1,” *Reunions* 5 (Summer 1995): 36-37.
- “Words Immortal: Publishing Your Family History, part 2,” *Reunions* 5 (Autumn 1995): 34-35.
- “Writing About Women Ancestors.” *Family Chronicle* 2 (July/August 1998): 43-47.
- “Writing Your Family History.” *Heritage Quest* 15 (March/April 1999): 39-41.

#### COLUMNIST

- 2010-present “Time Capsule,” *Family Tree Magazine*
- 2006-2009 “Uprooted,” *Family Tree Magazine*
- 2005-2007 “The Seanachie,” *The Septs*, Irish Genealogical Society International
- 2005-2007 “On Your Irish Bookshelf,” *TIARA Newsletter* (The Irish Ancestral Research Association)
- 2002-2006 “The Business of Writing,” *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*
- 2000-2001 “The Business of Speaking,” *Speak!* newsletter, Genealogical Speakers Guild
- 2000-present “Bookshelf,” “Book Report,” “Book Remarks,” *Family Tree Magazine*
- 1996-2005 “The Writer’s and Editor’s Craft,” Federation of Genealogical Societies *Forum*
- 1991-2004 “Branch Office,” *Reunions* magazine

**CONTRIBUTOR**

- 2011 Foreword to *The Family Tree Problem Solver* by Marsha Hoffman Rising. Cincinnati: Family Tree Books.
- 2004 *Writer's Digest Handbook of Magazine Article Writing*, 2nd edition. Cincinnati: Writers Digest Books.
- 2002 Chapter 3, "Writing for New England Ancestors and Other Popular Genealogical Magazines." *Genealogical Writing in the 21st Century* Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society.
- 2000-present Contributing Editor, *Family Tree Magazine*
- 2000 "Genealogy and Family History." *The Italian-American Experience: An Encyclopedia*. Garland Publishing.
- 1997 "Chapter 4: The Paper Trail," with John Philip Colletta, *Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide to Family History and Genealogy* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1997).

**BOOK REVIEWS**

Book reviews published in the following journals: *Family Tree Magazine*, *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*, *Genealogical Journal*, *The American Genealogist*, the Federation of Genealogical Societies' *FORUM*, and Otherdays.com (former Irish web site).

**Editorial Experience**

Sharon is proficient in *Chicago Manual of Style*, *MLA*, *APA*, and *AP Styles*

- 2013-2014 **Content Editor**, *In Search of Barnabas Horton: From English Baker to Island Proprietor, 1600-1680* by Jacqueline Dinan (New York: Pynsleade Books, 2015)
- 2013 **Content Editor**, *My Mother's Money* (a memoir) by Lynette Benton
- 2013 **Proofreader**, *The Pinkerton Family of New York, Iowa, and Michigan* by Stephen Pinkerton
- 2012-2013 **Copy Editor and Proofreader**, *The Hayburn, Haybyren, Heybyrne Family of Kilcullen Bridge, County Kildare, Ireland* by Janis Tartalio (privately published 2014)
- 2012-present **Editorial Board**, *Steinbeck Review*
- 2011-2014 **Editor**, *The Ancestry of Virginia Hill Emery* by Robert F. Hendrickson (Salt Lake City, Utah: Warren & Carmack Publishing, 2014)
- 2010-present **Assistant Editor**, *Brevity: A Journal of Concise Literary Nonfiction*
- 2010-2011 **Editor**, *Finding Fathers: A Family History* by Clyde Davis (privately published, 2012)
- 2009-2013 **Copy Editor and Proofreader**, *The Pedens of South Carolina: John Peden and Margaret McDill and Their Descendants in America*, 3 vols., edited by Mark Paden (Salt Lake City, Utah: Warren & Carmack Publishing, 2013)
- 2009-2011 **Editor and Proofreader**, *Once Promised Land: The Social History, Ancestry, and Legacy of Frank Bartlett and Emma Gagnet*, by Olivia Munson Bartlett (Salt Lake City: Warren & Carmack Publishing, 2012)
- 2009 **Proofreader**, *Descendants of Nathan Brown (c1731-1779) of Newberry County, South Carolina, Preble County, Ohio, Coweta County, Georgia, and Warren*



- County, Illinois: A Presbyterian Family*, by Marsha Hoffman Rising, CG, FASG (Boston: Newbury Street Press, 2010)
- 2008-present **Writing Mentor**, *Tempered for Strength: The Life and Work of Ralph T. Casebolt* (working title), by Shirley Roberts
- 2008-2010 **Editor**, *The Ancestry of Robert Frederick Hendrickson* by Robert F. Hendrickson (Salt Lake City: Warren & Carmack Publishing, 2010)
- 2008-2009 **Writing Mentor and Content Editor**, *Breaking Tradition: A Great-Granddaughter's Search for Her Swedish Roots*, by Judy Kallestad (St. Cloud, Minn.: Basswood Press, 2009)
- 2008 **Writing Mentor**, *Growing Up the Hard Way*, a memoir by James N. Kulpan (Salt Lake City: Warren & Carmack Publishing, 2011)
- 2007-2015 **Editor**, *The Family History of Robert George Kassner and Ruth Caroline Zimmerman*, by Robert Kassner (Salt Lake City, Utah: Warren & Carmack Publishing, forthcoming 2015)
- 2007-2008 **Consulting Editor**, *Searching for Ichabod: His Eighteenth-Century Diary Leads Me Home*, by Julie Foster Van Camp (Booksurge, 2009)
- 2007 **Writing Mentor**, *At Home in the Elk River Valley: Reflections on Family, Place, and the West*, a memoir by Mary Kurtz (Dog Ear Publishing, 2011)
- 2007 **Writing Mentor and Editor**, untitled memoir, by Dwight A. Radford
- 2007 **Proofreader**, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England 1634-1635, Volume V, M-P*, by Robert Charles Anderson, FASG (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society Press, 2007)
- 2007 **Writing Mentor and Content Editor**, *Twentieth Century Limited: How an Immigrant's American Dream Was Derailed by Corruption, Greed, and Politics* a family history narrative by Douglass C. Hortsman (iUniverse, 2008)
- 2007 **Content Editor**, *Discover Your Roots: Dig Up Your Family History and Other Buried Treasures*, by Paul Blake and Maggie Loughran (Perigee Trade, 2007)
- 2006 **Consulting and Content Editor**, *The Ancestry of Alila May Miller (1881-1960) of Miller Place, Long Island, New York*, by Willis H. White (Penobscot Press, 2007)
- 2006-2007 **Documentary Editor**, *The Diaries of Abbey Howe Chapel, 1914-18, and Louis W. Fish, 1912, 1916, 1918, both of Brooklyn, New York*, by Barbara de Mare
- 2006 **Proofreader**, *Elder Bethuel Riggs (1757-1835) of Morris County, New Jersey, and His Family Through Five Generations*, by Alvy Ray Smith (Boston: Newbery Street Press, 2006) [Winner of the American Society of Genealogist's Donald Lines Jacobus Award in 2007]
- 2005-2006 **Writing Mentor, Content and Copy Editor**, *A Most Passionate Endeavor: The People Behind the Birth of Pediatric Cardiology*, a social history by Dr. William Evans
- 2005-2006 **Writing Mentor and Editor**, *"Meet Me Under the Clock at Grand Central": The Story of an American Family* (The Vestner and Fuller Family History of Massachusetts and New York), by Eliot N. Vestner Jr. (BookSurge, 2010)
- 2005 **Writing Mentor and Editor**, *The Pleasant Lilly Family of West Virginia*, a family history narrative by David Rakes
- 2005 **Proofreader**, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England 1634-1635, Volume IV, I-L*, by Robert Charles Anderson, FASG (Boston: New England

- Historic Genealogical Society Press, 2005)
- 2005 **Proofreader**, *The Pilgrim Migration: Immigrants to Plymouth Colony, 1620-1633*, by Robert Charles Anderson, FASG (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2005)
- 2004-2005 **Editor-in-Chief**, *Colorado Springs Style* magazine
- 2004 **Co-editor**, *The Family Tree Resource Book for Genealogists*. Family Tree Books.
- 2004 **Interim Editor**, National Genealogical Society *NewsMagazine*
- 2004 **Proofreader**, *The Avery Family: The Ancestors and Descendants of Christopher Avery*, by Maureen A. Taylor (Boston: Newbury Street Press)
- 2001-2003 **Writing Mentor and Editor**, *The Colemans of California: A Family History Focusing on the Lives of John Crisp Coleman, Edward Coleman, and Persis Sibley Coleman*, by Diantha Lamb Barstow (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 2003)
- 2001 **Proofreader**, *Profiles in Science* curriculum catalog (Colorado Springs: Biological Sciences Curriculum Study)
- 2001 **Proofreader**, *Everyday Life Among the American Indians*, by Candy Moulton (Cincinnati: Writer's Digest Books, 2001).
- 2000-2005 **Proofreader**, *Opening the Ozarks, 1835-1839*, by Marsha Hoffman Rising, CG, FASG (Saline, Mich.: McNaughton-Gunn, 2006)
- 2000 **Content Editor**, "Onslow Stearns: Railroad Builder and Political Leader, 1810-1878," by Rita-Lou Clarke
- 2000 **Proofreader**, *Colorado Springs FIT Magazine*
- 1999-2006 **Executive Editor**, Family Tree Books, F+W Publications, Cincinnati, Ohio (acquired and edited approximately 40 titles)
- 1999-present **Writing Mentor, Editor, and Proofreader**, private clients
- 1999 **Content Editor**, "Jacob Best and the Gross Park Hotel, 1835-1997," by David Bridges
- 1999 **Content Editor**, "Krempel Family History," by Roger Krempel
- 1999 **Content Editor**, *The Family History of Schutt, Scutt, Scott, Wixam, Wickson, Wixson, Wixom*, by John P. Scott (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 2004)
- 1998-99 **Editor**, *Twelve Generations of Lewises in America, 1634-1997*, by Delbert Franklin Lewis (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1999)
- 1996-98, 2002-2005 **Proofreader**, *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*
- 1998-2001 **Proofreader**, *Speak!* newsletter of the Genealogical Speakers Guild
- 1998 **Consulting Editor**, *The Hatch and Brood of Time: Five Phelps Families in the Atlantic World, 1720-1880*, by Peter Haring Judd (Boston: Newbury Street Press, 1999) [Winner of the American Society of Genealogist's Donald Lines Jacobus Award in 2001]
- 1998 **Copy Editor**, "Bunkley Family History," by Lonnie R. Bunkley
- 1997-2002 **Writing Mentor and Editor**, *Mills, Shoes and Skyscrapers: The Cannizzaro Family from Poggioreale to New Orleans*, by Elaine Trigiani (privately published, 2002)
- 1997-1999 **Proofreader**, *The Genealogist*, the scholarly journal of the American Society of Genealogists
- 1997-1998 **Editor**, *The Croesen Families of America*, by Warren D. Cruise (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1998)
- 1997 **Consultant** on content and layout, *Blair Society for Genealogical Research*

- newsletters (Brownsburg, Ind.)
- 1997 **Proofreader**, *The Healing Crisis*, by Bruce Fife (Colorado Springs: Piccadilly Books, 1997)
- 1997 **Proofreader**, *The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy*, 2d ed., Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, editors (Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1997)
- 1997 **Content Editor**, *The Descendants of Thomas Pincerna, Progenitor of the Butler Family*, by Edward F. Butler (Dallas, Tex.: E.F. Butler, 1997)
- 1993-1994 **Copy Editor and Proofreader**, *Ranchland News*
- 1992-1998 **Editor**, *Speak!* newsletter of the Genealogical Speakers Guild
- 1989-1995 **Editor**, *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*

### Asynchronous Online Teaching Experience

Sharon has a thorough working knowledge of Blackboard, eCollege, Canvas, Sakai, and Thought Industries online learning platforms.

- 2014-2015 **Turnitin Certified Trainer**, iParadigms (a leading provider of cloud-based educational technologies to prevent plagiarism, verify content, and evaluate student learning), Oakland, California
- 2013-present **Adjunct Faculty**, Southern New Hampshire University. Graduate courses in Nonfiction Fundamentals, focusing on personal, memoir, and category essays, and literary journalism.
- 2013 **Online Course Curriculum Developer**, Salt Lake Community College. Genealogy and Family History Writing
- 2012-2014 **Adjunct Faculty**, American Public University System. English Composition I, British Literature
- 2012-present **Adjunct Faculty**, Salt Lake Community College. Immigrant Origins Research, Genealogy and Family History Writing
- 2012-2013 **Adjunct Faculty**, Everest University. English Composition II
- 2012-present **Associate Faculty**, Ashford University. English Composition I and II, Intermediate Composition, Introduction to Literature, Scientific and Technical Writing
- 2011-present **Online Course Curriculum Developer and Online Instructor**, Family Tree University, Cincinnati, OH. Irish Research 101: Find Your Emerald Isle Origins, Irish Research 201: Using Irish Genealogical Records
- 2005-09, 2011-present **Online Instructor**, WritersOnlineWorkshops.com/Writer's Digest University, Cincinnati, OH. Turning Personal Essays into a Memoir, Essentials of Writing Personal Essays I and II, Focus on Writing the Personal Essay, Fundamentals of Nonfiction Writing, Fundamentals of Life Stories Writing, Advanced Memoir and Nonfiction Book Writers' Workshop, Focus on the Personal/Family Memoir, Writing the Nonfiction Book Proposal, Marketing Your Magazine Articles, Elements of Effective Writing I: Grammar and Mechanics.
- 2005 **Online Course Curriculum Developer**, National Institute for Genealogical Studies, University of Toronto, Canada. U.S. Copyright Law and Genealogy.
- 2000 **Online Course Curriculum Developer and Online Instructor**, Writer's Digest

University (formerly WritersOnlineWorkshops.com), Cincinnati, OH. Focus on the Personal/Family Memoir.

### Face-to-Face Classroom Teaching Experience

- 1995-1997 **Drama Instructor**, Simla High School, Big Sandy School District, Simla, CO.  
 1994 **Course Curriculum Developer and Instructor**, Genealogical Institute of Mid-America, sponsored by Sangamon State University, Springfield, IL. “Fundamentals of Genealogical Research.”  
 1992-1995 **Substitute Teacher**, Big Sandy K-12 School, Simla, CO (High school English and History)  
 1990-1994, 1997-2000 **Course Curriculum Developer and Instructor** with Katherine Scott Sturdevant, Pikes Peak Community College. Beginning Family History, Your Family in U.S. History, Advanced Family History, Family History Writing.”

### Copyright and Contracts Experience

- 2005 **Author**, *Carmack’s Guide to Copyright and Contracts* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co.)  
 2005 **Online Course Developer**, U.S. Copyright Law and Genealogy, National Institute for Genealogical Studies, University of Toronto, Canada  
 2001-2005 **Contract Advisor**, National Writer’s Union. Training in copyright and contracts.  
 2001 **Author**, “Strategies for Creating a Publishing Agreement for Your Society Newsletter or Journal” pamphlet for the Federation of Genealogical Societies  
 1998-2005 **Contract Writer**, *Colorado Springs Style*, Federation of Genealogical Societies’ *FORUM*, *National Genealogical Society NewsMagazine*, *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*, Genealogical Speakers Guild

### Public Speaking Experience

- 1990-present **Keynote and Seminar Speaker**. Presented more than 300 single presentations and/or all-day seminars and workshops at local, regional, and national conferences throughout the country and in New Zealand on the topics of family history research and nonfiction writing. A list of speaking engagements is available upon request.

### Media and Publicity Experience

- 2006 **Host and Scriptwriter**, “Roots Books,” RootsTelevision.com  
 2006 **Guest Genealogy Expert**, ABC’s *Good Morning America*, 7 May 2006  
 2005 **Copywriter**, F+W Publications, Cincinnati (catalog, book panels, press releases)  
 2003 **Co-host and Scriptwriter** with James W. Warren for video presentation, “Writing a Compelling Family History,” produced by 123Genealogy.com.  
 2001 **Host and Scriptwriter** for video presentations produced by 123Genealogy.com: “Cryptic Clues in the Bone Yard” and “Painless Organization for Genealogists”  
 1997 **Guest Expert** on the PBS-TV series *Ancestors*, fourth episode “The Paper Trail,” produced by KBYU-TV, Provo, UT  
 1997-2005 **Book Promotion**. Worked closely with publishers to promote my books, as well as did all the sales, marketing, and promotion for books I self-published.  
 1997-present **Expert Genealogist**. Interviews on several radio talk shows (including the Ed

Walsh Show, WOR radio in New York City), local TV shows, and for newspaper and magazine articles about genealogy and family history.

### Awards and Honors

- 2013 Essay chosen for *The Best of Hippocampus Magazine*
- 2012 Finalist, Annie Dillard Award for Creative Nonfiction, *Bellingham Review*
- 2012 Honorable Mention, Creative Nonfiction Contest, *Phoebe: A Journal of Literature and Art*
- 2012 Most Memorable Essay, *Hippocampus Magazine*
- 2012 Finalist, True Crime Contest, *Creative Nonfiction*
- 2009-2012 Judge, Annual *Writer's Digest* National Self-Published Book Awards, Life Stories category
- 2008 Telly Award for "Roots Books" show, guest Hank Z Jones, on RootsTelevision.com
- 2003 Judge, Pikes Peak Writers Conference Contest, Creative Nonfiction Category
- 2002 Invited Banquet Speaker, American Society of Genealogists
- 2002 Federation of Genealogical Societies Award of Merit for Meritorious Service in Genealogy and Family History for column in the *Forum*, "The Editor's and Writer's Crafts."
- 2002 Judge, Federation of Genealogical Societies/California State Alliance Essay Contest
- 2002 Judge, Annual International Society of Family History Writers and Editors Writing Competition 2
- 2001 Invited Banquet Speaker, Federation of Genealogical Societies' conference, Davenport, Iowa
- 1998-2002 Judge, Annual *Writer's Digest* National Self-Published Book Awards, Life Stories category
- 1998 Fellow, Utah Genealogical Association for "outstanding contributions to the genealogical community and for the production of articles, books, and lectures that are an exemplary blend of her expertise in history and genealogy."
- 1998 Keynote Speaker, Opening Session, National Genealogical Society Conference, Denver, Colorado
- 1996 First Place, Excellence in Writing Competition for Genealogy Columns in Journals, presented by the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors for Branch Office column in *Reunions* magazine
- 1992 Federation of Genealogical Societies Award of Merit for Meritorious Service in Genealogy and Family History for editing the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*
- 1990 Grahame Thomas Smallwood Jr. Award of Merit presented by the Association of Professional Genealogists for editing the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*