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HIGHER EDUCATION

- 1988 **BA Hons., English Literature**, University of Sheffield
First Class Honours, with Prize
- 1989-92 **Ph.D.(unfinished):** The Hidden Cry (Meanings of Weeping and Tears in Literature and Psychology)

COMMISSIONS AND AWARDS

- 1984 **Avon Poetry Competition:** 1st Prize
- 1988 **Yorkshire Arts:** writing and performance for Paolozzi's *Lost Magic Kingdoms* exhibition
- 1989 **Lynton plc:** poem cast in 6 bronze tablets for floor of Tunsgate square shopping centre, Guildford
- 1990 **Oppenheim-John Downes Memorial Award**
- 1993 **Sheffield Arts Dept:** *Footsteps and Whispers:* sound and word tape for Graves Art Gallery
- 1994 **Cheltenham Literature Festival:** *Hubble Bubble* - poem commissioned for opening ceremony - collaboration with Ralph Steadman to distill whisky from literature
- 1998 **Arts Council Writers Award** (Yorkshire and Humberside Arts) for *Granny Power and Cocoa* (sequence of poems)
- 1999 **Groundwork Trust:** *The Bolton Tapes* – local history play
- 2000-2001 **Groundwork Trust:** *Kimberworth Tales* – lead artist in collaboration with sculptor Marcella Livingstone creating texts for Roundwalk and Sculpture Trail
- 2001 **Colman Getty PR Consultancy:** 2 Poems
- 2003 **Christina Sergeyevna Award** for Outstanding Writing: Austin International Poetry Festival, Texas, USA
- 2003 **Sheffield City Council:** Valentine's poems for banners

- 2004 **Buxton Festival Fringe:** Best Spoken Word Event
- 2006 **Arts Council England:** Funding award to complete book of poems for younger readers: *Goblin In The Fridge*
- 2008 **Bank Street Arts:** *In Their Own Words* poem
- 2008 **Ajagap:** *The Hidden Woman* poem
- 2008 **DARTS, Doncaster:** *The World of Normal:* text for dance piece: with Faye Roberts: South Yorkshire tour
- 2009 **High Green School:** *Hedgehog Nation* performance poem
- 2009 **National Year of Reading:** poster poem for all Sheffield schools: *A Grim Warning*
- 2010 **Sheffield City Council Public Arts Dept:**
Markets Commission: *Bustle and Parsnips:* 15 poems carved on 15 benches in Sheffield City Centre
- 2010 **Derbyshire Poetry Festival:** Twitter-Writer-in-Residence

COMMUNITY WRITING/ LITERATURE DEVELOPMENT

- 1981-84 **WEA Writing/drama/arts** projects: in psychiatric hospitals, halfway houses and community centres
- 1997-2010** **Founder and Projects Director: SIGNPOSTS**
South Yorkshire Writing Development Project (ACE RFO) Writers Resource Centres, Inky Newsletter, Commissions, Workshops, Regional Partnerships, Writing and Health, Monthly Live Events (Red Deer, Voice Room, Bukowski's), Poetry Slams, Literature Development Consultancy Work, Young Writers Projects

WRITING IN EDUCATION

- 1989-2001 **Literature Tutor**, Mature Access Programme
- 1995-1997 **Development of Certificate and Diploma in Creative Writing**, University of Sheffield
- 1996-2002 **Course Director, Creative Writing**, University of Sheffield
- 2002-2003 **Creative Writing Tutor**, University of Leeds
- 1989-2010 **Creative Writing Workshops** - Festivals, Schools etc.
- 1997-2010 **Inset training** sessions: teachers/librarians/literature workers

WRITING RESIDENCIES

- 1996 **Cheltenham Festival:** schools residency: 1 week
- 1998 **Ledbury Festival:** schools residency: 1 week
- 1998 **Wexford Arts Centre**, Ireland: 1 week
- 1999 **Great Torrington: Poet on the bus:** 2 weeks

1999-2000 **3 GP's Surgeries:** Writing and Health: 6 months
 2000 **Huddersfield Primary Schools:** Poetry Jukebox: 12 days
 2001 **German tour: with Paternoster: 14 days: performances** and work in schools and arts centres
 2002 **Marlcliffe School:** Poetry Jukebox: 5 days
 2002 **Southey Green:** Grenceenders: 8 days
 2003 **Poet-in-Residence: Off the Shelf** Festival (Sheffield)
 2004 **Filey Regeneration Arts Project** (1 week)
 2003 **Texas, USA, Tour and Residency**
 2004 **Germany, Voltaire Today,** Tour and Residency
 2005 **Isle of Man, Tour and Residency**
 2004-2006 **Poet-in-Residence: Roughwood School** (36 months)
 2006-2007 **Wybourn School Residency:** The Wy Factor (24 months)
 2007-2008 **Birley Nurseries:** The Writing Factory
 2008-2009 **Rotherham Schools:** Working Heroes Project
 2010 **Rotherham Schools:** Poetry Jukebox Project

SCHOOLS

1987 **Gulliver's Travels:** T.I.E. project
 1994 **Yikes, Yaroo and Splat:** children's show in 5 schools
 1995 **Feast of Beasts:** children's show in 5 schools/ festivals
 1996-2010 **Performances and workshops in approx.350 schools:** one-off's/ residencies/ often with festivals: mostly primary schools (inc. Poetry Jukebox work)
 1996-2010 **Organised and ran Poetry Slams,** Workshops, Poetry Jukeboxes as part of Sheffield Children's Festival
 2004-2008 **Creative Partnerships** work: Sheffield; Hull; Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham

PUBLICATIONS

1987 *'Soft Fruit Centre'* 1990 *In The Kitchen With The Candlestick*
 1991 *'The Sofa or On Liberty'* 1993 *The Garden*
 1994 *'Squeezing Lemons'* 1995 *Hubble Bubble* (published by subscription)
 1995-2010 **Poems in magazines** and anthologies: *Aereings, Agenda, Continuum, Envoi, Fatchance, Fostering Matters, Interpreter's House, Obsessed With Pipework, Paternoster, Psychopoetica, Route, Rustic Rub, Scratch, Smith's Knoll*
 1995-2010 **Community pamphlets and books** for education work
 2001 *'Plot 161'* (Spout)
 2004 *'Voltaire Today':* CD (Interart)
 2007 *'Goblin In The Fridge'* (Upside Down)
 2008 *'Goblin In The Fridge'* (Upside Down) Reprint
 2008 *'The Cooling Towers' Farewell:* CD (Upside Down)
 2009 *'Swimmer'* (Upside Down)
 2005-9 Children's poems anthologised by Hodder, Macmillan, OUP, Scholastic

PERFORMANCES

- 1985-2010 Regular performances and readings in all kinds of venue – arts centres, cabarets, libraries, galleries, pubs, hospitals, circus tent, cemetery etc..
Regular Festival Work: Cheltenham Festival, Ledbury Festival, Sheffield Festival, Birmingham Festival, St.Ives Festival, Kirklees Festival etc.
- 2007-2010 An Evening With Matt Black: show with musicians

INTERNATIONAL WORK

- 1998 Wexford Arts Centre, Ireland: 1 week
Workshops and Readings
- 2000 Germany: 2 weeks tour (British Council)
Performances and Workshops in schools and colleges
- 2000 Poland: Café Fidada performance
- 2003 Texas, USA: 2 weeks tour
Featured Poet, Austin International Poetry Festival
- 2003 Germany: 2 weeks tour (Arts Council Award)
Performances and Workshops in schools and colleges
- 2004 Tabor Festival, Czech Republic
- 2010 Iceland tour of *Surf* and other work (forthcoming)

PREVIOUS JOBS

Shoe-shine stand, Postman, Sculptor's assistant, Builder, Office Go-fer, Potato Sorter, Print Recycler, Gardener