

Karen Lynn Williams

Date of Birth: March 22, 1952

PO Box 1932, Chinle, AZ 86503

Married: 4 children

EDUCATION: Hamden High School, Hamden, CT. 1970

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT: BS Speech Pathology 1974,
minor in English and Psychology

Southern Connecticut State College, New Haven CT.: MA Deaf
Education 1977

Institute of Children's Literature, Redding, CT.: Writing for Children
and Teenagers certificate 1982

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Currently: Adjunct instructor in MFA writing programs Chatham
University and Seton Hill University, writing, teaching workshops and
school/library visits around the country and world.

Sept. 2002-2004- Part time public relations for Hospital Albert
Schweitzer, Pittsburgh Office, writing PR materials and annual report.

Sept. 2004- 2010- Volunteer with Somali Refugees, Pittsburgh,
Refugee Center.

Sept.2001-Sept. 2002: Director of Public Relations, Hospital Albert
Schweitzer, Deschapelles, Haiti. Responsibilities include writing
stories and articles for newsletters, brochures, annual reports and
fundraising material.

1998-2001: Instructor Institute of Children's Literature, West Redding,
CT part time instruction in writing for children by correspondence.

1998-present: Seton Hill University, Greensburg, PA, adjunct

instructor for graduate writing program. Also adjunct instructor graduate writing program, Chatham University, Pittsburgh, PA.

Spring 1996: Teacher, Western Pennsylvania Writer's Workshop, University of Pittsburgh

1994-1996: Teacher, workshops Writing for Children and Young Adults, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts and Pinocchio Bookstore, Pittsburgh.

1990-93: While living in Deschappelles, Haiti at the Albert Schweitzer Hospital, I was writing full time. I also volunteered on the board of the TB ward and started a cottage industry working with local artists and seamstresses to produce quilts and raise funds for the hospital.

1984-Present: Writer, guest speaker as visiting author for schools, libraries, reading associations and guest lecturer at seminars, and conferences across the country including NCTE, SCBWI, University of Arizona, Tucson Book Festival.

1980-83: Peace Corps Volunteer- Malawi, Africa, Teacher-English Literature and ESL in Nsanji District Secondary School.

Teacher of the Deaf - Monteforte School for the Deaf, Blantyre, Malawi.

Distance Study with the Institute of Children's literature, completed program in writing for children.

1977-80: Teacher of the Deaf--Area Cities Educational Services(ACES), Green Acres School, North Haven, Connecticut. Head teacher for an integrated program for normal hearing and hearing impaired elementary age children. K-5.

1975-76: Teacher's aide, K-5 hearing impaired classes. (ACES)