

## Curriculum Vitae

**Karen Lynn Williams**  
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### 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

2006-2018 Adjunct instructor in MFA writing program 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.

1998-1016: 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 Deschapelles, 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)

**Professional Membership:** SCBWI

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Forthcoming titles:**

**Secret Hero, Sacred Weapon: Teddy Draper Sr. Navajo Code Talker** (Lee and Low)

### **Published Work:**

***Bear Helps the Forest: Maybe You Do Too*** (Charlesbridge, 2023)

***Facing Fear*** (Eerdmans Books for Children, 2022)

***A Thousand White Butterflies*** (Charlesbridge, 2022)

***Facing Fear*** (Eerdmans Books for Young People, 2022)

***The Spirit of the Cheetah*** (World Wisdom Books, 2022)

***Beatrice's Dream: Life in Kibera Slum*** (Francis Lincoln, 2011) Photos by Wendy Stone.

***A Beach Tail*** (Boyd's Mills, 2011) Illustrated by Floyd Cooper.

***My Name is Sangoel*** (Eerdmans, June 2009) by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed; Illustrated by Catherine Stock

***Four Feet, Two Sandals*** (Eerdmans, 2007) by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed; Illustrated by Doug Chayka

***Circles of Hope*** by Karen Lynn Williams; illustrated by Linda Saport (Eerdmans, 2005)

***One Thing I'm Good At*** (Lothrop, 1999)

***Painted Dreams*** (Lothrop, 1998) Illustrated by Catherine Stock

***A Real Christmas This Year*** (Clarion, 1995)

***Tap Tap*** (Clarion, 1994) Illustrated by Catherine Stock

***Applebaum's Garage*** (Clarion, 1993)

***First Grade King*** (Clarion, 1992) Illustrated by Lena Shiffman

***When Africa Was Home*** (Orchard, 1991) Illustrated by Floyd Cooper

***Baseball and Butterflies*** (Lothrop, 1990) Illustrated by Linda Shepard

***Galimoto*** (Lothrop, 1990) Illustrated by Catherine Stock