

TORI LANE

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professional summary

Poet, performer and mixed media artist focused on creative exploration and experimentation, facilitating authentic dialogue within communities and supporting emerging artists as they seek to improve culture through their work.

skills

- Curriculum writing
 - preschool
 - elementary aged children
 - adults
- Program design/directing
- Performance Poet
- Strong written voice
- Artistically experimental
- Collaborative artist

performances, projects and publications

- The Clothesline Project at Torpedo Factory (April 2010)
 - participated in poetry reading
- The Fusion Project (launched June 2010)
 - exploration of places of collision between artistic disciplines
- Patterns of Breathing (July 2011)
 - full-length performance of original poetry and dance
- A Yearlong Winter (November 2011, ongoing)
 - collaborative project with local band Rebecca Vs. Mexico
- Falling Season Manuscript Reading (March 2012)
- Falling Season (April 2012)
 - first published poetry collection
- Art is Order (October 2012)
 - solo poetry reading
- Shadow Event at Christopher Newport University (November 2012)
 - opening speaker at sexual assault awareness event
- Creation~Destruction~Creation (January 2013)
 - read at opening reception for visual art exhibit at Convergence Gallery
- For the Waking Dead (February 2013)
 - zine project to raise awareness and support for victims of sexual trauma
 - zine release event/showcase served at fundraiser for the organization H-E-A-R-T (Hope Exists After Rape Trauma)
- She Liked Daisies Best (current)
 - limited edition handmade books about teaching

education

Bachelor of Arts: English - Writing

Christopher Newport University

2009

Newport News, VA

work history

Webmaster/Intern

Northstar Women's Network

- revised/input articles into website
- designed/regulated featured events on homepage

Dec 2012 - Feb 2013

Annandale, VA

- managed calendar of events
- wrote articles for posting
- worked on design for new website

Nanny Oct 2012 - Feb 2013
Paige Cardwell Alexandria, VA

- managed children's activities and afternoon transportation
- supervised after school rest and play time
- helped with homework (reading, math and spelling)
- created supplemental activities for academic areas of study
- designed and implemented creative activities to encourage creative thinking skills and nurture artistic inclinations

Ministry Fellow Sep 2012 - Feb 2013
Convergence Alexandria, VA

- coordinated Sunday church services
- worship planning and curriculum writing with Pastor
- consulted on creative practices in worship
- worked on redesign of Convergence logo

Preschool Art Teacher Aug 2012 - Feb 2013
Weekday Preschool Ministry Alexandria, VA

- created age appropriate lesson plans for ages 1 to 5 that allow children to explore the creative process and engage their imaginations
- introduced information about various artists, visual media and artistic movements through exploratory lessons and projects
- outlined and organized art fundraiser for the preschool
- created collaborative class paintings with each class to be auctioned off in the fundraiser

PreK Assistant Teacher Aug 2010 - May 2012
Weekday Preschool Ministry Alexandria, VA

- lesson preparation
- created and led artistically focused activities
- assisted in teaching and assessing benchmarks for Kindergarten readiness
- tended to overall classroom needs (i.e. cleaning, class transitions, discipline, etc)

Artist in Residence Jun 2010 - Sep 2012
Convergence Alexandria, VA

- consulted with the worship planning team for the Church at Convergence on ways of incorporating the arts in worship
- designed Playdate program based on research on the value of adult creative play
- helped with planning of large scale events (i.e. Convergence Winter Gala in December 2010)
- spoke/taught occasionally during church services
- developed personal artistic project, *The Fusion Project*, exploring the incorporation of poetry, dance and visual art into cohesive performance
- designed and put on first solo performance, *Patterns of Breathing*
- expanded portfolio of visual work and poetry
- compiled first collection of poetry for publication (*Falling Season*, published in April 2012)
- wrote philosophy, designed curriculum and launched and taught during pilot sessions of Convergence Creativity Camps

Campus Missionary Aug 2009 - Mar 2010
Parkwood Baptist Church Annandale, VA

- outlined new structure for ministry to George Mason University's Fairfax campus focusing on outreach to students and ways of connecting college students to the surrounding community
- wrote mission statements and named ministry
- designed preliminary promotional material
- networked with other campus organizations and local churches

Front Desk Assistant in Freshman Residence Hall Aug 2007 - May 2009
Christopher Newport University Newport News, VA

- checked student IDs and served as preliminary security for residence hall

- signed visitors in and out of the building
- answered questions during tours

Children's Ministry Intern

May 2006 - Aug 2009

First Baptist Church of Alexandria

Alexandria, VA

- wrote curriculum, designed promotional material, recruited volunteers and facilitated children's evening activities
- assisted in coordination and preparation for large-scale Vacation Bible School program, including the implementation of a new evening session and contending with dramatically increasing registration from year to year
- led opening rally during Vacation Bible School

Cashier

Apr 2005 - Aug 2005

A.C. Moore

Fairfax, VA

- ran cash register
- set up for festival events
- customer service
- restock and store closing protocol