

Kimberly J. Groninga

EDUCATION M.A. English
University of Northern Iowa; May, 2006

B.A. Individual Studies in Performance
University of Northern Iowa; May, 1994

**WORK—
TEACHING** **Instructor**, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa (8/2005-present)
Classes: College Writing & Research, Introduction to Literature, Beginning Poetry

Instructor, Upper Iowa University, Waterloo, Iowa (2011-present)
Classes: Women's Literature, Composition I and II, Bestsellers, Public Speaking,
Midwestern Literature, American Literature II, Introduction to Film

Instructor, Lifelong Learning University, UNI (2012)
Class: Contemporary Midwestern Literature

Lecturer, Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa (1/2005-12/2007)
Classes: Film & Literature, various levels of English composition

Instructor, Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo, Iowa (9/2003-7/2005)
Classes: Creative Writing, Composition 1 and 2, Developmental Writing

Instructor, Kirkwood Community College, Iowa City, Iowa (4/2003 - 6/2003)
Class: Poetry Workshop

**WORK—
WRITING,
EDITING &
PUBLISHING,
COMMUNICATIONS** **Theatre Critic**, *Waterloo Courier*, Cedar Falls/Waterloo, Iowa (1/2014-12/2015)
Responsible for reviewing productions at Waterloo Community Playhouse, Cedar Falls
Community Theatre, and Theatre UNI

Nonfiction Editor, *North American Review*, Cedar Falls, Iowa (8/2008-12/2015)
Responsibilities include reading all nonfiction submissions, choosing manuscripts for
publication, editing selected manuscripts, presenting at the annual NAR Writing
Festival, participating in poetry selection meetings, and assisting in production.

Communications Director, Southeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA, Iowa City, Iowa
(11/96-6/2003) Responsibilities included editing, design, and printing arrangements for
three newsletters and numerous other publications; editing articles by bishop and
bishop's assistants; writing articles; Web site management; press relations; teaching
communications workshops; and producing Christmas television special.

Editor, *NewsPrints*, Johnson County Humane Society, Iowa City, Iowa (2000-2002)
Responsibilities included editing, design and printing arrangements for this quarterly
publication.

Graphic Artist, Zephyr Plus, Iowa City, Iowa (10/1994-3/1995)
Responsibilities included creating various publications including resumes, chapbooks,
newsletters, wedding invitations, and others.

Graphics Assistant, *Waterloo Courier*, Waterloo, Iowa (9/1991-10/1992)
Responsibilities included editing and design of life-style pages.

PUBLICATIONS**Books** —

Other Things that Grow (poems) Final Thursday Press, 2010

On Our Knees, Tally Ho! Press, 2009

Poetry —

has appeared in *Mid American Poetry Review*, *Poetry East*, *Country Dog Review*, *Front Porch Journal*, *North American Review*, *The Daily Palette*, *Jabberwock Review*, *Briar Cliff Review*, *Volga River Review*, *Lyrical Iowa*, and *100 Words*

Nonfiction —

"Knot & Pull" *Redux Literary Journal*, May 2014

"Food Adulterations Revisited" *North American Review*, Spring 2013, 298/2

"Most of White is Blue" *Stone's Throw Magazine*, Spring 2010

"Knot & Pull" *North American Review*, Sept/Oct 2008, 293/5

Scholarly —

"Stars Under Their Shoes: Images of Poverty in the Poetry of Roberto Sosa" *Hispanic Culture Review*, 2007

Journalism (select) —

has appeared in the national magazines *American Fitness* and *the Lutheran* as well as a number of smaller, local publications.

"Rebuilding after Hurricane Mitch: A Ministry of Love, Not Construction" *Dubuque Telegraph Herald*, May 18, 2000 (John Tigges Award Winner)

**LITERARY
ACTIVITIES**

Guest Poet, *Poet-tee Day*, Cedar Elementary School, Waverly, Iowa, April 25, 2012

Panelist & Speaker, *Midwestern Literary Project 2012*, Upper Iowa University, Fayette, Iowa, March 22, 2012

Special Guest, *Irving Toast*, *Poetry Ghost* Radio Program, host Rustin Larson, May, 2010, KRUU 100.1 FM

Judge, *Poetry Out Loud* State Finals, Iowa State Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa, April, 2010

**READINGS
(selected)**

- *North American Review* Bicentennial Celebration, UNI Campus, June 12, 2015
- "Writers Talk" Series, University of Northern Iowa, February 29, 2012
- Wartburg College Guest Speaker, Luther Hall, Waverly, Iowa, September 16, 2010
- Zanzibars; Des Moines, Iowa; April 9, 2010
- "Coffee and Coffeehouses" Exhibit, UNI Museum; February 11, 2010
- *Other Things that Grow* Book Release, January 28, 2010, Hearst Center for the Arts, Cedar Falls, Iowa

AWARDS

- Faculty of the Year, Upper Iowa University, 2014
- UNI Veterans Association Meritorious Service Award, 2012
- (Nominee, UNI Liberal Arts Core Teaching Award, 2013 & 2014)

**PUBLIC
SPEAKING**

- Keynote Speaker "What's In Your Jeans/Genes?" *Go Red for Women* Annual Luncheon, American Heart Association, Waterloo, Iowa, February, 2011
- UNI Scholarship Banquet, 2011, "I Have a Voice" with student Kelsey Burns

**FITNESS
CREDENTIALS**

- AFAA certified in Group Exercise, Spring 2013 (is current)
- Piloxing Certification, Fall 2011
- CPR/AED Red Cross Certification (exp. 2/2018)

WORK— **Fitness Instructor**, Cedar Falls Recreation Center, Cedar Falls, Iowa (10/2014-present)
FITNESS Classes: low-impact aerobics + floating sub all classes

Fitness Instructor, The Training Center, Cedar Falls, Iowa (2/2010 - 12/2014)
Classes: cardio kickboxing, weightlifting, heavy bags, stretch, *Thriller!* dance

THEATRE
CREDITS

"Lady Macbeth" *Macbeth*
Scarred Heart Theatre Company, July 2017

"Muriel" *The Fox on the Fairway*
Cedar Falls Community Theatre, February-March 2017

"Mary" *Placebo*
Staged Reading, Red Herring Theatre, July 2016

"Fraulein Schneider" *Cabaret*
Waterloo Community Playhouse, April 2016

"Igor" *Young Frankenstein*
Cedar Falls Community Theatre, June 2015

"Marvalyn" *Almost, Maine*
Staged Reading, CFCT Summer Sampler, May 2015

"Millie" *Storybook Christmas* (world premiere)
CFCT, December 2014

"Sister Margaretta" *Sound of Music*
Cedar Falls Community Theatre, June 2014

"Margaret" and ensemble, *9 to 5: The Musical*
Waterloo Community Playhouse, July 2013

"Mrs. Snoring Man" and ensemble, *White Christmas*
CFCT, December 2012

"Strawberry Seller" and ensemble, *Oliver!*
CFCT, June 2012

Flutist, Pit Orchestra, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*
Theatre UNI, Winter 1991

"Lady Warren" *Dear Delinquent*
Cedar Falls High School Theatre, 1988