

# 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** **Adjunct Faculty**, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa (8/2005-present)  
Classes: College Writing & Research, Intro. to Literature, Beginning Poetry, Nonfiction Seminar, Technical Writing

**Adjunct Faculty**, 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, 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  
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. 3/2020)

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

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

**THEATRE**  
**CREDITS**

Director *Kimberly Akimbo*  
 Staged Reading, Red Herring Theatre, April 2018

"Anita" *The Fair's in Town*  
 Cellar Door Productions, February 2018 (world premiere)

"Jessie Mae Watts" *The Trip to Bountiful*  
 Waterloo Community Playhouse, November 2017  
 Finalist: Best Supporting Actress, Iowa Community Theatre Association

"Lady Macbeth" *Macbeth*  
 Staged Reading, Walker Building Black Box, April 2017

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

"Fraulein Schneider" *Cabaret*  
 Waterloo Community Playhouse, April 2016  
 Finalist: Best Supporting Actress, Iowa Community Theatre Association

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

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

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

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

"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