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FREELANCE PUBLICATIONS AND PROJECTS

Books

Canyon Wilderness of the Southwest. 2008. With photographer Jon Ortnier. Random House. NY
Zion Canyon: A Storied Land. 2007. With photographer Michael Plyler. University of Arizona Press. Tucson AZ. Desert Places Series. Gregory McNamee, Editor.
Zion Canyon Impressions. 2007. FarCountry Press. Helena MT
National Park Rangers. 2005. Eastern National Parks and Monuments Association. Philadelphia, PA (Book for children ages 8-12)
Bryce Canyon Impressions. 2003. FarCountry Press. Helena MT
Moviemaking on the Colorado Plateau. 2003. Canyonlands Natural History Association, Moab UT
Dinosaur: The Dinosaur National Monument Quarry. 2001. (Coauthored with L. West and D. Chure). Dinosaur Nature Association. Vernal UT
The Desert's Hoodoo Heart: Bryce Canyon National Park. 2000. Sierra Press. Mariposa CA
Grand Staircase—Escalante National Monument: Heart of the Desert Wild. 2000. Bryce Canyon Natural History Association. Bryce Canyon UT

In Press

Unsolved Mysteries on the Colorado Plateau. Canyon Country Chronicles. Canyonlands Natural History Association. Moab UT

In Progress

Zion Adventure Guide. Zion Natural History Association. Springdale Utah

Essays and Articles

"The Cosmic Nexus of Bluff, Utah." *Wasatch Journal*. Summer 2008. Salt Lake City UT
"On a Wing and a Prayer," *Sojourns*. Summer 2008. Grand Canyon AZ
"St. Edmund's Wolf." *Isotope*. 2007. Vol. 5, No. 2. Logan, UT
"Walking the Paria Paradox." *Walk*. March 2007. The Ramblers Association. London England.
"A Testimony of Wolves," in *Comeback Wolves: Western Writers Welcome the Wolf Home*. Fall 2005. Johnson Books. Boulder CO
"Lights! Camera! Action! Film Making in Southern Utah." *St. George Magazine*. Summer 2005. St. George UT
"On Living in a Small Town in the Wilds of Southern Utah, Summer 2003." *Black Ridge Review*, Issue 2, Spring 2004. Cedar City UT
"Broken." *Northern Lights* Volume XVI, Number 3, 2002. Missoula MT
"We Know Not." *Northern Lights* Volume XIII, Number 3, 1998. Missoula MT
"When Words Have Muscle and Wings." *Making Protection Work*. 1997. George Wright Society, Hancock MI
"Scenic Viewpoint." *Petroglyph: The Journal of Creative Natural History Writing*. 1996. Utah State University. Logan UT
"Back to the Future." *Canon Journal* Volume 2, Number 2, 1996. Grand Canyon Association/ Museum of Northern Arizona. Flagstaff AZ

- “Fear of Flying.” *High Country News*. Volume 28, Number 14, 1996. High Country Foundation. Paonia CO
- “Treasure of the Granite Gorge.” *Canon Journal* Volume 2, Number 1, 1996. Grand Canyon Association/Museum of Northern Arizona. Flagstaff AZ
- “Snap Judgements.” *Spirit*. 1990. East/West Network, Inc. New York NY

EXHIBITS AND GUIDES

- Exhibits, Grafton Historic Site. 2007. Grafton Heritage Partnership. Rockville UT
- Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. 2004. Interpretive Plan for new visitor center. St. George UT
- Grand Staircase—Escalante National Monument 2002-2003; Exhibits For four new visitor centers, one contact station, and ten wayside portal kiosk”exhibits. Kanab UT
- Grand Canyon National Park. 2002. *Native Waters*. Grand Canyon AZ
- Grand Canyon National Park. 1997. *Endangered Resources*. Grand Canyon AZ
- Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park. 2002. Fourteen wayside exhibits and seventeen nature trail exhibits. Kanab UT
- Bryce Canyon National Park. 2001. *Queens Garden, Bristlecone, and Navajo Trail Guides*. Bryce Canyon UT

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Artist Residency. 2003. Ucross Foundation. Ucross, WY
- Scholarship, Schumacher College. 2003. Devon, England

<i>Grand Staircase—Escalante National Monument: Heart of the Desert Wild</i>			
Utah Book Award	2001	Utah Center for the Book	Salt Lake City UT
Book of the Year First Place	2002	National Association of Interpretation	Ft. Collins CO
Honorable Mention Excellence in Interpretive Media	2002	Association of Partners for Public Lands	Wheaton, MD
<i>Dinosaur: The Dinosaur National Monument Quarry</i>			
Book of the Year Second Place	2002	National Association of Interpretation	Ft. Collins CO
<i>Moviemaking on the Colorado Plateau</i>			
Honorable Mention Cultural History Book Media Awards	2004	Association of Partners for Public Lands	Wheaton, MD
<i>Rangers Activity and Sticker Book</i>			
Honorable Mention Children’s Media Media Awards	2006	Association of Partners for Public Lands	Wheaton, MD

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

Teacher or Instructor

- *Writer’s Workshop*. 2005. Zion Canyon Field Institute. Springdale UT
- *The Natural Journal*. 2003. Zion Arts and Humanities Council. Springdale UT
- *Writer’s Workshop*. 1996. Grand Canyon Field Institute. Grand Canyon AZ

Speaker or Panelist

- Chicago Humanities Festival. 2008. Chicago IL
- University Forum with William Kitteridge and Annick Smith. 2008. University of Nevada, Las Vegas NV
- Utah Humanities Book Festival with Annick Smith. 2007. Salt Lake City UT

- Bluff Arts Festival. 2007. Bluff UT
- Colorado Plateau Studies Program Conference. 2005. Flagstaff AZ
- League of Utah Writers Conference. 2005. Salt Lake City UT
- Heritage Writers Conference. 2003. St. George UT
- Nonfiction Discussion Panelist with Pulitzer finalist Ellen Meloy and Professor Jim Aton. 2001. Southern Utah University. Cedar City UT
- Twenty years as a naturalist/interpreter for the National Park Service giving public programs.
- Four years as a naturalist giving public programs. Sarett Nature Center. Benton Harbor MI

Readings

- Dixie Forum. 2007. Dixie College. St. George UT
- Z-Arts! Writers Series. 2007. Zion Canyon UT
- Kayenta Presents Series. 2007. Kayenta UT
- St. George Book Festival. 2006. St. George UT
- Nonfiction Writer-in-Residence. 2002. Southern Utah University. Cedar City UT
- Zion Canyon Arts and Humanities Council. 2001. Springdale UT
- Book Tour, *Heart of the Desert Wild*. 2001. Southern UT
- Great Salt Lake Book Festival. 2001. Utah Humanities Council. Salt Lake City UT

Judge

- Judge. 2002. Utah Book Awards. Utah Center for the Book. Salt Lake City, UT.

Board Memberships

- Board Member. Ellen Meloy Fund for Writers. 2005-present. Salt Lake City UT
- President. Z-ARTS! 2004-2006. Zion Canyon Arts and Humanities Council. Springdale UT
- Chair. Literary Arts Program. Z-ARTS! 2000-2005. Zion Canyon Arts and Humanities Council. Springdale UT
- Advisory Panelist. 2002-2006. Literary Arts Program. Utah Arts Council. Salt Lake City UT

Education

- University of Michigan. Bachelor's Degree. Biology
- Northern Arizona University. Graduate work. Anthropology
- Western Washington University. Graduate work. Environmental Toxicology
- UCLA. Graduate work. The Writers Program