

## **Jera Brown, Curriculum Vitae**

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I am a nonfiction writer specializing in literary nonfiction and journalism. My primary focus is spirituality, sexuality, social justice, and places where they intersect. I also enjoy supporting other writers through interviews and book reviews. My personal essays, interviews, book reviews, and reported pieces have appeared in BUST, VICE, the Rumpus, Daily Dot, SheKnows, Together Magazine, and Rebellious Magazine, among others.

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### **Teaching**

**Columbia College Chicago — Chicago, IL — 2015** Undergraduate composition and rhetoric courses

**Ivy Tech — Bloomington, IN — 2017** Continuing studies creative writing courses

### **Presenting**

2016 CatalystCon Midwest

2012 National Association of Government Webmasters Conference

### **Other Work Experience**

**Freelance Editing** — 2006 to Current

**Usability and User Interface Specialist** — City of Bloomington — May 2007 to August 2014

**Chair and Cofounder** — Bloomington Area Music — May 2009 to November 2012

### **Education**

**MFA, Nonfiction** — Columbia College Chicago in Chicago, IL (Expected graduation 2017)

**BA, English** — Taylor University in Upland, IN (2004)

### **Professional Memberships**

American Society of Journalists and Authors (ASJA)

Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP)

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### **References**

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