

## ASHLEY T. MEMORY

**SUMMARY** Lifelong story teller specializing in poetry and fiction

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS

- “The Murder House at Sweetwater Ridge,” (poem), Finalist, Narrative Poetry Prize, published in the *Naugatuck River Review*, Spring 2016
- “Why I Love Used Books,” (poem) Honorable Mention, Ron Rash Poetry Award, published in *Broad River Review*, Spring 2016
- “A Widow on Chester Street,” (poem), First Place, Mary Ruffin Poole Heritage Award, N. C. Poetry Society, published in *Pinesong*, 2016
- “Napoleon and Antosia,” (poem), Second Place, Carol Bessent Hayman Poetry of Love Award, N. C. Poetry Society, published in *Pinesong*, 2015
- “Phalaenopsis,” Second Place, (poem), Mary Ruffin Poole Heritage Award, N. C. Poetry Society, published in *Pinesong*, 2015
- “Ode to My Ironing Board,” (poem), Honorable Mention, *Carolina Woman* Annual Writing Contest, published in Summer 2015
- “The Maitre D’ Broods Alone,” (poem), Visions and Voice Poetry Project, publication and reading at The Joyful Jewel in Pittsboro, April 2015
- “All-Inclusive Vacation for Pessimists,” (short story), *Brilliant Flash Fiction*, September 2015
- “How to See a Ghost” (poem), Second Place in Annual *INDY Week* Poetry Competition, published in *INDY Week*, April 9, 2014
- *Naked and Hungry*, first novel, published by Ingalls Publishing Group in Boone, N.C. in November 2011 and named one of the season's most promising debut novels by *Library Journal* (Fall 2011)
- “Watercolor Memories,” (essay), *Romantic Homes*, 2002
- “Marry Me,” (short story), *Cairn*, 2003
- “Amateur” *One Paycheck Away* (2003) and “His Name is Roscoe” *Porch Stories* (2014), short stories published by Main Street Rag in Charlotte
- *Raleigh News and Observer*, “Missing the Dixie Superette,” essay, published in *Sunday Reader*, 2000
- “Covering for Tina,” (short story), *Portland Literary Review*, 1999
- *North Carolina Writers Network*. First Honorable Mention in the Thomas Wolfe Fiction Contest (2013); Doris Betts Fiction Prize First-Place Winner

(2000 and 2001); Blumenthal Readers & Writers Fellowship Winner (Spring 2000). Selected to give local reading as part of literary outreach program.

- *N.C. Association of Government Information Officers Excellence in Communications Awards*. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Speechwriting (2000)
- *Pushcart Prize Nominee 1999*. Nominated by *Eureka Literary Magazine*, Eureka, IL for the short story "Tamarisk" published in Spring 1999.

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## ARTICLES AND INTERVIEWS

- Interview on "How to See a Ghost" poem in *INDY Week*, April 9, 2014
- Review of *Naked and Hungry* in *Southern Pines Pilot*, November 4, 2012: <http://bit.ly/1vQb0BN> and in the *Greensboro News and Record*, March 18, 2012: <http://bit.ly/1ojH2UJ>
- Interview on WUNC's *The State of Things*, October 26, 2011: <http://bit.ly/1FmH0jY>

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

### OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS, UNC-CHAPEL HILL

November 2005 – Present - Senior Assistant Director of Admissions for Communication

Creates, implements, and assesses the effectiveness of a comprehensive communications plan for undergraduate admissions. Works with the Director and senior management to develop communications strategies, themes, and messages that serve the mission and goals of the Office and University.

### N.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, RALEIGH, N.C.

2004 -2005 – Director of Public Information Office

Managed external and internal communications for the second-largest agency in state government. Worked directly with the Secretary of Transportation, Board of Transportation and senior staff to communicate the department's key objectives and achievements to the public. Designed and led writing seminars for transportation officials.

Highlights: Wrote speeches for three secretaries of transportation and two governors, for ceremonies such as the Neuse River Bridge Dedication and the Andy Griffith Highway Dedication Ceremony. Managed communications for multiple sensitive issues, including the repair of a new inlet created by Hurricane Isabel and a repayment plan for 13,000 overpaid employees.

2003 -2004 – Deputy Director of Public Information Office

1999 – 2002 – Public Information Officer III and Lead Speechwriter

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- N. C. Writers' Network, 1999-Present. Presented on writing for the web at conferences in 2010 (Charlotte) and 2011 (Cary).
- N. C. Poetry Society, 2014-Present. Participated at readings in 2015.
- Communications Cabinet, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2013 - Present
- N. C. Association of Government Communicators, 1996-2006

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## EDUCATION

### UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

B.A. English, 1989

### CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PITTSBORO CAMPUS

Certificate in Creative Writing, Spring, 2016