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Editor

Summary of Qualifications:

- Extensive experience as freelance editor
- Two years' experience working as developmental editor with a publisher specializing in young-adult fiction
- Familiarity with standard style guides (CMS, AP Style, APA, MLA)
- Outstanding knowledge of research methods and data-checking techniques
- Wide knowledge of publishing process and formats
- Proficient with MS Office products, including Word, Excel, Acrobat, and Outlook
- An experienced teacher/tutor, trained to work with both native and non-native speakers and writers
- Published projects include memoir, science fiction, fantasy, mystery, fan fiction, and self-help books

Education:

- Earned Ph.D. in English from Washington State University (Pullman) in January, 1998
- Completed M.A. English from University of Idaho (Moscow) in 1986.
- Obtained B.A. English from Western Washington University (Bellingham) in 1976

Editorial Courses & Certificates:

- ✓ Barbara Sjöholm's Author-Editor Clinic (Developmental editing)
- ✓ TESL Certificate (S-TESL/Seattle University (Teaching ESL))

- ✓ Keys to Effective Editing (Jacquelyn Landis' online course)
- ✓ Copyediting Fiction: An online course (Editcetera/Zipporah Collins, instructor)
- ✓ Oregon Coast Children's Book Writers Workshop
- ✓ Book Mapping for Editors (Editors Freelance Association/Heidi Fiedler)

Work Experience:

- Freelance editor since 2006, editing on several different levels to help writers produce high-caliber and publishable texts, including memoirs, self-help books, mysteries, young-adult novels, fan fiction, academic reports, essays, theses, marketing brochures, quarterly reports, and many other projects
- Instructor at North Seattle Community College, Continuing Education (ongoing)
- Developmental editor under contract as freelance editor for Book Buddy Audio in 2015, Epic Press in 2016
- Taught ESL (writing) courses at Refugee Federation Services Center and at Edmonds Community College (2009–2012)
- Assistant Editor on three academic journals at WSU (1988–1989)
- Instructional Assistant/Instructor at Washington State University and University of Idaho, from 1983–2005

Recent Projects:

As copyeditor:

Bergstrom, KM & KL Campbell. *Inside The Journey* (1).

_____. *Living the Journey* (2).

_____. *Beyond the Journey* (3).

Bond, Mike. *Remember to Duck: A Trial Lawyer's Memoir*.

Bugni, Michael W. *Consumed*.

Crawford, Brian. *Prisoners of War* (young-adult series), 2016.

DuHamel, Thomas R. *The Ins and Outs of Poop: A Guide to Treating Childhood Constipation*.

Mannfield, Hugh. *A Place to Embrace* (Our Place in Space).

Wells, Steven M. *Harvest Homicide: A China Connection* (The Winemaker Series, 2).

As developmental editor:

Doughsmith, Jaime. *Card Up My Sleeve: Adventures of a Credit Card Smith*.

Follansbee, Joe. *Bet: Stowaway Daughter*. (middle grade).

McPike, K.J. *XODUS* (The Astralis Series Book 1). (young-adult)

Murray, Arthur C. *The Badass Bureaucrat: A Memoir*.

Skogen, Jennifer. *Haunting of Grey Hills* (young-adult series), 2015.

Spada, R. L. *Last Resort* (middle grade).

Memberships:

- ❖ Member of Northwest Independent Editors Guild
- ❖ Member of Editorial Freelance Association
- ❖ Member of Hugo House, Seattle, WA