

# Alex Penland

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## Career

### Author

Independent

2016 - PRESENT

Fiction, poetry, and libretti. 18 published works since 2019; full list of publications on page 2.

**Memberships:** SFWA, SOA, BSFA, HNS

### Founder & Director

The Writers' Rooms

2016 - 2019

Designed curricula, taught courses for a diverse set of adult learners, and managed 17 volunteers for a community of nearly 400 people.

### Supply/Summer Teacher

Various Districts

2015 - 2019

Supply teacher at all grade levels for all subjects: adapted to changing lesson plans, curricula, and student needs.

Additional work in modified classrooms. Up to 30 students per classroom. Marked assessments.

Created curricula for summer courses in creative writing, ancient Greek history, textile arts, improv and theater, and comic book writing (including a book festival for students to sell their writing).

**Public Schools:** Iowa City Community School District, Loudoun County Public Schools

**Private Schools:** Willowwind Elementary School, Coralville Montessori School

## Education

PhD in Creative Writing  
University of Edinburgh

CURRENT STUDENT

Fiction strand.

Representative, Student Association.

**Dissertation:** "Antikythera".

**Presentations:** "Actus Queerus: Classical Queerness and the Discipline", Kings College London, Panelist.

"Three Thousand Years of Re-Interpretation: Character Continuity and Ancient Texts", Great Writing Conference, Panelist (forthcoming).

Master of Science in  
Creative Writing  
University of Edinburgh

GRAD. 2020 (DISTINCTION)

Fiction strand.

Representative, Student Association.

**Dissertation:** "Andrion".

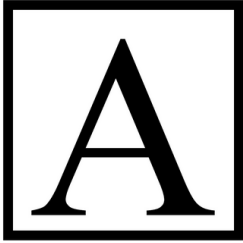
Bachelor of Arts in  
English  
Coe College

GRAD. 2013

Major, English.

Minor, Classical Studies.

Minor, Anthropology.



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## Publications

### How to Read the Lace

Open Book  
2022 (FORTHCOMING)

### parisian attic cancer dragon

The Bear Creek Gazette, vol. 7  
2022

### hic incipit pestis

Cambridge "Quaranzine"  
2021

### Parcel

Dewdrop Magazine  
2020

### The Little Angler

Strange Lands (Flame Tree Press)  
2020

### Ordinary Death

From Arthur's Seat, vol. 5  
2020

### the notorious

Writers Resist, issue 121  
2020

### Character Development

Midwest Review  
2019

### These Are The Words

Primary Carbon  
2019

### Evolution of the Kallerian Language Family

Segments, vol. 4  
2022

### Three Iterations of Odysseus

Mahogany Opera Group (Performed)  
2022

### You Do Not Need to Open the Door

Orion's Belt, vol. 1  
2021

### The Tidal Basin

The American Review  
2020

### Rock Opera

Mahogany Opera Group (Performed)  
2020

### The Wanderers

Together Free  
2020

### The Great

Writers Resist, issue 77  
2019

### The Second Car from the Front

Story Cities (Arachne Press)  
2019

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