

**KEN CORMIER**

Department of English  
 Quinnipiac University  
 275 Mount Carmel Ave. Hamden, CT 06518  
[kenneth.cormier@quinnipiac.edu](mailto:kenneth.cormier@quinnipiac.edu)

**PROFESSIONAL**

2016-present, Associate Professor of English/Creative Writing, Quinnipiac University

2010-2016, Assistant Professor of English/Creative Writing, Quinnipiac University

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. English, 2010 University of Connecticut

(Dissertation: *Sounding the Audiophonic Imagination*)

M.A. English, 2003 University of Connecticut

M.A. English/Creative Writing, 1996 Eastern Michigan University

B.A. English, 1991 University of Connecticut

**PUBLICATIONS****Books**

*The Tragedy in My Neighborhood*. Columbus, GA: Dead Academics Press, 2010.

*Balance Act: Poems & Stories*. Toronto: Insomniac Press, 2000.

**In Anthologies**

“A Day in the Life of a Conversationalist” (fiction). *Storyscape Journal: Anthology Two*. Ed. Hila Ratzabi. New York: Storyscape Journal, 2015.

“Poetry Doesn't Need You” (poem). *Old Flame : From the First 10 Years of 32 Poems Magazine*. Ed. Deborah Ager, Bill Beverly, John Poch. Seattle: WordFarm Press, 2012.

“This Poem” (fiction). *Storyscape Journal: Anthology One*. Ed. Anne Hays. New York: Storyscape Journal, 2010.

“Havris and Eli.” (fiction) *60 Seconds to Shine Vol. IV: 161 One-Minute Monologues from Literature*. Ed. John Capecci and Irene Ziegler Aston. Lyme, NH : Smith and Kraus, Inc., 2007.

## Scholarship

“Sounding the Multitrack Imagination.” *symplokē* (23.1-2) (December 2016).

“Writing the Tape-Recorded Life.” *a/b: Auto/Biography Studies* (27.2) Winter 2012. 402-26.

## Journals/Magazines

“Strangers,” “Road,” “Economics,” “Destiny” (fiction). *The Negatives* (Sep.-Nov. 2016).

“Seventeen” (fiction). *Storyscape*. [www.storyscapejournal.com](http://www.storyscapejournal.com) (Issue 14, May 2015).

Seven poems. *Box of Jars* (Volume 5), August 2014.

“Deck Story” (fiction). *Word Riot*, February 2014.

“Cold Rusty Rainbows,” “Which Membrane?” (poems). *Lux/Lumina*, December 2013.

“Love like a Quahog” (poem). *Ball of Wax* (32), June 2013.

“Sunday Service” (fiction). *Circumference E-Zine*. Poetry Institute, New Haven CT.  
<http://thepoetryinstitute.com/circumference-poetry-journey-pis-e-zine/>. December 2012.

“A Day in the Life of a Conversationalist” (audio fiction). *Missouri Review Podcast*. Runner-up, Missouri Review Audio Competition: Prose Category. March 21, 2012.

“A Day in the Life of a Conversationalist” (audio fiction). *Storyscape*.  
[www.storyscapejournal.com](http://www.storyscapejournal.com) (Issue 8, February 2012).

“Voices of the Dead” (audio memoir). *Missouri Review Podcast*. Winner, Missouri Review Audio Competition: Best Self-Made Documentary. October 21, 2011.

“Auto Composition 6” (audio poem). *textsound*. <http://textsound.org/> (Issue 11, February 2011).

“Voices of the Dead” (audio memoir). *Storyscape*. [www.storyscapejournal.com](http://www.storyscapejournal.com) (Issue 6, January 2011).

"This Poem." (fiction). *Storyscape*. [www.storyscapejournal.com](http://www.storyscapejournal.com) (Spring 2010).

"The Tower" (fiction). *Toxic Poetry*. <http://toxicpoetry.com/> (January 2010)

“Everybody Just Be Cool” (poem). *textsound*. <http://textsound.org/> (Issue 5, November 2009).

“The Sounds of Lunch” (fiction). *Storyscape*. [www.storyscapejournal.com](http://www.storyscapejournal.com) (Issue 3, March 2009).

“Poetry Doesn't Need You” (poem). *32 Poems* (6.2) Fall 2008.

Five poems. *From the Fishhouse*. [www.fishhousepoems.org](http://www.fishhousepoems.org) (2008).

“Albany” (poem). *Euphony* (Spring 2008), 9.

“The Letter I Sent” (poem). *Pasatiempo*, Aug. 31-Sept. 6, 2007, Santa Fe, NM.

“We're Sitting on Buildings” (poem). *THE Magazine*, September 2007, Santa Fe, NM.

“The Tragedy in My Neighborhood” (fiction). *Oddfellow Magazine* (Fall 2005).

Four stories. *Gone* (Spring 1998), 109-116.

Two poems. *Sulfur* 40 (Spring 1997), 93-4.

“Feeling the Air in Relation to How Much Light There Is” (poem). *Caliban* 15 (1995), 146-7.

“Balance Act” (fiction). *Exquisite Corpse* (Fall 1995).

## **RADIO**

### **Editor**

“The Lumberyard: A Radio Magazine of Poetry, Prose, and Music.” Founding editor & producer, Fall 2005-Spring 2008.

### **Writer/Producer**

Public Radio Exchange. “Christmas with Grandma” (fiction). Licensed by PRX Remix (prx.mx) July 29, 2015.

KUOW, Seattle, WA. “The Secret Pianos of Manhattan” (documentary). Aired June 26, 2013.

KISU, Idaho Public Radio, Pocatello, ID. “Christmas with Grandma” (fiction). Aired December 24, 2012.

KUT, Austin Public Radio, Austin, TX. “Christmas with Grandma” (fiction). Aired on “O’Dark 30,” December 16, 2012.

WNPR, Connecticut Public Radio. Interview on the topic of Short Stories and “Christmas with Grandma” (fiction). Aired November 26, 2012.

KISU, Idaho Public Radio, Pocatello, ID. “Christmas with Grandma” (fiction). Aired December 2011.

WNPR, Connecticut Public Radio, Hartford, CT. "9/11: A View from Adolescence" (documentary). Aired on "Ten Years Later: Connecticut on September 11," September 9, 2011.

WGXC, Hudson, NY. "When I Used To Work at my Job" (fiction). Aired on "To Be Determined," July 10, 2011.

Vocalo 89.5 (vocolo.org), Chicago, IL. "Dad's Naughty Pictures" (documentary). Licensed June 14, 2011.

WMNF, Tampa, FL. "9/11: A View from Adolescence," (documentary). Aired September 11, 2010.

KUOW, Seattle, WA. "When I Used To Work at My Job" (fiction). Aired on "KUOW Presents," September 7, 2010.

KRUA, Anchorage, AK. "9/11: A View from Adolescence" (documentary). Licensed September 7, 2010.

BBC Radio 4. "Christmas with Grandma" (fiction). Aired on "BBC Americana," December 27, 2009.

KVNF, Paonia, CO. "Christmas with Grandma" (fiction). Licensed December 23, 2009.

KMXT, Kodiak, AK. "Bird Songs" (fiction). Licensed December 14, 2009.

KUT, Austin, TX. "Christmas with Grandma" (fiction). Licensed December 13, 2009.

KBUT, Crested Butte, CO. "Christmas with Grandma" (fiction). Licensed May 6, 2009.

Georgia Public Broadcasting, Atlanta, GA. "Christmas with Grandma" (fiction). Licensed December 16, 2008.

Marfa Public Radio, Marfa, TX. "Christmas with Grandma" (fiction). Licensed December 16, 2008.

WILL, Urbana, IL. "Dad's Naughty Pictures" (documentary). Aired July 5, 2008, on *Sidetrack with Jason Croft*.

Marfa Public Radio, Marfa, TX. "The Secret Pianos of Manhattan" (documentary). Aired September 15, 2007.

WBEZ, Chicago Public Radio. "The Sounds of Lunch" (fiction). Licensed March 2007.

Public Radio Exchange. "The Sounds of Lunch" (fiction). Featured podcast, February 2007.

WNPR, Connecticut Public Radio. "Christmas with Grandma" (fiction). Aired December 22, 2006.

WEVO, New Hampshire Public Radio. "Christmas with Grandma" (fiction). Aired December 15, 2006.

WNPR, Connecticut Public Radio. Interview on "Where We Live" with Hartford Public High School student poets. Aired April 20, 2007.

WNPR, Connecticut Public Radio. Interview on "Where We Live" with Hartford Public High School teacher Megan Chenette. Aired June 21, 2006.

WNPR, Connecticut Public Radio. "The Lumberyard," featured on "Essential Radio." Aired April 2, 2006.

WNPR, Connecticut Public Radio. "Oprah Spins a Yarn over Memoir's Fiction" (commentary), featured on "Morning Edition (local)." Aired March 30, 2006.

Public Radio Exchange. "The Lumberyard." NPR Station Showcase Feature, January 2006.

#### **PUBLIC PERFORMANCE (FEATURED READINGS)**

Newtown Arts Festival, Newtown, CT, September 17, 2016.

Neverending Books, New Haven, CT, March 25, 2016.

Newtown Arts Festival, Newtown, CT, September 19, 2015.

White Plains Public Library, White Plains, NY, September 2, 2015.

Silas Bronson Library, Waterbury, CT, June 3, 2015.

KGB Bar, New York, NY, May 26, 2015.

Quinebaug Valley Community College, Danielson, CT, April 30, 2015.

House of Balls, Minneapolis, MN, April 10, 2015 (AWP offsite, *Found Poetry Review*).

The Local, Minneapolis, MN, April 9, 2015 (AWP offsite, *Storyscape*).

First Word Series, The Telegraph, New London, CT, January 31, 2015.

Café Nine, New Haven, CT, January 18, 2015

Funky Monkey Café, Cheshire, CT, October 16, 2014.

Guilford Poets Guild, Guilford, CT, October 9, 2014.

Ancient Grounds, Seattle, WA, February 28, 2014 (AWP offsite, *Lumina*).

1249 Wine Bar, Waterbury, CT, February 19, 2014.

Gallery Bar LES, New York, NY, December 18, 2013.

Two Moon Café, Brooklyn, NY, December 5, 2013.

West Hartford Public Library, W. Hartford, CT, November 9, 2013.

Goodwin College, East Hartford, CT, October 17, 2013.

Brooklyn Poets Reading Series, Studio 10, Brooklyn, NY, July 12, 2013.

West Hartford Public Library, W. Hartford, CT, May 23, 2013.

Nuchie's, Bristol, CT, May 22, 2013.

West Hartford Town Hall, W. Hartford, CT, April 15, 2013.

The Brahmin, Boston, MA, March 8, 2013 (AWP offsite, *Storyscape*).

McGreevy's, Boston, MA, March 7, 2013 (AWP offsite, *32 Poems*).

University of New Haven, West Haven, CT, March 4, 2013.

Poetry Institute Library, New Haven, CT, December 20, 2012.

Barbes, Brooklyn, NY, November 20, 2012.

Hartford Public Library, Hartford, CT, October 6, 2012.

WordForge Reading Series, Hartford, CT, September 24, 2012.

Storyscape Release at ABC No Rio! New York, NY, April 13, 2012.

Wednesday Night Poetry Series, Newtown, CT, June 22, 2011.

Mishi-Maya-Gat Spoken Word and Music Series, Manchester Community College, Manchester, CT, May 19, 2011.

Riverwood Poetry Series, Buttonwood Tree, Middletown, CT, February 26, 2011.

Brooklyn Historical Society, Brooklyn, NY, January 28, 2011.

Wintonbury Poetry Series, Bloomfield, CT, January 20, 2011.

Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT, November 10, 2010.

Riverwood Poetry Festival, Faxon Library, West Hartford, CT, June 25, 2010.

Bowery Poetry Club, New York, NY, May 26, 2010.

UConn Co-op Bookstore, Storrs, CT, April 27, 2010.

EO Smith High School, Storrs, CT, April 30, 2009.

Quinebaug Valley Community College , Danielson , CT , April 16, 2009.

Brooklyn Historical Society, Brooklyn, NY, March 13, 2009.

Manchester Community College, Manchester, CT, November 20, 2008.

Nafe Katter Theatre, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, November 13, 2008.

*Poetry against the War*. Curbstone Press event, Willimantic, CT, November 10, 2007.

Center for Contemporary Arts, Santa Fe, NM, September 6, 2007.

Julia de Burgos Park, Willimantic, CT, July 12, 2007.

Hygienic Art Park, New London, CT, July 7, 2007.

Buttonwood Tree, Middletown, CT, May 12, 2007.

Manchester Community College, Manchester, CT, April 12, 2007.

Bowery Poetry Club, New York, NY, January 7, 2007.

Great Scott, Boston, August 2006.

E.O. Smith High School, Mansfield, CT, February 28, 2006.

Bowery Poetry Club, New York, NY, December 2005.

RaFiFi, New York, NY, September 2005.

Bowery Poetry Club, New York, NY, September 2005.

Bowery Poetry Club, New York, NY, March 2005.

*An Evening of Readings by Poet-Teachers*, Buttonwood Tree, Middletown, CT, October 2004.

*Seven Short Plays by Seven Authors*, Fifth Avenue Workspace, New York, NY, May 2004.

*One Vision Many Voices: HIV/AIDS Poetry Jam*, York Correctional, Niantic, CT, October 2003.

*An Evening of Short Plays*, Gene Frankel Theatre, New York, NY, June 2003.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Investigator Stipend Award, College of Arts & Sciences, Quinnipiac University, Summer 2014.

Selected as West Hartford Public Library Writer-in-Residence, 2013.

Best Self-Made Documentary, Missouri Review Audio Competition: "Voices of the Dead," 2011.

Finalist, Prose Category, Missouri Review Audio Competition: "A Day in the Life of a Conversationalist," 2011.

Poetry Picks: The Best Books of 2010, About.com Poetry: *The Tragedy in My Neighborhood*. Selected by Bob Holman.

Best Student Documentary, Missouri Review Audio Competition: "Dad's Naughty Pictures," 2009.

Second Runner-Up, Documentary, Missouri Review Audio Competition: "The Secret Pianos of Manhattan," 2008.

Provost Award for Excellence in Outreach and Public Engagement (Finalist), University of Connecticut, 2007.

Edward V. Gant Scholarship, University of Connecticut, 2006-07.

Pre-doctoral Fellowship, University of Connecticut, 2007.

Aetna Graduate Works-in-Progress Award, University of Connecticut, 2006.

Summer Dissertation Fellowship, University of Connecticut, 2006.

Long River Graduate Writing Award, University of Connecticut, 2005.

Aetna Graduate Teaching Award, University of Connecticut, 2005.

Best in Performance, Eastern Michigan University, 1996.



Outstanding Graduate Student in Creative Writing, Eastern Michigan University, 1996.

## **TEACHING**

### **Quinnipiac University**

Advanced Fiction-Writing Workshop: Spring 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, Fall 2014, Fall 2016.

Art of Audio Narrative: Fall 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, Spring 2017.

Introduction to Creative Writing: Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2017.

Senior Seminar in Literature: Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017.

The Short Story: Spring 2013.

The Personal Essay: Fall 2010.

First Year Composition: Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016.

### **University of Connecticut**

Children's Literature: Summer 2011.

The Art of Audio Narrative: Spring 2009.

American Literature since 1880: Fall 2009.

American Literature to 1880: Fall 2008, Summer 2009.

The Short Story: Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Summer 2008, Fall 2009.

Introduction to Creative Writing: Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Fall 2004, Spring 2005, Fall 2006.

Expressive Writing in Performance: Summer 2002, 2003, 2004.

History & Practice of Small Magazine Publication: Spring 2003, 2004, 2006.

Seminar in Academic Writing: Fall 2001, Spring 2002.

Basic Writing: Summer 2005, 2006.

The Short Story (Teaching Assistant): Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2004.

Multi-track Audio Recording Techniques (WHUS Radio): Spring 2005, Summer 2005.

Radio Production Studio Lab (WHUS Radio): Fall 2003.

### **Workshops Conducted**

Poetry, Fiction, Personal Narrative, Bristol Central High School, Bristol CT, Nov 30, 2016.

Poetry, Fiction, Personal Narrative, Chippens Hill Middle School, Bristol, CT, March 18, 2016 .

Poetry & Personal Narrative, West Bristol School, Bristol, CT, December 4, 2015.

Poetry & Personal Narrative, Bristol Central High School, Bristol CT, November 6, 2015.

Poetry & Personal Narrative, Northeast Middle School, Bristol, CT, November 4, 2015.

Poetry & Fiction, Chippens Hill Middle School, Bristol, CT, March 26, 2015.

Poetry & Fiction, Northeast Middle School, Bristol, CT, February 12, 2015.

Poetry & Fiction, West Bristol School, Bristol, CT, January 29, 2015.

Poetry & Personal Narrative, Bristol Central High School, Bristol CT, November 14, 2014.

Storytelling & Personal Narrative, Chippens Hill Middle School, Bristol, CT, March 4, 2014.

Storytelling & Personal Narrative, Bristol Eastern High School, Bristol, CT, February 20, 2014.

Storytelling & Personal Narrative, Northeast Middle School, Bristol, CT, January 30, 2014.

Poetry & Personal Narrative, Bristol Central High School, Bristol, CT, December 12, 2013.

Poetry & Performance, Bethel High School students, Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT, November 22, 2013.

Poetry & Performance, West Hartford Public Library, W. Hartford, CT, June 15, 2013.

Creative Writing Workshop, Chippens Hill Middle School, June 14, 2013.

Creative Writing Workshop, Bristol Central High School, June 13, 2013.

Fiction Workshop, West Hartford Public Library, W. Hartford, CT, June 1, 2013.

Creative Writing Workshop, Greene Hills Middle School, Bristol, CT, January 10, 2013.

Creative Writing Workshop, Bristol Eastern High School, Bristol, CT, January 9, 2013.

Creative Nonfiction Workshop, Bristol Central High School, Bristol, CT, January 7, 2013.

Creative Writing Workshop, Northeast Middle School, Bristol, CT, January 4, 2013.

Creative Writing Workshop, Northeast Middle School, Bristol, CT, March 30, 2012.

Creative Writing Workshop, Bristol Central High School, Bristol, CT, April 7, 2011.

Presentation on "How To Publish," Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT, February 24, 2011.

Creative Writing Workshop, Northeast Middle School, Bristol, CT, November 20, 2009.

From Interview to Internet: Oral History in the Digital Age, Connecticut Writing Project, Journalism and Media Academy, Hartford, CT, August 26, 2009.

Writing for the Radio, Connecticut Writing Project, Journalism and Media Academy, Hartford, CT, June 12, 2009.

Writing & Performance, Urban Gifted Showcase, Central Connecticut State University, June 2, 2009.

Writing & Performance, Connecticut Writing Project Teacher/Student Conference, Storrs, CT, May 20, 2009.

Writing from the Pulse, Center for Contemporary Arts, Santa Fe, NM, September 7, 2007.

Writing & Performance, E.O. Smith High School, Storrs, CT, 2005-06.

Writing, Performance, and Teaching, Bristol Public Schools Gifted Program, 2004-05.

Writing & Performance, Bristol Central High School, May 2004.

Writing & Performance for Teachers, Bristol Central High School, May 2003.

Writing & Performance Special Topics: HIV/AIDS," York Correctional Institute, 2003.

Songwriting, Connecticut Writing Project Teacher/Student Conference, March 2002, 2003, 2005.

Poetry & Performance, Red School House Poetry Primer, Desmond, Ontario, Summer 2003.

## **CONFERENCES**

"Writing the Tape-Recorded Life." American Comparative Literature Association Conference, New Orleans, April 2010.

“Ugly Papers: Media Influence.” Conference on Literacies—Personal, Professional, Academic at the University of New Hampshire, Durham. October 2007.

“Producing Literature for the Radio: The Lumberyard.” Conference on Recharging the Sensorium at Central Connecticut University, New Britain. April 2007.

“Producing Poetry for the Radio.” Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Conference, New York. February 2007.

### **Invited Speaker**

Keynote Speaker, Connecticut Writing Project Teacher/Student Conference, Storrs, CT, May 20, 2009.

Keynote Speaker, Bristol Business Education Foundation Recognition Dinner, Bristol, CT. October 2006.

Guest Speaker, Urban Gifted Showcase, Central Connecticut State University, June 2006.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

Director, QU Creative Writing Program, Fall 2010-present.

Associate Director, UConn Creative Writing Program, Fall 2006.

Co-Director, UConn Writing Center, Spring 2005, Fall 2005.

Director, Writing Center Art Show, Spring 2005, Fall 2005.

Assistant Director, UConn Creative Writing Program, Fall 2002-Spring 2004.

### **SERVICE**

Member, CAS Nominating Committee, Quinnipiac University, Fall 2014-Fall 2016.

Founder/Chair, Wilder Fiction Prize Committee, Quinnipiac University, 2013-present.

Founder/Chair/Member, Donald Hall Poetry Prize Committee, Quinnipiac University, 2014-present.

Coordinator, Scinto-Engel Colloquium, Quinnipiac University, 2012-present.

Judge, Bristol Public Schools Poetry Night, Nuchies Restaurant, Bristol, CT, May 18, 2016.

Faculty Advisor, *QU Barnacle* (Quinnipiac University Satire Newspaper), 2012-14.

Faculty Advisor, *Montage* (Quinnipiac University Student Literary Journal), 2011-present.

Founder/Coordinator/Host, “Yawp! An Open Dialogue on Creativity and the Arts,” Visiting Writer’s Series, Quinnipiac University, Fall 2012-present.

Founder/Coordinator/Host, “Montage Writer's Series,” Quinnipiac University, Spring 2011-present.

Judge, Bristol Public Schools Poetry Night, Nuchies Restaurant, Bristol, CT, May 19, 2015.

Judge, West Hartford Library Teen Poetry Contest, April 2015.

Judge, Bristol Public Schools Poetry Night, Nuchies Restaurant, Bristol, CT, May 20, 2014.

Judge, West Hartford Library Teen Poetry Contest, May 2014.

Writing Mentor, CT River Academy, East Hartford, CT (provided feedback on novel manuscript and query letter for a student in her senior year), September/October 2013.

Judge, West Hartford Teen Poetry Contest, West Hartford Public Library, 2013.

Judge, Bristol Public Schools Poetry Night, Nuchies Restaurant, Bristol, CT, May 22, 2013.

Judge, Connecticut Poetry Award, CT Poetry Society, 2012.

Judge, CT Poetry Circuit Student Poet Contest (entries from SCSU), October 2011.

Faculty Advisor, Quixotic Literary Club, Quinnipiac University, 2010-2012.

Co-chair, Creativity Committee, Quinnipiac University, Fall 2010-Spring 2011.

Judge, Bristol Public Schools Poetry Night, Nuchies Restaurant, Bristol, CT, April 13, 2010.

Aetna Chair Advisory Board Member, 2006-09.

Faculty Advisor, *Long River Review* (UConn Student Literary Journal), 2003-2006.

Judge, Bristol Academic Bowl: Poetry Category, Bristol Eastern High School, March 2007.

Coordinator/Host, “Long River Writers Series,” 2002-06.

President, Graduate Writing Activities Committee, 2004-05.

Coordinator/Host, Graduate Writing Activities Committee Film Series, 2002-06.

Co-founder/Director, Long River Review Reading Tour, 2002-04.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Member, Association of Writers and Writing Programs

Member, Modern Language Association

Member, Association of Independents in Radio

Member, The Public Radio Exchange