

## **LaToya Stevenson Watkins**

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### **Education:**

- Doctor of Philosophy in Humanities and Studies in Literature  
University of Texas at Dallas- Richardson, TX (2015)  
Dissertation: *Hub City Monologues: A Creative Dissertation*
- Master of Arts in Aesthetic Studies  
University of Texas at Dallas-Richardson, TX (2011)  
Portfolio: *Pitiful Laughter: A Novella*
- Bachelor of Arts in Literary Studies  
University of Texas at Dallas-Richardson, TX (2006)

### **Research Interests:**

- Short Fiction
- The Novel,
- Creative Nonfiction
- Narrative Theory,
- Cultural Studies
- American Literary Movements
- African American Literature
- Ethnic Literature
- Postcolonial Literature
- American Slavery
- Gender Studies

### **Awards and Honors:**

- Pushcart Prize for "The Mother," Pushcart Press, 2014.
- Texas Association of Creative Writing Teachers (TACWT), 1st Place in the Student Writing contest, for "Peeling," 2012.
- The Victor Worsfold Outstanding T.A. Award, University of Texas at Dallas, 2012

### **Fellowships:**

- Jentel Artist Residency Fellowship, 2015.
- Kimbilio Writing Fellowship, 2014.
- Teaching Assistantship, University of Texas at Dallas, 2009-14.

### **Conferences and Appearances:**

- Wildcatter Exchange Festival, Wildcatter Exchange Spotlight Event—Panelist, 2015.

- Wildcatter Exchange Festival, WordSpace—Guest Reader, 2015.
- Highland Park Literary Festival—Presenter, 2015.
- -University of Texas at Dallas Fall Arts Festival, 2014.
- Kimbilio Fiction Center, 2014.
- Invited to Juniper Summer Writing Institute in Fiction, 2013.
- Texas Association of Creative Writing Teachers Conference—Panelist, 2012.
- Langdon Literary Review Weekend, Stories of Displacement—Panelist, 2012.
- University of Texas at Dallas Spring Arts Festival, 2011.
- 25th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference in the Humanities, Word /Image/Culture, University of West Georgia, 2010.

### **Short Fiction Publications:**

- "Outsiders." *Her Texas: Story, Image, Poem, & Song*. Ed. Donna Walker-Nixon. San Antonio: Wings Press, 2015. 306-15
- "The Mother," *Pushcart Prize XXXIX: Best of the Small Presses*. Ed. Bill Henderson. Wainscott: Pushcart Press, 2014. 160-173.
- Waiting," *Joyland Magazine* (Summer 2014).
- "Girl," *The Potomac Review* 54 (Winter/Spring 2014) 118-125.
- "Man Work," *Watershed Review* (Fall 2013).
- "The Mother," *Ruminate Magazine* 29 (2013) 52-63.
- "The View," *Lunch Ticket: Antioch University Literary Journal* (Summer 2012).
- "Straight Dollars or Loose Change," *Kweli Journal* (Fall 2012).
- "American Death," *Specter Literary Magazine* (Fall 2011).
- *Dorothy*. Pocono Summit: Peace in the Storm Publishing, 2010.
- *In Love with Losers*, Pocono Summit: Peace in the Storm Publishing, 2009.

