

Erin Balsler

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Education

2008 Dip. Centennial College
Toronto, Ontario

Book and Magazine Publishing

2007 M.A. McMaster University
Hamilton, Ontario

Cultural Studies and Critical Theory
Thesis: Why Should I Save the Planet?: The
Intersections between Children's Literature
and Environmental Pedagogy

2006 B.ScH. University of King's College
Halifax, Nova Scotia

First Class Honours Environmental Science
and International Development
Thesis: Campus Sustainability Narratives
and the University of King's College

Other Educational Experience

May-Jun. 2005 Université du Québec
Chicoutimi, Quebec

Explore! Summer French Language Ex-
change Program in Chicoutimi

May-Jun. 2004 Mbrara University
Uganda and Kenya

Field School in Africa exchange program
through Dalhousie University. Participated in
field non-profit development work.

Other Skills

- Copyediting, Factchecking
- Web 2.0
- Microsoft Office, iWork
- Adobe CS3, Quark Express
- Wordpress, HTML, CSS

Related Work Experience

Apr.2008-present Intern
Kate Walker Inc., Toronto, Ontario
Interned at publisher's sales representatives
agency.

Jan. 2008-Apr.2008 Web Editor-in-Chief
On the Danforth, Toronto, Ontario
Responsible for the development and expansion
of an online presence.

Sep. 2007-present Writer/Reseacher
Bookclub-in-a-box, Toronto, Ontario
Preliminary research, fact check, copyedit,
and write for a literary guide series.

Apr. 2007-present Entertainment Writer
b5media, Toronto, Ontario
Write, manage and promote four blogs for a
new media company.

Sep. 2006-Aug. 2007 Teaching Assistant
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
Teaching assistant in cultural studies. Led
tutorial, taught basic grammatical functions,
graded essays and assignments.

Sep. 2004-May 2006 Teaching Assistant
Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Teaching Assistant in environmental science.
Developed and led tutorials, graded essays,
assignments, problem sets and exams.

Professional Training

- WHMIS
- Red Cross First Aid Certification
- Prepare Non-Violent Crisis Intervention
- Consumer Excellence Certification
- Superhost! Certification
- Basketball National Coach Certification

Community Experience

Sep. 2006-Aug. 2007 Environment Hamilton
Hamilton, Ontario

Performed office duties, assisted at events,
wrote newspaper articles, did research.

Sep.2005-May 2006 President
Environmental Programmes Student Society
Dalhousie University

Organized meetings and social events, coordinated weekly newsletter, represented EPSS at DSU and DSS meetings.

Sep. 2004-May 2006 Founder/Editor
Green Perspectives, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Founder, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of an undergraduate student journal. Fundraised, solicited submissions, organized and led editorial and design teams.

Sep. 2005-Apr. 2006 Teacher
NS Museum of Natural History
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Taught the elementary school level Buzz About Bees program.

Sep. 2004-Apr. 2006 Basketball Coach
Canadian Martyrs, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Coached Bantam Junior Girls and Junior Mini Boys teams for community basketball program.

Sept.2002-May 2006 Team Member
King's College Women's Varsity Basketball

Other Work Experience

Apr.-Sep. 2006 Field Technician
Bluenose Coastal Action
Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia

Lived low-impact lifestyle on Quaker Island and monitored Roseate Tern populations.

Summers 2004/05 Travel Counsellor
NS Tourism, Culture & Heritage
Digby, Nova Scotia

Assisted tourists with travel information and plans, and made reservations.

Academic Awards

2006

- McMaster University In-Course Graduate Scholarship
- McMaster University HAH Graduate Scholarship
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship
- Environmental Programmes Honour Society Medal
- Environmental Programmes Owen Hertzman Prize

2005

- Environmental Programmes Award
- King's College Richard Smith Memorial Scholarship

2004

- King's University In-Course Scholarship

2002

- King's College James Fear Memorial Scholarship
- William Ganong Memorial Scholarship