

Featured MCRPA Spotlight Member – December 2017



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1. What is your role at Montgomery College?

I am the manager of the Writing, Reading, and Language (WRL) Center on the Germantown campus. My primary duties are overseeing our writing and reading tutoring and workshops, and collaborating with faculty and staff throughout the campus and the college to bring individualized writing support to as many students as possible. I also tutor in the Center, and oversee all aspects of the Center, including our computer lab.

2. How long have you been in the field?

I have been in education for about ten years, and I've specifically worked in Writing Centers for about five years.

3. How long have you been at Montgomery College?

I have worked at Montgomery College for four years, three months, and counting!

4. What are some of your hobbies?

My hobbies are reading, writing, baking, watching Netflix, and playing with my dog, Janeway. I recently finished reading *The Wizard of the Crow* by Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, and I also read *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie from *One Maryland, One Book* and attended the fabulous event with her, sponsored by Montgomery College Libraries and others.

5. What would be your ideal dream vacation?

My top vacation destination right now is Edinburgh, Scotland. I want to walk the Royal Mile and see both Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace. I also want to visit the Writers' Museum.

6. What is the first thing you would buy if you won the lottery?

A sheep farm, with a cozy farmhouse and a barn. My husband and I want to adopt a bunch of older dogs, and raise sheep for the dogs to herd. Right now, we want more room for Janeway to run around.

7. What's your favorite childhood memory?

I remember when we would have snow days, and we would go sledding and then have hot chocolate afterward.

8. What was the last movie you watched? How many stars would you give it if you were a Movie Critic?

Thor: Ragnarok.

9. What was the last sport or music concert event you attended?

I just saw *The Book of Mormon* at the Kennedy Center, and I realized it took me about seven years to actually see it. Maybe in six years or so, I'll get to see *Hamilton*.

10. If you could get a second chance for a "dream job", would you still be doing what you're doing right now or is there another job you would love to have?

This is pretty much my dream job. I love helping students and watching their writing and reading skills improve over time. It's extremely rewarding.