

Rachel Stones
Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts in Writing, Vermont College of Fine Arts, Montpelier, Vermont (2018)

- Concentration in Writing for Children and Young Adults

Bachelor of Health Sciences, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah (1999)

- Major: Health Sciences
- Minor: Coaching and Teaching Physical Education
- Intercollegiate Athlete: Academic Athlete Award

Associate Degree, General Studies, Utah Valley State College, Orem, Utah (1996)

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Arizona State University, College of Integrative Sciences and Arts. (2020-Present)

Faculty Associate, Arizona State University, College of Integrative Sciences and Arts.
(2019-2020)

Courses taught for Arizona State University

- ENG 101 First Year Composition
- ENG 102 First Year Composition
- ENG 105 Advanced First-Year Composition
- ENG 210 Intro to Creative Writing
- ENG 288 Beginning Creative Writing Workshop in Fiction
- ENG 301 Writing for the Professions
- ENG 352 Short Story (1 section)
- ENG 367 Environmental Issues in Literature and Film
- ENG 471 Literature for Young Adults
- WAC 101 Writing Across the Curriculum

K-12 TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- All Subjects, Substitute Teacher, Queen Creek Unified School District (August 2016-May 2019)
- Health and Physical Education, Aprende Middle School (July 2002-June 2004)
- Earth Science, Horizon Community Learning Center (July 2001-June 2002)
- Health Sciences, Careers, and Physical Education, Bingham High School (August 1999-June 2000)
- English, Health, and Physical Education, Apia, Samoa (May-August 1999)

PRESENTATIONS, PROPOSALS, AND INTERVIEWS

- Stones, R., Brewer, A., Bybee, K., and Shinabarger, A., “Building Community Through Food Memoir Writing in First-Year Composition Courses,” AETA Conference, Arizona English Teachers Association, Chandler, AZ (Presenting September 2026)
- Stones, R., Brewer, A., Bybee, K., and Shinabarger, A., “Foundations for the Future: First-Year Composition Empowers Students to ‘Think, Do, Learn,’” FOLC Fest, Future of Learning Community by ASU, Tempe, AZ (February 2026)
- Stones, Rachel, “Can You Feel It Baby? (Readers Should Too),” ANWA Conference, American Night Writers Association, Mesa, AZ (September 2021)
- Stones, Rachel, “Transporting Readers into a Character’s Adrenaline Rush,” Vermont College of Fine Arts Graduate Lecture, Montpelier, VT (July 2018)
- “Author Spotlight: Rachel Greene Stones.” Kidlit 411 (July 2016)

CREATIVE WORKS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Stones, Rachel. *Womb Service*, picture book manuscript under submission.
- Stones, Rachel. *A Gritty Constellation*, novel manuscript under revision.
- Stones, Rachel. “Santa in Training,” *Pockets Magazine* (December 2015)
- Stones, Rachel. “Polynesian Poi Balls,” *Highlights Magazine* (January 2015)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- CISA Peer-Mentoring Program, Mentee, Arizona State University (Spring 2026)
- Storymakers Writers Conference, Online (May 2026)
- FOLC Fest, Future of Learning Community, ASU (February 2026)
- Kurzweil Assistive Technology, Student Accessibility Webinar, ASU Student Accessibility and Inclusive Learning Services. (February 2026)
- “XKits: Level Up Assignments with Generative AI,” Eventbrite by ASU Learning Experience Design, (September 2023)
- “Effective Teaching Practices,” Association of College and University Educators (ACUE), earned Certificate in Effective College Instruction with multiple specialized badges (2020-2021)
 - Certificate in the Effective Teaching Practice Framework (May 2021)
 - Inspiring Inquiry and Preparing Lifelong Learners (May 2021)
 - Using Student Achievement and Feedback to Improve Your Teaching (May 2021)

- o Using Advanced Questioning Techniques (May 2021)
- o Developing Self-Directed Learners (May 2021)
- o Using Concept Maps and Other Visualization Tools (April 2021)
- o Providing Clear Directions and Explanations (April 2021)
- o Promoting Active Learning (March 2021)
- o Facilitating Engaging Class Discussions (March 2021)
- o Planning Effective Class Discussions (March 2021)
- o Motivating Your Students (March 2021)
- o Using the Active Learning Cycle (February 2021)
- o Using Groups to Ensure Active Learning (February 2021)
- o Teaching Powerful Note-Taking Skills (February 2021)
- o Developing Effective Class Sessions and Lectures (February 2021)
- o Designing Student-Centered Courses (January 2021)
- o Developing and Using Rubrics and checklists (January 2021)
- o Preparing an Effective Syllabus (January 2021)
- o Developing Fair, Consistent, and Transparent Grading Practices (December 2020)
- o Aligning Activities and Assignments With Course Outcomes (December 2020)
- o Aligning Assessments With Course Outcomes (December 2020)
- o Establishing Powerful Learning Outcomes (December 2020)
- o Creating an Inclusive and Supportive Learning Environment (November 2020)
- o Providing Useful Feedback (November 2020)
- o Checking for Student Understanding (November 2020)
- o Embracing Diversity in Your Classroom (November 2020)
- o Helping Students Persist in Their Studies (October 2020)
- o Engaging Underprepared Students (October 2020)
- o Promoting a Civil Learning Environment (October 2020)
- o Leading the First Day of Class (October 2020)
- “Examining and Mitigating Implicit Bias Confirmation,” Webinar (October 2020)
- ASU Sync Workshop, Online (July 2020)
- Storymakers Writers Conference, Online (May 2020)
- American Night Writers (ANWA) Conference, Gilbert, AZ (September 2019)
- Storymakers Writers Conference, Provo, UT (May 2019)
- American Night Writers (ANWA) Conference, Gilbert, AZ (September 2018)
- AZ Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) Conference, Mesa, AZ (September 2018)
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- AZ Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) Conference, Mesa, AZ (September 2017)
- Storymakers Conference, Provo, UT (May 2017)
- AZ Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) Conference, Mesa, AZ (September 2016)
- New Jersey Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) Conference, Plainsboro, NJ (June 2016)
- NV Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators Mentor Program, Reno, NV (2015-2016)

- New Jersey Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) Conference, Plainsboro, NJ (June 2015)
- “Anatomy of a Picture Book,” Online Workshop (April 2015)
- 12 x 12 Picture Book Annual Challenge, Online (2014)
- AZ Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) Conference, Phoenix, AZ (November 2014)
- Carolinas Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators, (SCBWI) Picture Book Dummy Challenge for Writers, Online (October 2014)
- “Making Picture Book Magic,” Online Class by Susanna Leonard Hill (June 2014)
- “How to Write a Picture Book That Sells,” Online Workshop by Literary Agent Jennifer De Chiara (February 2014)
- AZ Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) Conference, Phoenix, AZ (November 2013)
- LA Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) Conference, Los Angeles, CA (August 2013)

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- SUN Award for Principled innovation, Social embeddedness, and Valuing inclusion (April 2026)
- SUN Award for Supporting Student Success (January 2023)
- VCFA Final Stretch Scholarship, “A Box” (July 2018)
- “SuperCash,” Middle Grade Novel Runner Up, Storymakers Conference, Provo, UT (May 2017)
- “Who am I Not To?” Essay Winner, AZ Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) Conference (October, 2013)
- “I Have to Live,” Essay Runner Up, AZ Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) Conference (October, 2014)

TEACHING-ALIGNED SERVICE

- Curriculum design and proposal, ENG 294 Picture Book Workshop (2026)
- First-Year Composition Redesign Committee Member, ENG 101 (2025)
- Curriculum redesign, ENG 288 Beginning Workshop Fiction (2024)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
- Arizona English Teachers’ Association (AETA)
- Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of NCTE (ALAN)
- Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- NCTE Judge, Achievement Awards in Writing (2026)
- Annual Volunteer, Desert Twilight Community Event (2015-2025)

- Guest Workshop Leader, Queen Creek Elementary, Queen Creek, AZ (2018-2020)
- Arizona SCBWI Advisory Board, (2013-2015)
- Founder and administrator of *Kidlit Brainstorm*, online writing group (2015)
- Founder of *PB & J* critique group for picture book authors (2015)

OTHER LEADERSHIP

- Small Business Owner (2007-2019)
- President, Community Children's Organization (2014-2017)
- Club Volleyball Coach, various teams and locations (1995-2025)
- School Volleyball Coach for eight years, several secondary schools (1999-2015)
- Volleyball Camp Clinician for regional camps throughout the western United States (1995-2002)
- Graduate Assistant Volleyball Coach, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT (1998-1999)