Eric Shay Howard

Louisville, Kentucky · ericshayhoward.com · linkedin.com/in/ericshayhoward

UPDATED OCTOBER 29, 2026

Education

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing 2024
Eastern Kentucky University

- Thesis: *The Highlands*, a novel

Master of Business Administration 2022
Western Governors University

- Capstone: Fibe Bikes Stockholder Report and Business Analysis

Bachelor of Arts in English 2017
University of Louisville

Teaching experience

Senior Part-Time Lecturer AUGUST 2024–PRESENT
University of Louisville

- First-year writing in person and online: English 101 and English 102, plus English 306: Business Writing.
- Completed the Anti-Racist Composition Pedagogy mini-course (Spring 2026), the Online Writing Instruction Pedagogy course (Spring 2025), and the College Writing Pedagogy course (Fall 2024).

Adjunct Instructor AUGUST 2025–PRESENT
Spalding University

- Undergraduate writing in person: College Writing Workshop I and II, and CW 328: Intro to Professional Writing.

Adjunct Instructor AUGUST 2025–PRESENT
Mid-America College of Funeral Service

- In person: Tec 101: Introduction to Technology, MGT 101: Business Management, and English 100.

High School English Language Arts Teacher AUGUST 2023–JULY 2024
Indianapolis Public Schools

- Taught sophomore English and junior and senior creative writing.
- Awarded a grant for a student-led escape room project in alternative education, built for the community and faculty.

Editorial experience

Editor 2025–2026
Cardinal Compositions, University of Louisville

Associate Editor 2024–2025
Jelly Bucket, Eastern Kentucky University

- Read and evaluated fiction submissions for Issue 15.

Fiction Editor and Copy Editor 2022–2023
Jelly Bucket, Eastern Kentucky University

- Led the associate editors and recommended the final fiction selections for Issue 13, and copyedited the issue.

Founder and Editor-in-Chief 2017–2019
Likely Red Press

- Founded an online literary magazine publishing fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction, and made the final publication decisions.
- Recruited associate editors and submissions readers, and nominated work for the Pushcart Prize and Best of the Net.

Presentations and readings

"Revising Character: Recognizing Character Throughout Your Revision" 2024
Craft lecture, Bluegrass Writers Studio Summer Residency, Eastern Kentucky University

MFA thesis reading from *The Highlands* 2024
Bluegrass Writers Studio Summer Residency, Eastern Kentucky University

Honors and awards

Bluegrass Writers Studio Emerging Writer Award, Finalist (second place) 2022
Eastern Kentucky University

Capstone Excellence Award 2022
Western Governors University

CREW Award for Outstanding Service During the Pandemic 2020
Frost Brown Todd LLP

Creative Writing Scholarship 2015
University of Louisville

Service

Porter Scholarship Application Reader and Scorer FALL 2025
University of Louisville

Alumni Ambassador 2022–2025
Western Governors University

Professional experience

IT Coordinator 2019–2023
Frost Brown Todd LLP

- Coordinated in-person and virtual webinars and video conferences, and maintained the firm's conferencing equipment.
- Set the scheduling practices for video-conference rooms across 17 offices, and trained staff and attorneys on them.

Elections Officer 2018–2023
Jefferson County Election Center

- Checked voter identification, helped voters with questions and voting equipment, and closed the polls and reported results as state law requires.

Educator, Kentucky State AmeriCorps 2018
Global Game Changers

- Led K–5 students through a character development program at cultural sites across Louisville, and led summer learning loss programs at two elementary schools.

Additional training

Disquiet International Literary Program 2023
Lisbon, Portugal

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace Certificate 2021
University of South Florida