

Matthew Ross Smith

EDUCATION:

▪ M.C.W University of Auckland (NZ) 2006

- Masters of Creative Writing; *First Class Honors*

▪ B.A. Honors, Lycoming College, 2004

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-Major: English/Creative Writing

-GPA: 3.58

WORK:

Adjunct Professor, Drexel University, Temple University, Jefferson University, University of the Sciences

2007-Present

-Specialize in first year writing instruction; create innovative assignments that transform the way students see their own writing + research process

-Three-time winner of Temple's Outstanding Instructor Award

-I also teach Creative Writing, YA Literature, and more

-Experience in hybrid and online class formats

Novelist

-Author of *The Million Dollar Race* (Simon & Schuster), a 2021 *Washington Post* book club selection; finalist for Golden Sower Young Readers Award;

finalist for Sunshine State Young Reader's Award; Junior Library Guild Selection

-Author of *Lizzy Legend* (Simon & Schuster)

Director, The Spaces Between Your Fingers Project

2009-Present

-Founder + Director of a nonprofit that helps people with Alzheimer's pass on their memories by writing them on postcards, mailing them to their grandchildren, and archiving a copy for future generations

-Mentor full-time Drexel co-ops and work with them to create community partnerships

-Have partnered with Mayo Clinic, Dave Eggers' 826 National, and many others

Summer Instructor – Philly Futures

2016

-Developed a "summer bridge" program for first-generation college students, in partnership with Drexel University

Bookseller, Joseph Fox Books

2007-2011

-Bookseller at author events all around Philadelphia

Athletic Communications, La Salle University

2004-05

-Managed a staff of 20+ full-time student-workers

-Produced brochures, pamphlets, flyers, newsletters

-Managed athletic teams' interaction with local and national media

-Daily website management

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Smith, Matthew. THE MILLION DOLLAR RACE. Novel. Aladdin Books/Simon & Schuster. Anna Parsons editor. January 2021.
- Smith, Matthew. LIZZY LEGEND. Novel. Aladdin Books/Simon & Schuster. Fiona Simpson editor. January 2019.
- Smith, Matthew. "Writing 101 with Professor Matt." Animated Web Series. Writing tutorials for students.
- Smith, Matthew. THE SPACES BETWEEN YOUR FINGERS. SBYF Books. 2013.
- Smith, Matthew. "The Day I Met Martin Luther King Jr...and Was Disappointed". Huffington Post, May 2014. Web.
- Smith, Matthew. "Is Talking to Strangers Good for the Soul (And America)?" Huffington Post. August, 2012. Web.
- Smith, Matthew. "What Student Debt Looks and Feels Like From a Graduate's Perspective" Huffington Post. May, 2012. Web.
- Smith, Matthew. "When I Was a Pond" Forage Magazine. 2008, p. 169. Print.
- Smith, Matthew. "Silent Steven." Explorer Magazine. Nov. 2004. Print.
- Smith, Matthew. "Paresthesia", The Tributary Literary Magazine, Williamsport PA. May 2004. Print.