

Pioneer Hall of Fame Award

Carrie A. Etter

The University High School Alumni Association honors Carrie A. Etter, class of 1987, as a 2019 Hall of Fame Alumni Award Recipient for her contributions to her profession and civic service.

Etter graduated from University High School in 1987, where she participated in a variety of school activities. She was a member of the Speech and Debate teams, served as editor for the newspaper, and participated in plays. While at U-High, Etter earned the Robert Brome Creative Writing Award.

After graduation, Etter attended UCLA, where she earned a Bachelor of Art's Degree in English, Summa Cum Laude, in 1995. She later went on to earn her Master of Fine Art's Degree in Creative Writing in 1997, her Master of Art's Degree in English in 1998, and her PhD in English in 2003 from the University of California, Irvine. During this time, she earned the following distinctions: Regents Scholar for the BA at UCLA, Creative Writing Fellowship for the MFA at UC Irvine, and Pre-Doctoral Humanities Fellowship for the PhD at UC Irvine.

Etter is currently enjoying a successful career as a Reader in Creative Writing at Bath Spa University in Bath, England. She is also an elected member of the Higher Education Committee on the National Association for Writers in Education (UK).

Along her career path, Etter has earned numerous professional awards and distinctions:

- Teaching Award and Nominations at Bath Spa University
- Shortlist, Ted Hughes Award for New Work in Poetry, Poetry Society (UK) for *Imagined Sons*
- Winner, London New Poetry Award, for *The Tethers*
- Publication of four books of poetry: *The Tethers* (Seren, 2009), *Divining for Starters* (Shearsman, 2011), *Imagined Sons* (Seren, 2014), and *The Weather in Normal* (UK: Seren; US: Station Hill, 2018)
- Times Literary Supplement list of Books of the Year for publication of an anthology of poetry, *Infinite Difference: Other Poetries by UK Women Poets* (Shearsman, 2010)
- Dozens of publications of reviews from 1994-present, including UK national newspapers *The Guardian* and *The Independent*
- Hundreds of publications of individual poems in the most respected journals, including, *The New Republic*, *The New Statesman*, *TLS*, etc.
- Numerous short story publications, including a chapbook of stories published in 2016

Recipient of awards from Arts Council England and the Society of Authors

In her free time, Etter has also demonstrated great leadership and service in her community by serving as an elected member of the Higher Education Committee for the National Association for Writers in Education, conducting numerous book tours and readings in the UK, Germany, and the Czech Republic, and providing numerous workshops and talks around the UK for various community groups and universities.

Etter's mother, Bernadine Meeker Etter, also graduated from U-High.

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