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BOOKS

Women in Jamaican Music McFarland, Spring 2020

Operation Jump Up: Jamaica's Campaign for a National Sound, Half Pint Press, 2018

Alpha Boys School: Cradle of Jamaican Music, Half Pint Press, 2017

Songbirds: Pioneering Women in Jamaican Music, Half Pint Press, 2014

Don Drummond: The Genius and Tragedy of the World's Greatest Trombonist, McFarland, 2013

Ska: The Rhythm of Liberation, Rowman & Littlefield, 2013

Ska: An Oral History, McFarland, 2010

Reggae from Yaad: Traditional and Emerging Themes in Jamaican Popular Music, ed. Donna P. Hope,
"Freedom Sound: Music of Jamaica's Independence," Ian Randle Publishers, 2015

Kurt Vonnegut: The Last Interview and Other Conversations, Melville House, 2011

PUBLICATIONS

"Rhumba Queens: Sirens of Jamaican Music," *Jamaica Journal*, vol. 37. No. 3, Winter, 2019

"Getting Ahead of the Beat," *Downbeat*, February 2019

"Derrick Morgan celebrates 60th anniversary as the conqueror of ska," *Wax Poetics*, July 2017

Exhibition catalogue for "Jamaica Jamaica!" Philharmonie de Paris Music Museum, April 2017

"The Sons of Empire," *Deambulation Picturale Autour Du Lien*, J. Molineris, Villa Tamaris centre d'art
2015

"Lee 'Scratch' Perry's *Super Ape*," *Wax Poetics*, November, 2015

"Don Drummond," *Heart and Soul Paintings*, J. Molineris, Villa Tamaris centre d'art, 2012

"Spinning Wheels: The Circular Evolution of Jive, Toasting, and Rap," *Caribbean Quarterly*, Spring
2015

"Lonesome No More! Kurt Vonnegut's Freethinking Heritage," *The Humanist*, March/April 2010

"Kurt Vonnegut's Last Interview," *In These Times Magazine*, May 9, 2007

"Prolific Indie Darling Repeats Himself Splendidly," *The Village Voice*, July 4, 2006

"A Burning Issue: Palm Oil Shows Promise as a Biofuel," *WorldWatch Magazine*, July/August, 2007

"Grass to Gas: Bio-Based Ethanol Is Poised to Take Off," *E! The Environmental Magazine*, May 2006

Thousands of articles for publications listed in publishing history section below

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Continuing Lecturer English Department and Writing Center Director, Purdue Northwest, 2017-current

Adjunct Professor of English Composition, Purdue University Northwest, 2014-2017

Adjunct Professor, Ivy Tech Michigan City Campus, public speaking, 2015-2016

Instructor for Teen Writing Programs, Westchester Public Library, 2014-current

Structured Writing Teacher, Chesterton Montessori School, first through sixth grades, 2011-2016

Editor, *Poetry East*, with poet Richard Jones, DePaul University, 1995-1996

Presenter, TEDx County Line Road, November 12, 2015

Guest Lecturer, Bradley Univ., 2014; Purdue Univ., 2013; DePaul Univ., 2011, 2013; Indiana Univ.,
2007, 2009

Guest Lecturer, Vonnegut Memorial Museum, 2011 grand opening, Indianapolis, "Kurt Vonnegut's
Freethinking Heritage."

Attendee, Traits of Writing Institute, Smekens Education Solutions, 2010, 2012; Small Group Reading, Northwest Indiana Education Center, 2012; News Writing, Columbia College, summer 2003
Lecturer, Latin School of Chicago, 2001
Structured Writing Teacher, Chesterton Montessori School, 2009-2015
Guest Writing Teacher, Westchester Public Library, 2010-current
Adjunct Professor of English, Robert Morris College, English & Communications, July 1999-Jan. 2000

CONFERENCES

Innovations in the Social Sciences and Humanities Conference, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, October 4, 2019. "Half the Story Has Never Been Told: The Importance of Oral Histories in Recording Jamaica's Music Heritage and Origins."
Midwest Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning at Indiana University South Bend, April 5, 2019. "Experiential Learning for Future Community Solutions."
Rototom Sunsplash Reggae University, Benicassim, Spain, August 2018. "Alpha Boys' School: Cradle of Jamaican Music."
Pop Culture Association/American Culture Association National Conference, Indianapolis, February 2018. "I Spy for the FBI: Spy Imagery, Themes, and Style in Cold War Ska."
Groundation, National Institute of Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica, February 7, 2016. Keynote Speaker. "Don Drummond: The Genius and Tragedy of the World's Greatest Trombonist."
Pop Culture Association/American Culture Association National Conference, Chicago, February 2014. "Jive Talk: The West Indian Roots of Hip Hop."
International Reggae Conference, University of West Indies Mona, February 2017. "Rhumba Queens: Original Women of Dancehall."
International Reggae Conference, University of West Indies Mona, February 2015. "Songbirds: Focus on Hortense Ellis, Millie Small, and Enid Cumberland."
International Reggae Conference, University of West Indies Mona, February 2013. "Freedom Sound: Music of Jamaica's Independence," and "More Than Housewives Choice: Pioneering Women in Jamaican Music."

AWARDS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Sigma Tau Delta, English Honor Society, 2018-current
Indiana Writers Consortium, vice-president, 2016-2018
Ska: An Oral History, finalist, 2011 ARSC Award for Excellence, Historical Recorded Sound Research All-American, National Forensic League, public speaking, 1990

PUBLISHING HISTORY

The Times of Northwest Indiana, correspondent, November 2004-2017
Duneland Today Magazine, managing editor, June 2007-current
Niche Publications, contributing editor for *Shore Magazine* and other publications, Jun. 2005-Mar. 2015
Staff writer, *Lake Magazine*, *Streetwise*, *Latin Magazine*, *LaLumiere Magazine*, and Spoon River Press

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Rhetoric and Composition, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, expected 2025
M.A., Writing, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, *magna cum laude*, 1996
B.A., English, Bradley University, Peoria, IL, *cum laude*, 1994
B.A., Philosophy, Bradley University, Peoria, IL, *cum laude*, 1994

PUBLICITY

Book review, *Operation Jump Up: Jamaica's Campaign for a National Sound*, MOJO, Apr. 2019
Book review, *Alpha Boys' School: Cradle of Jamaican Music*, *Publishers Weekly*, May 28, 2018.
Book review, *Alpha Boys' School: Cradle of Jamaican Music*, MOJO, Apr. 2018
Book review, *Ska: The Rhythm of Liberation*, *Popular Music*, Cambridge University Press, Oct. 2016
"Ska Dead? Not at all, fans say," interview in *L.A. Times*, April 9, 2016
Book review, *Songbirds: Pioneering Women in Jamaican Music*, *Publishers Weekly*, February 22, 2016
"Singing the Praises of Women," *Shore Magazine*, February, 2015
"An interview with Heather Augustyn, author of *Songbirds – Pioneering Women in Jamaican Music*,"
Wax Poetics, January 15, 2015
"Female Musicians Brought into Focus," *Jamaica Gleaner*, November 23, 2014
"Saluting the Songbirds," *Jamaica Observer*, October 19, 2014
"Women of Jamaican Music Get Overdue Homage in *Songbirds: Pioneering Women in Jamaican Music*," jamaicansmusic.com, October, 2014
Book review, *Don Drummond*, MOJO, Apr. 2014
Book review, *Don Drummond*, *JazzWise*, Nov. 2013
Book review, *Don Drummond*, popdose.com
Book review, *Songbirds: Pioneering Women in Jamaican Music*, popdose.com
Book review, *Don Drummond*, popmatters.com
"Don Drummond Book Out," *Jamaica Gleaner*, August 23, 2013
"Don Drummond Biography Coming," *Jamaica Observer*, September 4, 2013
"Telling the Story of Ska," *Jamaica Gleaner*, November 7, 2010
"Corruption in the Music," *Jamaica Observer*, December 17, 2010
"Ska: An Oral History author Heather Augustyn," *AV Club/The Onion*, July 5, 2011
"Heather Augustyn Recording Ska History," jamaicansmusic.com, April, 2013
Show co-host of Radio M on WBEZ-FM, Chicago's NPR station, with Tony Sarabia, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2017; Rude Radio and; Flyover Ska Show in Minneapolis, MN; Outta Mi Yard Radio in Brussels, Belgium

NOTABLE INTERVIEWS

Last interview with literary legend Kurt Vonnegut, published in *In These Times* magazine, profiled in the *New York Observer*, translated and published in Poland and Finland, and published in a Vonnegut anthology.
Jamaican Prime Minister P.J. Patterson; Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga; DJ Kool Herc, pioneer of hip-hop music; and hundreds of musicians

FILM

Book options for *Alpha Boys' School* and *Don Drummond* sold and consultant to Playmaker Media/Sony Pictures, Melbourne
"Pick It Up! Ska in the '90s," scriptwriter, PopMotion Pictures, 2019
"Man in the Street: The Genius and Madness of Don Drummond," co-director, Gusto Films, 2010
Two documentaries on Chesterton High School scriptwriter, WDSO-FM

SOCIAL MEDIA

Foundation Ska blog, weekly chronicle of Jamaican music history, October 2013-current; website skabook.com