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SAM MAGAVERN

EDUCATION

UCLA Law School, J.D. 1990. Graduated first in class.

Harvard University, B.A. 1985, Russian History and Literature. Magna cum laude.

WORK

Partnership for the Public Good, 2007 – present. Co-founder, senior policy fellow, and past executive director of community-based think tank.

Cornell University, 2019-2020. Visiting Activist Scholar at ILR School.

University at Buffalo Law School, 2007 – present. Instructor specializing in public policy.

Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, 1992 – 2004. Staff attorney.

BOOKS

Four Buffalo Poets (Outriders Poetry Project, 2016). One of four poets featured in collection.

Noah's Ark (BlazeVOX, 2014). Volume of poetry.

Primo Levi's Universe: a Writer's Journey (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009). Intellectual biography.

The Alphabet Orchard (Mockingbirds, 2004). Comic book of prose poetry.

Ooh La La (Mockingbirds, 2002). Novel in electronic format, including musical soundtrack.

POEMS

Over 80 poems published in journals, including Poetry, Paris Review, Antioch Review, New York Quarterly, Green Mountains Review, Beloit Poetry Journal, Abraxas, Partisan Review, Illuminations, Salamander, The Forward, and Abraxas.

SCREENPLAY

The Last Word (Firelight Films, 2004).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Niagara River Greenway Commission, 2014 – present. Designee of New York State Assembly.

Winkelman Farm Conservation Corporation, 2010 – present. Board vice-president.

Tupelo Press, 2018 - present. Board member.

City of Buffalo Living Wage Commission, 2006 – present. Volunteer attorney.

Neglia Ballet Artists, 2005 – 2008. Board chair.

Reuben Lindh Family Services, 1998-2004. Board member, board chair.

HONORS

Open Buffalo Sankofa Award (2020)

Sarah G. Metzger Human Rights Award from Housing Opportunities Made Equal (2019)

University at Buffalo Law School Dean's Medal (2015)

League of Women Voters Making Democracy Work Award (2015)

Adirondack Mountain Club Niagara Frontier Chapter Conservationist of the Year (2014)

Buffalo Seminary Wilkinson Poet (2014)