

## ✨ Writing & Acting Coach | Creative Arts Consultant

**PhD, MFA | 15+ Years Experience in Creative Development, Performance, & Instruction**

Whether you're finding your voice on the page or the stage, I offer personalized coaching rooted in professional experience, academic excellence, and a deep passion for transformative storytelling.

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### 🧠 Coaching Offerings:

- **Acting Coaching:** Character development, script work, audition prep, voice, and movement for stage and screen.
  - **Writing Coaching:** Poetry, creative nonfiction, performance writing, publishing advice, and manuscript feedback.
  - **Workshops for Groups:** Tailored intensives for schools, churches, creative teams, and organizations.
  - **Speaker & Consultant:** Keynotes, creative vision development, and corporate storytelling.
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### 📖 Background & Qualifications

#### Academic Credentials:

- **PhD in Creative Writing** – Victoria University of Wellington (Doctoral Scholarship)
- **MFA in Poetry** – The New School, NYC (Creative Writing Scholarship)
- **BA in English** – The City College, CUNY (Award Winning Poetry)
- **BA in Politics, Philosophy, & Economics** – The King's College (Presidential Scholar)

#### Professional Highlights:

- **Associate Dean of Performing Arts**, Bethel College (2021–2025)

- **Creative Arts Consultant** (2009–Present): Coaching, workshops, and consulting across NY, CA, and NZ
  - **Communications Manager & Advisor** for major infrastructure and emergency response projects in NZ
  - **Lecturer**, Environmental Literature, Creation Care Studies Program, NZ
  - **Professional Actor & Voice Talent**, represented by Kirsty Bunny Management, NZ
  - **Teaching Assistant**, Honors Writing Program, The New School, NYC
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## **Experience in Action**

### **Featured Appearances:**

- *Te Papa National Museum of NZ* (2019) – Featured Performer
- *Ghost in the Shell, Pork Pie, Catching the Black Widow* – Film & TV work in NZ
- *International Arts Festival*, Irish Museum of Modern Art – Featured Poet
- *All City Hour* (NYC) – TV Guest & Performer
- *Internet Explorer Commercial* – Principal Actor

### **Books:**

- *The Dangerous Country of Love and Marriage* (Auckland University Press, 2019)
  - *Orange Juice and Rooftops* (Eloquent Books, 2009)
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## **Awards & Recognition**

- **Multiple First-Prize Poetry Awards** – Esther Unger, David Markowitz, and The Goodman Fund
  - **Poet in Residence** – Trinity Grace Church (NYC), Return to Eden Gallery (NZ)
  - **International Poetry Slam Competitor & Tourer** – NYC, London, NZ
  - **Mental Health & Crisis Support Certifications** – Psychological First Aid, Mental Health First Aid, Wilderness First Responder
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### **Skills & Creative Interests**

Voice work, character development, writing collaboration across languages, choreography, martial arts, firearms safety, public speaking, wilderness first response, oil painting, motorcycling, West African dance, and more.

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### **Ready to Work Together?**

Whether you're polishing a monologue, refining a manuscript, or looking for a creative breakthrough, I'm here to support you with clarity, encouragement, and craft.

 **Reach out today** to book a free consultation or inquire about rates and availability.