

# BRIANA CRAIG

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## PUBLICATIONS

### *Poetry – Literary Magazines*

- “Why Birdwatching is better than talking to God.” In Mud Season Review, 2023
- “The Sun Rises with You.” In Mud Season Review, 2023
- “Purification.” In Mud Season Review, 2023
- “Birthday Cake Nihilism.” In Mud Season Review, 2023
- “What to do when people try to convince you that all your nostalgic childhood cartoon characters actually exist in Purgatory.” In Mud Season Review, 2023
- “Empyrean Plinko.” In Antithesis, 2023
- “Sea Glass.” In Plainsongs Poetry Magazine, 2023
- “Firewoman.” In Syracuse Cultural Worker’s 2023 Women Artists Datebook, 2022
- “Funfetti and Cigarettes.” In FOLIO Volume 37, Issue 1, 2022
- “Somber Season.” In Decomp, 2022
- “Funeral Service.” In You Might Need to Hear This, 2021
- “Peace is a Place Where No One Flinches.” In Sheila-Na-Gig, 2021
- “Crisis Economics in Three Parts.” In Bourgeon Magazine, 2021
- “Ruminations.” In Bourgeon Magazine, 2021
- “Appalachian Spine.” In Bourgeon Magazine, 2021

### *One Act Plays*

- *Funeral for the Cat.* Lazy Bee Scripts, 2024
- *Purple Ink.* Pioneer Drama, 2020

### *Books*

- *The Wailings.* Self-Published, 2023

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- *Funeral for the Cat* (play) selected for Silver Spring Stage’s one-act play festival, 2023 and winner of the “Audience Favorite” and “Judge’s Discretionary” Awards.
- *A Spell of Sage and Thyme* (short story) selected as a runner-up in the Vocal.Media “Time Traveler” challenge, 2023.
- *A Sea of Dragons* (interactive fiction) longlisted for the New Media Writing Prize: Opening Up Category, 2022.
- *Easy Prey* (short story) selected as a runner-up in the Vocal.Media “Campfire Ghost Story” challenge, 2022.
- *When I saw you* (poem) selected as a runner-up in the Vocal.Media “From Across the Room” challenge, 2022.
- *Ham Sandwich Surprise* (play) selected for the 9th annual Old Courthouse Theatre's 10-minute play festival, 2021.

## INTERVIEWS

- Featured Poet for Mud Season Review, September 2023
- Interview with Marissa Lete on the Creative Conversations Podcast, June 2021

## EDUCATION

MAY 2020

**M.A. PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE**, JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY  
Quantitative Concentration

MAY 2018

**B.S. PSYCHOLOGY**, JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY  
Minors in Statistics and Honors Interdisciplinary Studies

## WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- Emotional Historians with Jon Sands, March-May 2023
- Creative Rest & Regeneration with Janelle Hardy, November 2022
- ‘Healing Through Words’ writing workshop with Rupi Kaur, July 2022
- Button University: Rudy Francisco, January-February 2022
- Good News Workshop with Otto Vock, January 2022
- Button University: Sabrina Benaim, August-September 2021
- Button Up: A Poetry Workshop with Sabrina Benaim, April-May 2021