

# CONTRIBUTORS

## **CAMILLE ARNETT**

Camille Arnett was born in Columbus, IN, and has lived in South Bend, IN for the last decade. She is a student at Butler University, and likes books, films, and baking. She was almost named after a B-52s song (“Private Idaho”).

## **MEGHAN ALLEN**

Meghan Allen is an English Writing and Studio Arts double major at Saint Mary’s College in Notre Dame, Indiana. In her free time she enjoys reading, writing, drawing, and running on her beautiful campus.

## **KARENA BAKAS**

Karena Bakas is a senior English: Creative Writing major and Spanish minor at Butler University. Poetry is her genre of choice, though she also enjoys writing creative nonfiction. Her writing often revolves around themes of family, relationships, violence, and the female body. Karena interns on campus in the Office of Health Education, working in peer education around health topics and with the campus Victim Advocate.

## **ERIC BAUGH**

Eric is a junior double major in Business and English at Butler University. He is on the cross country and track team. When he’s not studying, running, or sleeping, Eric is working on a novel, and has enjoyed writing for many years.

## **KATHLEEN BERRY**

Kathleen Berry is a Strategic Communication major and Chinese minor at Butler University. This past summer, she traveled to Belfast, Northern Ireland during a study abroad course. This adventure provided the inspiration for “One of These Men.” Kathleen looks forward to completing her time at Butler and setting her sights on law school.

## **MARGARET BRODBECK**

Margaret Brodbeck is an English major with a Creative Writing concentration at Butler University.

## **DARBY BROWN**

Darby Brown is an English/Creative Writing major at Butler. She enjoys reading, writing, playing piano, traveling, and being involved on campus. She hopes to become a novelist and seeks to inspire and love others in everything she does.

## **MATT DEL BUSTO**

Matt is a junior at Butler studying English creative writing and Spanish with a minor in psychology.

## **DELANIA BYERLEY**

Delania Byerley is a writer currently pursuing her degree in Creative Writing at Valparaiso University. Her work has been previously featured in *The Lighter*.

## **KYLE CLARK**

Kyle Clark is a senior English major attending Indiana University Kokomo. His work has appeared in *Field: A Journal of Arts and Sciences*, *Tributaries*, and *The Labyrinth*.

## **MASON FARR**

Mason Farr is a student at IUPUI studying English Education. Mason's poem "Room" was published in "So It Goes," the literary journal of the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library. Mason enjoys writing poetry and prose, as well as film and digital photography.

## **JOPLIN FINFROCK**

Joplin Finfrock had been inspired to write poetry from her Freshman year of college after declaring an English Major. Since then, she has switched to a Psychology Major and Religion Minor, but her love for poetry is here to stay. She likes to incorporate modern day concepts or controversies in her poetry because she wants to make people think in a way that they previously have not. Poetry is about emotion, art, community, and controversy.

## **MELANIE GARCIA**

Melanie Garcia is an English Major and Creative Writing Minor at IU South Bend. An avid reader and president of a Lord of the Rings Club at IUSB, she'd gladly die for Thorin Oakenshield or cat, My Precious, in battle.

## **SHAKKIRA HARRIS**

Shakkira Harris is graduating with a major in Journalism and a minor in Literature from IUPUI in May of 2018.

## **TAYLOR JANKOWSKI**

Taylor Jankowski is a junior at Butler University. She is majoring in Organizational Communications & Human Leadership with a minor in creative writing. She has loved to read and write ever since she was a child, and has dreams of one day working for a book publishing company where she can be paid to read and write. She is from Cincinnati and considers Butler a home away from home.

## **SAM KNEPPRATH**

Sam Knepprath is a Junior at Butler University currently studying Marketing and English. He currently works and spends most of his time at Irwin Library and LUNA music.

## **PETER LARSON**

Peter Larson is a Minnesota native that has always had an interest in photography. Within the last couple of years, he has become more involved, developing a love for portrait photography and a greater appreciation for nature.

## **JESSICA MARTORANO**

When Jessica isn't writing essays or drinking copious amounts of caffeine to get through the day, you can find probably find her curled up in her "fort" under her lofted bed, reading Harry Potter.

## **KATE MARQUAM**

Kate Marquam is an author of many genres. Although they began as a poet, they believe that genres are fluid, and that no writer should be forced to fit into one category. They were previously published

in Genesis, and have been a featured reader at IndyReads Books. They are currently a Junior in the IUPUI Creative Writing and Literature programs. When they are not reading or writing, they are working as a consultant at the IUPUI Writing Center.

### **CON MURRAY**

Con Murray is a Junior major in English (Creative Writing track) with a Classical Studies minor at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is the eldest of three children from Cincinnati, Ohio. He spends his free time reading, writing, playing tennis, video gaming, playing with his dogs, and trying to convince his science major friends to switch to English.

### **MAGGIE REGAN**

Maggie is a junior at Butler University studying both Art + Design and Digital Media Production. Originally from Manteno, Illinois, she has been pursuing fine art for a number of years. She has participated in numerous art exhibitions, some of which were juried. Themes in her work focus on the imaginative, nature, the human condition, and the connections and disconnections between these themes. She typically works in traditional media, but recently has delved into the digital medium.

### **FIONA SCHICHO**

Fiona is a junior anthropology student at Butler University. She uses poetry to express emotions and explore the possibilities of language. In her free time she enjoys dancing, riding her bike, and baking.

### **SYDNEY STOOPS**

Sydney Stoops studies English at Butler University. She is an avid writer and has been published in *The Mall*, a publication showcasing exemplary works of Butler's first year students. She also acts as a mentor for young writers attending Butler's Creative Writing Camp during the summer.

## **CAROLYN SWARTZ**

Carolyn Swartz is a senior Communication major at Marian University. Originally from Louisville, KY, Carolyn has been working on her craft in poetry for the last four years and focus on writing studies. She has been previously published in Marian's student-ran literary magazine, "The Fioretti." Through sharing her writing, Carolyn hopes to inspire young writers to mold life's difficult experiences into art.

## **MJ ULRICH**

MJ is a senior double major in English and Spanish with minors in music and history. In her free time, she likes reading, writing, napping, and plotting to take over the world.

## **TYLER WAGNER**

Tyler Wagner writes poems, rides his bike around town, and eats Ethiopian food often. To his cat, Mango, he's a melodramatic meow, and to his duo of tomato plants, he's an inadequate hydrologist. Tyler is currently a senior English Creative Writing major at Butler University, where he works in the Writers' Studio.

## **CAITLYN ZEGIESTOWSKY**

Creativity has always been a dominating characteristic of Caitlyn's and she feels that she can express herself in many ways with whatever she decides to create. Caitlyn is very passionate about seeing the beauty in the overlooked and finding ways to incorporate that in her work. A lot of Caitlyn's work comes from within and she draws inspiration from her emotions, thoughts, feelings, the outdoors, and really anything that causes a reaction inside of her. Taking time to understand herself gives her the opportunity to have infinite inspiration.

