

# **CHRISTOPHER L. CUSSAT**

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## **OBJECTIVE**

Freelance writer seeking creative and challenging opportunities.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

FREELANCE WRITER, *September 2006-Present*

### **DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY**

*Associate Director of Admissions, October 1995-August 2006*

*Adjunct Professor, Shakespeare and Poetry, January 1998-Summer 2006*

Managed assistant directors and support personnel. Manager of public relations and communications media for admissions. Responsible for the development, organization and implementation of admissions communication strategy. Writer and editor of admissions correspondence. Academic recruiter and initial contact person for prospective students. Gave presentations and interviews to students and parents. Taught various literature courses.

### **LA ROCHE COLLEGE**

*Adjunct Professor, Writing for Advertising, Summer 2006*

### **JOHN CASABLANCAS MODELING AND CAREER CENTER**

*Instructor, December 1998-2001*

Taught drama and acting techniques for commercial acting, television print and modeling.

### **DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY**

*Assistant Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, 1994-1995*

Liaison to University faculty and administrators, corporate executives and foundation directors. Wrote proposals for academic and special project grants. Crafted professional and personal correspondence for University representatives.

## **EDUCATION**

### **DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY**

*Master of Arts, English Literature, 1996, GPA = 3.810*

*Bachelor of Arts, English/Sociology with Criminal Justice concentration, 1994, GPA = 3.753*

Magna Cum Laude and Dean's List. Recipient of the Harry McCloskey Memorial Award for academics and volunteer work. Attained the DUSSO scholarship for community service.

Inducted into the International Sociology Honor Society in 1994 (Alpha Kappa Delta of Pennsylvania).

## **SKILLS**

- ◆ Excellent marketing and management skills: including the creation and organization of open-campus events and the initiation of a University academic and recruitment program entitled: *Duquesne University Summer English Program*.
- ◆ Outstanding professional and creative writing skills: including grant proposals, administrative correspondence, journalism, poetry and drama. Has been published in various newspapers, magazines and websites.
- ◆ Extensive experience with group as well as individual presentations and interviews. Actor currently signed with Pittsburgh-based talent agency. Valuable people and public relations skills. Friendly and sincere personality.

**REFERENCES** By request.