

CHRISTOPHER L. CUSSAT

EMPLOYMENT

AMERICAN PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

Adjunct Professor of English, December 2013-Present

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 communications 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, 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 on 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.