



Diane Hamill Metzger

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STATUS:

- Incarcerated in 1974 at the age of 25
- Diane has served 41 years of her life sentence
- Hometown: Philadelphia, PA

Education:

- A.S., Northampton Community College, 1980-Business Administration
- B.A., Bloomsburg University, 1987-Political Science
Magna cum Laude
- Certification, Paralegal: Penn State University, 1988
Summa cum Laude
- M.A., California State University: Dominguez Hills, 1995-Humanities/History,
- PA Department of Corrections Certificates:
 - Photography
 - Technical Photography
 - Electronics
 - Dedicated Word Processor
 - Stress Management
 - Sign Language
 - Micro Computer
- Delaware Department of Labor-New Castle County Vocational and Technical School:

2009	Human Resources Management
2009	Introduction to Baking
2004	Microsoft Advanced Multimedia Design
2002	Microsoft Advanced Word, Certificate
2002	Spanish Language Course, Thompson Direct Learning Center
1999	Journeyman Computer Operator
1998	Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point 4.0, Certificates
1995	MS DOS Computer Training, Certificate
1986	Journeyman Electrician

Work History:

2011-present Medical Leave
2010-11 Visitation and Event Photographer
1998-10 Treatment Department Clerk
1995-98 Law Library Paralegal
1990-94 Counselor's Aid, Special Needs Unit
1989-90 Auto Mechanics, Apprentice
1986-89 Activities Department Clerk
1984-86 Electrical Maintenance, Apprentice
1978-83 Tutor, Adult Basic Education
1977-78 Commissary Clerk
1975-77 Commissary Clerk and Counselor's Aid

Groups and Programs:

1999-2003 Longtermers' Support group
1998 Victim Sensitivity group, facilitator, Delaware Center of Justice
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1977 Thresholds program (decision making)

Community Engagement:

2014 TEDx: Muncy State Prison, performed "This Is Not My Home" with The Lady Lifers
2014 "Women Behind Bars," Youtube.com, Season 1, Episode 4, Wetv
2009 "Grease" musical production-performed, Johnny Casino at WCI Delaware
"The Rainbow is Enuf" play-solo performance of "Crazy" and won Best in Show for Singing at WCI Delaware
"The Golden Grannies," song lyrics and performance, First Place Prize: Talent Contest for World AIDS Day that highlighted HIV/AIDS among the elderly population.
1989 "Life Sentence," featured in documentary produced by PA Prison Society
1978-1995 Pennsylvania Lifer's Association, member
1986-1995 Older Women's League (OWL's), member
1986-1995 Annual PA Prison Run-A-Thon, participant
1986-1995 Annual Salvation Army Toy Lift, participant, (benefits children of prisoners)
1987-1992 Laubach Literacy Association (M.O.R.E.), member
1988-1994 Project IMPACT: member, chairperson and speaker committee
1995-1996 Alternatives to Violence program, Society of Friends, Camden
1995-1997 Minquadale Jaycees, member
1996-2005 Fundraiser Coordinator: Zoe Day Camp and Chaplain's Inmate General Welfare Fund,
1996-2006 Volunteer, Zoe Day Camp: for children of prisoners
1999-2001 College Panel, member
1999-2005 Juvenile Pride and Awareness committee member
2003 & 2004 Event Coordinator and Fundraiser Chairperson: World AIDS Day

Literary Achievements:

- 2014 Teaching Diane Hamill Metzger's "The Manipulation Game," Youtube.com
- 2013 "Tapwater Coffee," usprisonculture.com
- 2009 "Panopticon" poem, read at PEN event, "Breakout: Voices from Inside," New York Cotu-Greem Space
- 2007 "Panopticon" poem, *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks, CA
- 2006 "The Top of the Well," essay selection in "Time In," performed by The Judy Dworin Performance Project at the Charter Oak Cultural Center in Hartford, CT
- 2006 "The Manipulation Game," essay, The New School of Social Research Conference, read by actor Richard Gere
- 2003 *Serving Time, Serving Others*, featured writer, edited by Tom and Laura Lagana, Fruit Bearing Publishing, Delaware
- 2003 "Women Writers Expose the Hidden Voices of the Criminal Justice Movement," featured writer-booker Philadelphia
- 2002 *Wall Tappings: An Anthology of Writings by Women Prisoners*, edited by Judith Scheffler, Feminist Press at the City University of New York
- 2002 "Coming Home to Philadelphia," essay, "Corrections-Literary Journal," Vol. I, No. 2, Spring 2002
- 2000 "The Top of The Well," essay, *Frontiers of Justice, Vol 3: The Crime Zone*, edited by Whiteman and J. Zimmerman, Biddle Publishing, Main
- 2000 "The Manipulation Game" and "Life in A Microwave," essays, *Crime and Punishment Inside Views*, edited by R. Johnson and H. Toch, Roxbury Publishing Co., Los Angeles, CA
- 2000 *America's Favorite Poems-The Favorite Poem Project Anthology*, contributor, edited by R. Pinsky and M. Dietz, W.W. Norton and Co., NY, NY
- 1999 ASCAP, full member
- 1999 "The Manipulation Game," essay and "Uncle Adam," poem, *Doing Time: 25 Years of Prison Writing*, editing by B. G. Chevigny, Archade Publishing, NY, NY
- 1995 *History of Verse*, M.A. thesis-book of poetry, California State University, Dominguez Hills
- 1993 "Women and Life," column, Newsletter of the National Network for Women in Prison
- 1992 *Collages and Bricolages*, featured writer of poetry and interview, journal of poetry
- 1991 *Anima: A Journal of Human Experience*, featured poet
- 1989 *Pearl*, featured poet, poetry journal
- 1987-94 - *Who's Who in U.S. Editors, Writers & Poets and Who's Who of American Women* - listed in editions
- 1986 *Wall Tappings: An Anthology of Writings by Women Prisoners*, listed in *Annotated Bibliography*, Judith Scheffler, editor, Northeastern Press, Boston, MA
- 1986 "Sleep Now, My Baby," translation of Colombian folk song, Bourne Music; NY, NY
- 1994 *Directory of American Poets and Writers*, listed in various editions
- 1980 *Coralline Ornaments*, chapbook of poetry, Weed Patch Press, Sedona, Arizona

Literary Achievements (continued):

1979 "Come Now, Shepherds," authored original English version and performed by Lycoming College Touring Choir

1969-present - MENSA member

Literary Awards:

2015 1st Place: Poetry, Crime Victims Resolution Program at SCI Muncy Division

2005 PEN Writing Awards - Honorable Mention: "Panopticon"

1998 Winner: "Life In A Microwave" National Prison Writing Contest, Roxbury Press

1994 Top 100 Honorable Mention: "The Apple"

1990 1st Place: "Jason and the Jackpuss" First Annual IMPACT Short Story Contest

1989 Top 10% Honorable Mention: "Lethal Injection" Music City Song Festival-Professional Lyric Division

1988 Honorable Mention: "Tapwater Coffee"

1988 Honorable Mention: "Uncle Adam"

1987 Top 25 Finalist: "Rockin' Laundromat" Music City Song Festival-Professional Lyric

1986 Special Merit: "Skiagraph" The Poet, 2nd Annual Chapbook Competition

1986 2nd Place: "Last Stand" Bloomsburg University, Carver essay contest

1985 1st Place: "Uncle Adam" Muriel Rukeyser Prize

1985 Top 100 Honorable Mention: "The Bunny Poster"

1981 3rd Place: "Only Beginning"

1978 Honorable Mention: "The Jail"

1978 Honorable Mention, Poetry: "The Apple"

PA DOC: Annual Poetry and Prose Competition: First Place Prize

1995 "Uncle Adam"

1994 "Inheritance"

1993 "Sing, My Soul, Softly"

1992 "The Callused Knee"

1990 "The World's All Your's, Kid"

1989 "You Can't Buy A Cure For Loneliness"

1988 "When I Grow"

1987 "The Jail"

1986 "In the Evening"

Writer's Digest Creative Writing Contest

1994 Top 100 honorable Mention: "The Apple"

1988 Honorable Mention: "Uncle Adam"

1987 Top 100 Honorable Mention: "The Bunny Poster"

1978 Honorable Mention, Poetry: "The Apple"

Published Poetry:

Anthology of Thought from Within
Big Shout Magazine
Eagles Way
Felicity
Gravida
Grit
Fortune News
Hob-Nob
Inside/Out
The Long Islander
Minotaur
Philadelphia Poets
Rhyme Time Newsletter
Sandsounds
South Coast Journal
Working Parents Magazine

Awards for Outstanding Achievement:

- 1989 “Outstanding Adult Student in Continuing Higher Education” from PA Association of Adult Continuing Education (PAACE)
- 1988 “Prisoner of the Year: For Outstanding Achievement” from Pa Prison Society (received the award in-person on escorted leave in Philadelphia)
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- 1988 “Citations for Outstanding Achievement” from the PA Senate and House of Representatives