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SUMMARY

- Freelance writer, poet, essayist, video artist, instructor
- Author of *Night Court*, winner of the 2016 Lyrebird Award from Glass Lyre Press; publication in summer 2017
- Editor of *Sticks & Stones*, a newsletter about art & Literature (2018)
<https://ericagoss.com/newsletter/newsletter-archive/>
- Los Gatos Poet Laureate (2013-2016)
- Director and Creator of Digital Storytelling of the Pacific Northwest, an arts-based education program for teen girls (2017-2018)
- Co-creator of Media Poetry Studio, a young women's art education organization (2014-2017)
- Poet-teacher for California Poets in the Schools (2014-2017)
- Development Director, California Poets in the Schools (2015-2016)
- Host and co-creator of cable-TV show, *Word to Word*, featuring local writers (2014)
- Published author of hundreds of articles, essays and poems
- Author of three published books (2012, 2014, 2017)
- Explored avenues for greater access to poetry for people with disabilities; obtained grant to fund a recorded issue of Poetry Center's literary journal, *Caesura*, intended for people with low vision

Director and Creator, Digital Storytelling of the Pacific Northwest

2017-current. www.digitalstorytellingpnw.com

- Oversee all aspects of DST, including mission, marketing, curriculum development, hiring, teaching, and business planning, for arts-based education program that teaches teen girls how to make their own short, personal narratives using creative writing and video

Co-Creator and Instructor, Media Poetry Studio

2014-2017. www.mediapoetrystudio.com

- Responsible for marketing, fund-raising, grant-writing, hiring
- Creative writing and video instructor

Poet Laureate, Los Gatos

2013-2016.

- Responsible for community focus on the arts in Los Gatos
- Worked with Los Gatos town council to spotlight literary arts and history of our area
- Organized the first St. Patrick's Day Poetry Walk in Los Gatos

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- Organized Poem in Your Pocket Day in 2013 and 2014
 - Promoted poetry through Poems-in-the-Window, where local businesses displayed poems during the month of April (2013, 2015)
 - Launched The Poetry Kitchen, a poetry reading series featuring local talent, including an open mike, which ran for three years
 - Created the Poetry Podcast, fifty-plus recordings of local people reading poetry in a variety of languages
 - Facilitated and judged the first Los Gatos Poetry Contest (2015)
 - Created the first Los Gatos Poet Laureate Scholarship, awarded to a Los Gatos High School senior who shows dedication in creative writing
 - Working with Los Gatos High School, created a series of readings featuring young writers in our area
 - Participated in multiple public events including readings and school visits
 - Used social media to publicize poetry events and the arts
 - Lead free monthly writing workshops at the Los Gatos Library
 - Coordinated a public reading of the epic poem Beowulf, held over four days in Los Gatos
 - Featured reader for *American Bohemia: The Cats Estate in Los Gatos* with the Los Gatos History Museum

Instructor

2005-present.

- Video and creative writing creator and teacher for Digital Storytelling of the Pacific Northwest since 2017
- Poetry and video curriculum creator and teacher for Media Poetry Studio since 2014
- Poet-teacher for California Poets in the Schools since 2014
- Creator and instructor for private, on-line writing classes, including “20 Poems in 30 Days,” “Steal This Poem,” and “Organization for Writers” (current)
- Adjunct professor of English and Humanities at DeVry University (2010-2012)
- Poetry teacher for high-school, poetry-based curriculum at Saratoga High School (2005-2010)
- English teacher for ninth-grade high school class at Waldorf High School of the Peninsula (2008-2009)
- Teaching associate for English 1A at San Jose State University as graduate student (2006-2007)

Books

- Goss, Erica. *Stone, Empty Chair, a Haiku Collection*, forthcoming in late Fall, 2018.
- Goss, Erica. *Night Court*, winner of the 2016 Lyrebird Award. Glenview, IL: Glass Lyre Press, 2017. Poetry collection.

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- Goss, Erica. *Vibrant Words: Ideas and Inspirations for Poets*. San Jose, CA: Pushpen Press, 2014. Poetry writing exercises and lessons.
 - Goss, Erica. *Wild Place*. Georgetown, KY: Finishing Line Press, 2011. Poetry collection.

Work in Anthologies

- Goss, Erica. Two poems. *Joys of the Table, An Anthology of Culinary Verse*, Sally Zakariya, editor. Richer Resources Publications, 2015. Poems and recipe in anthology.
- Goss, Erica. "Books By the Bed." *Best of Books By the Bed*, Cheryl Olsen, editor. Bright City Books, 2014. Essay in anthology.
- Goss, Erica. "Bipolar," "Moments." *Disorder – Mental Illness and its Affect*, Elizabeth Stelling, editor. Princeton, NJ: Red Dashboard, 2014. Memoir and poem in anthology, pages 29 and 105.
- Goss, Erica. "Dinner at Manresa," "Our Lady of the Cats." *Song of Los Gatos*, Parthenia Hicks, editor and publisher: Los Gatos, CA: 2014. Poems in anthology, page 35 and 52.
- Goss, Erica. "The Scent of Orange Blossoms." *The Crafty Poet*, Diane Lockward, editor. Nicholasville, KY: Wind Publications, 2013. Poem in anthology, page 191.
- Goss, Erica. Selected poems. *Local Habitations*. Nils Peterson, editor and publisher: San Jose, CA: 2103. Poems in anthology, pages 67-86.
- Goss, Erica. "The Color She Wears," *Mutanabbi Street Starts Here*. Beau Beausoleil, editor. Oakland, CA: PM Press, 2012. Poem in anthology; page 81.
- Goss, Erica. "Unemployment Blues," *Continent of Light*. David Madgalene, editor and publisher. San Francisco, CA: 2011. Poem in anthology; page 29.

A Selection of Poems in Literary Journals, 2017-2018

- Goss, Erica. "Brooks Avenue Notebook." *San Pedro River Review*. Summer 2018.
- Goss, Erica. "Daylily." *Spillway*. 2018 (forthcoming).
- Goss, Erica. "Five Photographs by Edward S. Curtis." *The Ekphrastic Review*. August 2018. Online: <http://www.ekphrastic.net/the-ekphrastic-review/five-photographs-by-edward-s-curtis-by-erica-goss>
- Goss, Erica. "Leaving California." *Epigraph*. June 2018. Online: http://www.epigraphmagazine.com/uploads/1/5/6/7/15676572/epigraph_is_sue_018.pdf

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- Goss, Erica. "Hunger." *Whale Road Review*, February 2018. Online: <http://www.whaleroadreview.com/goss/>
 - Goss, Erica. "Rose Quartz." *First Literary Review-East*. January 2018. Online: <http://www.rulrul.4mg.com>
 - Goss, Erica. Two poems. *Rascal*. Fall 2017. Online: <https://rascaljournal.com/addie/rain-in-my-hands-grass-the-conqueror/>
 - Goss, Erica. "Hotel Room." *Convergence*. Fall 2017. Online: <http://www.convergence-journal.com/fall17/p3.html#Goss>
 - Goss, Erica. Eight poems. *The Literary Nest*. Summer 2017. Online: <https://theliterarynest.com/issues/vol-3-issue-2/poetry/erica-goss-poems/>
 - Goss, Erica. "How to Live in America." *Unlost Journal*. May 2017. Online: <http://unlostjournal.com/how-to-live-in-america/>
 - Goss, Erica. Haiku. *Right Hand Pointing Winter Haiku*. Winter 2017. Online: <http://www.righthandpointing.net/haiku-2017>
 - Goss, Erica. "Contemporary Realism." *One (Jacar)*. Online: <http://one.jacarpres.com/#Erica%20Goss> 1/29/17.

Columns in Literary Journals

- Goss, Erica. "The Third Form." *Connotation Press*. 2012-2014. Online: <http://www.connotationpress.com/video-poetry>
- Goss, Erica. "Sticks & Stones." *Awkword Paper Cut*. June 2014-August 2014. Online: <http://www.awkwordpapercut.com/sticks--stones>

Selected Awards

- Poetry Prize, First Place, and Honorable Mention, Soul-Making Keats Poetry Contest (2018)
- Nonfiction Prize, Third Place, Soul-Making Keats Poetry Contest (2018)
- Official Selection, Cinema Poetica Film Festival, Ashland Literary Festival, Ashland, Oregon (2017)
- Showcase Selection, Rabbit Heart Video Poetry Festival, Worcester, MA (2017)
- National League of American Pen Women: Achievement in Letters Award (2017)
- Best of the Net Nomination (2016, 2017)
- Lyrebird Award for poetry collection *Night Court* (2016)
- Pushcart Nomination for Poetry (2010, 2013, 2017)
- Poetry Prize, 2nd place and Honorable Mention, Soul-Making Keats Poetry Contest (2013)
- Highly Commended, Bare Hands Poetry Postcard Contest (2013)
- Special Merit Recognition, Comstock Review (2012)
- Honorable Mention, Passager Poetry Contest (2012)
- Winner, Many Mountains Moving Poetry Contest (2011)
- Finalist, White Eagle Coffee Store Press Chapbook Contest (2011)
- Center for Cultural Innovation; \$1000 grant (2009)

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- Edwin Markham Poetry Award – Judge, Al Young, Poet Laureate of California (2007)
 - James D. Phelan award for poetry (2007)
 - Dorritt Sibley award for scholarship in poetry (2007)
 - Bonnie Cox Creative Nonfiction Award (2006)

Video and Film (selected short videos; visit my Vimeo channel to view more):

- Telegenic <https://vimeo.com/174268688>
- Night Court <https://vimeo.com/214537057>
 - Official Selection, Cinema Poetica Film Festival, Ashland Literary Festival, Ashland, Oregon, 2017
- Encontrada <https://vimeo.com/219586088>
- Small Things Bind the World <https://vimeo.com/239855557>
 - Showcase Selection, Rabbit Heart Video Poetry Festival, Worcester, MA, 2017

Erica Goss's Vimeo Channel: <https://vimeo.com/user15096486>

EDUCATION

San Jose State University: MFA, Poetry Emphasis, 2007
BA, English, cum laude, 2004