Prior to applying to the MAPW, I remember conducting quite a bit of research about careers in professional writing. I always wondered what graduates of writing programs were doing with their degrees and wished for a document that had different outlooks on writing as a career. I wanted opinions, the good, and the unfavorable.

MAPWriting is what we hope to be a step toward creating more conversations within our community of writers, both at KSU and beyond. This will be a space where alumni, faculty, and students will share their stories and where students and others interested in pursuing a degree in professional writing will learn of opportunities in the field.

Every writer’s path is different. However, for those who are just beginning their careers it is very helpful to have some guidance as to what other professionals in the field have done with their professional writing degrees, by listening to the voices of the graduates of our own program. The alumni that will be featured in this issue have taken the time to share their knowledge and experiences. Many of them are highly active in the community, some even make part of local writing organizations and continue to support our KSU community.

I truly hope you enjoy reading the stories of our alumni and make part of this conversation.

Sincerely,

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