

# MARK COLLINS

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## Education

Master of Fine Arts in Writing  
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Bachelor of Arts in Writing  
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

## Columns

*Collins Behind the Wheel*, bimonthly car review, 1994 - 95  
Sunday *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* (Circulation 450,000)

## Publications

### Books

*Wayward Tracks* (In Extenso Press, 2016)  
*MWM ISO...*(Liguori Publications, 1998)  
*Mister Rogers' Neighborhood: Children, Television, and Fred Rogers*, editor with Margaret M. Kimmel  
(University of Pittsburgh Press, 1996; soft cover 1997)  
*On the Road to Emmaus* (Liguori Publications, 1994)

### Chapbooks

*Thank You For Your Submission* (Puddinghouse, 2007)

### Monographs

*Wonder of It All: Fred Rogers and the Story of an Icon*  
(with MM Kimmel; Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children's Media at Saint Vincent's College, 2008)

### Anthologies

Three essays in *Writing: The Translation of Memory*  
(Eve Shelnutt, Ed.; Macmillan 1990)

### Sample Articles / Editorials / Poetry / Playwriting

"Dear Graduates..." (2014), "The Pope's Mechanic," (2013)  
*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*  
"Go West," *Pitt Magazine* (with CJ Hayden) Fall 2006  
*Donora Wife*, one-act play (with G. Morton), April 2005  
"In the Express Lane," *Wisconsin Review* 2005

### Instruction/Administration

*University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA*

Lecturer, Environmental Studies (2000-2017 )

***GEOL 1313: Communication for Environmental Professionals.*** Average load: 24 students. Topics include business letters and memos, audience analysis, editing, oral presentations, case studies, crisis communications.

***GEOL 1904: Sustainability Flash Lab (with S. Tomaszewski)*** Inaugural class 2014. Cross-disciplinary course combines science and policy using utility bills and appliances as prompts (initially funded by NSF; see below)

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Coordinator and Advisor, Environmental Studies (NTS, 1999 - 2017)

***Department of Geology and Environmental Science, U. of Pittsburgh***

Primary contact and manager for Environmental Studies, a multidisciplinary B. A. major. Responsible for budget; hire/oversee five part-time instructors, advise and register 100 full-time undergraduates; coordinate internships, field and community placements; responsible for recruiting majors; alumni relations; liaison among students, department, university, and community.

**2015 winner, Ampco-Pittsburgh Prize for Excellence in Advising, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences**

## Relevant Professional Experience

***Pitt Magazine, University of Pittsburgh***

Pittsburgh, PA

Associate Editor. General-interest features, scientific articles, and news for 125,000-run, quarterly magazine.

**Mark Collins Writing & Editing**

Pittsburgh, PA

Freelance reporting, writing, and editing. Clients include Presbyterian-University Hospital, Young Presidents' Organization, Leybold Vacuum Products, National Frame, and Blue Cross. Articles for ***Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Jewish Chronicle, and Medical Record.***

**Presbyterian-University Hospital**

Pittsburgh, PA

Writer/Editor of ***Grand Rounds*** and ***Presby***, 5,000-run development magazines for medical staff and friends of the hospital. Managed all aspects of publication, including overseeing design, distribution and budget.

**Gateway Publications**

Monroeville, PA

Copy Editor. Prepared all inside copy for eight weekly newspapers: *Penn Hills Progress*; *Wilksburg Gazette*; *Squirrel Hill Times*; *Monroeville Times-Express*; *Westmoreland County Star*; *Plum Advance Leader*; and *Oakmont Advance Leader*. Wrote news articles, editorials, features; edited press releases, obituaries; coordinated layout of inside pages.

## Awards

- Press Club of Western Pennsylvania, 2007 Golden Quill Feature Writing finalist (with CJ Hayden)
- Mercury International Award, Silver Winner, 2000  
Bronze Winner, 1997
- Educational Press Award, Profile Writing, 1996
- Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Writing Awards, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997
- International Association of Business Communicators, Award of Excellence, Writing, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997
- American Marketing Association, Pittsburgh Chapter's High Technology Award, 1988 (*First Place*)