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- Education** Elmira College, Elmira NY: Degree: History BA, June 1, 1997
- Work Experience**
- 1997 – Present** Library Company of Philadelphia, Philadelphia PA  
**Exhibition Curator & Needlework Reference Librarian**  
Provide reference assistance pertaining to all needlework collections.  
Curator, (January 2001-August 2001) “The Hook and the Book:” The Emergence of Crochet and Knitting in American Popular Culture.
- 2000 - Present** Crochet and Knitting Instruction & Design  
**Independent Contractor (stormhavendesigns.com/fiber)**  
Self-publication and distribution of crochet & knitting patterns.  
Provide libraries & non-profit groups with affordable and professional fiber arts instruction. Beginning in 2005, providing home party opportunities.
- 2002 – Present** Sophie’s Yarns, Philadelphia, PA  
**Crochet Instructor**  
Teach all levels of crochet. Design original crochet patterns for class use and to promote store yarns. Provide crochet instruction at “Crochet Nights” – every Wednesday from 6-8 PM.
- Jan. 2003 - Aug. 2004** Fibre-Craft Materials Corp., Niles, IL  
**Freelance Designer & Pattern Tester**  
Supervisor: Heidi Grosowsky
- October 2005 – Present** Michael’s Brandywine Town Center, Wilmington, DE  
**Fiber Instructor**  
Teach all levels of crochet & knitting. Original pattern design for class & display purposes.
- Published Works** *Historic Reflections in Crochet.* (Philadelphia: Library Company of Philadelphia, 2001) Reviewed In the January/February 2001 Issue of *Piecework Magazine.*
- Chain Link, the Crochet Guild of America Newsletter*  
--December / January 2001 (v. 10, no.6) "Domestic Craft for Benevolent Enterprise: The Craft Fair and the Consignment Shop in Nineteenth Century America"  
--February / March 2002 (v. 11, no.1) "The Imitative Arts of Crochet."  
--April / May 2002 (v. 11, no.2) "Threads of Time: Needlework Materials of the Nineteenth Century."  
--June / July 2002 (v. 11, no.3) "The Art of Color: Nineteenth Century Dyeing"  
--February/March 2003 (v. 11, no.7) "History of Antimacassars"
- Piecework Magazine:*  
May./ June 2002 "Victorian Lingerie: Collars & Cuffs." Accompanied by a clover leaf crochet collar pattern.
- Memberships** Delaware Valley Archivists Group 1998 – Present.  
Crochet Guild of America Professional Member 2001 – Present.