

# Stephanie Andrea Allen


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## Skills

- Developmental and content editing
- Copyediting
- Organization and time management
- Leadership
- Strategic planning
- Program development and management
- Small group and one-on-one training
- Diversity and inclusion

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## Creative Writing and Editing

“On Black Lesbian Femme Invisibility.” *Sinister Wisdom*, Editor, Julie R. Enszer  
no. 107, 2018, pp. 78-85.

*A Failure to Communicate*. Clayton: North Carolina, BLF Press. 2017.

*Solace: Writing, Refuge, and LGBTQ Women of Color*. Eds. S. (Stephanie) Andrea Allen  
and Lauren Cherelle. Clayton: North Carolina, BLF Press. 2017.

*Lez Talk: A Collection of Black Lesbian Short Fiction*. Eds. S. (Stephanie) Andrea Allen  
and Lauren Cherelle. Clayton: North Carolina, BLF Press. 2016.

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## Presentations and Workshops

OCTOBER 2018

**“The Road to Publication: Professionalism, Publishing, and How to Present your Best Writing Self.”** Black Women Writing in the South Annual Retreat, Durham, NC. October 11-14, 2018.

JULY 2017

**“Go Where You Are Loved: Creating Sustainable Writing Communities for Lesbians of Color.”** Golden Crown Literary Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. July 5-9, 2017.

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## Interviews/Media

- Allen, S. (Stephanie) Andrea. Interview by Dennis James Sweeney. *Entropy Magazine*. January 17, 2017. Web.
- "A Dream Undeterred: An Interview w/ Black Lesbian Feminist Press On Their Debut Title, *Lez Talk: A Collection of Black Lesbian Short Fiction*." Catalina Sofia Dansberger Duque. *The Huffington Post*. December 7, 2016. Web.
- "Q&A: Dr. Stephanie Allen And Lauren Cherelle On Black Lesbian Feminism And Fiction." Catalina Sofia Dansberger Duque. *Ms. Magazine Blog*. November 28, 2016. Web.
- "Better Together." Deb Vanasse. *IBPA Independent*, August 2016.

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## Experience Highlights

2014-PRESENT

### **Publisher and Editor-in-Chief / BLF Press, NC**

- Guides the overall direction of BLF Press's publishing program.
- Formulates and implements strategic and tactical planning for all publishing departments: acquisitions, editorial, and production; sales and marketing; digital publishing; and customer service and operations. Ensures growth and profitability for existing and future product lines.
- Develops and oversees the editorial plan for books, journals, and digital publishing, including acquisitions strategy, market assessment, and business plans.
- Oversees the fiscal and operating performance of publishing product.
- Manages day-to-day publishing operations and manages approximately 3 publishing employees
- Manages the financial performance of BLF Press and monitors global sales and distribution chains for books, advertising, and digital publishing.
- Creates and monitors online presence for BLF Press, including website and social media accounts

2010 – PRESENT

### **Online English Instructor / South University, PA**

- Teaches multiple sections of English composition and literature using various online platforms.
- Develops syllabi and lesson plans for literature and composition classes.
- Comments on and grades all student papers.
- Performs administrative duties (student advisement, faculty meetings, etc.).

2014 – 2015

### **Associate Director of Multicultural and Equity Services / Mansfield University, PA**

- Served as a resource in the university community on issues related to multiculturalism, women's matters, equity, inclusion and diversity to achieve goals aimed at advancing a welcoming and supportive campus.
- Provided educational opportunities for the campus community about the unique histories, cultures and experiences of women, multicultural students, and other diverse populations.

- Directed the day-to-day operation of the Margaret Launius Women's Center and Martin Luther King Jr. Resource Center.
- Collaborated with other campus constituencies to design and facilitate programs and activities to assist ALANA & Bi/Multiracial students and women in their transition and development at the university.
- Provided training opportunities to engage in meaningful discussions about institutional policies, procedures, resources and programs related to women, multiculturalism, and diversity.
- Served as a resource for diverse student groups in developing educational, cultural, social and recreational programs. Supervised student workers, interns, and/or graduate assistants.

## Other Experience

- Program Coordinator, Spokane Community College, Spokane, Washington 2008-2009
- Accounting Associate II, TSYS, Columbus, Georgia 1999-2004
- Reports Distribution Representative, TSYS, Columbus, Georgia 1996-1999

## Education

DECEMBER 2015

**Ph.D. / Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN**

American Studies

AUGUST 2007

**M.A. / Auburn, University, Auburn, AL**

English

AUGUST 2005

**B.A. / Columbus State University, Columbus, GA**

English/Professional Writing

## Community Service/Literary Arts

- Board of Trustees Chair, LGBT Center of Raleigh, North Carolina 2018-present
- Board of Trustees Member, LGBT Center of Raleigh, North Carolina 2017-2018
- Black Lesbian Literary Collective, Co-Founder and Co-Director 2016-present
- Reviewer, *The Lesbrary* 2016-2017
- Founding Board Member, Bay Area Lesbian Archives 2014-2016
- Contributing Writer, *Elixher Magazine* 2013-2014
- Board Member, Pride Lafayette, Inc. 2010-2011
- Volunteer, Pride Lafayette, Inc. 2009-2010
- Communications Coordinator, Odyssey Youth Center 2008-2009
- Volunteer, Literacy Alliance Kindergarten Readiness Program 2003-2009