

Matthew S. Lippman

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dynamic, community-centered educational leader with over 25 years of experience in independent, public, and parochial schools. Proven success in cultivating inclusive, student-centered learning environments; mentoring faculty; developing curriculum; and leading programs that promote belonging, academic excellence, and creative expression. Brings deep expertise in Middle School education, faculty growth, and whole-child development as well as a nationally recognized career in writing, public speaking, and arts leadership. Dedicated to fostering joyful, equitable, and innovative school cultures.

LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

The Fay School — Boston, MA

English Teacher (8th Grade), Advisor, Mentor, Coach | 2024–present

- Teach 8th Grade English Literature; design inquiry-based, discussion-driven curriculum.
- Serve as 8th Grade Advisor supporting academic, social-emotional, and community growth.
- Mentor new and veteran colleagues in instructional design and classroom practice.
- Coach Golf and Baseball, emphasizing sportsmanship, confidence, and teamwork.

Gann Academy — Waltham, MA

Taskforce Member, Innovation & Excellence | 2021–present

- Strategize and design a “school-within-a-school” model to expand personalized learning pathways.
- Collaborate on long-term strategic planning connecting teaching practice to institutional mission.

Belmont Hill School Summer Program — Belmont, MA

English Department / Department Chair (2012–2014) | 2010–present

- Teach College Essay Writing, Creative Writing, and Personal Narrative courses.
- Led departmental hiring, curriculum revision, evaluation, and program development.

Gotham Writers' Workshop — New York, NY

Faculty Member | 2002–present

- Teach online poetry workshops for adult learners at all levels.
- Develop craft-based curriculum fostering community and creative risk-taking.

Maimonides School — Boston, MA

English Teacher; Mentor; Curriculum Advisor | 2021–2024

- Taught Middle School English Literature using student-centered and culturally responsive pedagogy.
- Mentored colleagues across departments.
- Advised on curriculum innovation and student-centered learning initiatives.

Beaver Country Day School — Boston, MA

Upper School English Teacher; Faculty Advisor | 2008–2021

- Taught American Literature, Contemporary Poetry, and Songbook (music & identity).
- Faculty advisor to Poetry Club and school Literary Magazine.
- Recognized as **Teacher of the Year (2011)**.

Chatham High School — Chatham, NY

English Teacher | 2005–2008

- Taught World Literature for Juniors & Seniors.
- Faculty Advisor, Literary Magazine.

Roslyn High School — Roslyn, NY

English Teacher | 1997–2005

- Taught American Literature (Honors), World Literature (Regents), and Creative Writing.
- Faculty Advisor to Lyric and Latte, a bi-annual literary event.

EDUCATION

M.A., Education (English) — Teachers College, Columbia University, 1997

M.F.A., Poetry — The Iowa Writers' Workshop, University of Iowa, 1990

B.A., Psychology — Hobart College, 1987

FELLOWSHIPS

- MacDowell Fellowship, 2024
- New York State Foundation of the Arts Award, 2004

- Michener/Paul Engle Poetry Fellowship, 1991

SELECTED AWARDS

- Levis Book Prize, 2018
- Burnside Review Book Prize, 2013
- Jerome J. Shestack Poetry Prize, 2011
- Peter Gow III Award, Teacher of the Year, Beaver Country Day School, 2011
- Paterson Poetry Prize (Finalist), 2008
- Kathryn A. Morton Poetry Prize, 2005

PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

*Author of nine books of poetry with national reviews and recognition, including appearances on NPR and a TEDx Talk (“Music Can Save the World,” 2020). Founder and editor of **Love’s Executive Order**, a national online poetry platform featuring major American poets.*

(Full publication list available upon request.)

LEADERSHIP STRENGTHS & CORE COMPETENCIES

- Middle School Teaching & Learning
- Faculty Mentorship & Professional Development
- Student Belonging & School Culture
- Collaborative Leadership & Strategic Planning
- Curriculum Design & Assessment
- DEIB-minded Community Building
- Communication: Public Speaking, Writing, Family Partnership

- Program Development: Arts, Humanities, & Student Voice

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT WORK

- TEDx Speaker
- NPR Featured Guest
- Nationally published essayist, poet, and reviewer
- Founder/Editor: Love's Executive Order website

References available upon request.