

# 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.

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## 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.

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## **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

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## **FELLOWSHIPS**

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

- Michener/Paul Engle Poetry Fellowship, 1991
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## 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
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## 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.)*

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## 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
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## **ADDITIONAL RELEVANT WORK**

- TEDx Speaker
  - NPR Featured Guest
  - Nationally published essayist, poet, and reviewer
  - Founder/Editor: Love's Executive Order website
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*References available upon request.*