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## **EXPERTISE SKILLS**

- Mental Health Advocacy
- Creative Writing
- Workshop Leadership
- Community Outreach
- Performance Skills
- Curriculum Design

## **LANGUAGES**

- English
- Spanish
- French

## **CERTIFICATION**

- Master of Arts in Poetry Therapy,  
The University of Edinburgh

## **REFERENCES**

### **John Smith**

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# MICHAEL ANDERSON

## MENTAL HEALTH POET-IN-RESIDENCE

Innovative Spoken Word Poet and educator specializing in the intersection of poetry and mental health awareness. Expertise in creating compelling narratives that articulate complex emotional experiences, fostering healing through artistic expression. Proven track record of leading workshops that empower individuals to share their stories and cultivate resilience. Strong advocate for mental health initiatives, using poetry as a therapeutic tool to promote understanding and empathy.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Healing Arts Program**

*Mar 2018 - Present*

Mental Health Poet-in-Residence

- Facilitated poetry workshops focused on mental health themes, attracting participants from various backgrounds.
- Created a series of performances that highlighted mental health challenges and triumphs.
- Collaborated with therapists to integrate poetry into therapeutic practices.
- Organized community events that encouraged open discussions about mental health.
- Developed resources for participants to explore personal narratives through poetry.
- Assessed participant progress and provided supportive feedback to enhance creative expression.

### **Local Community College**

*Dec 2015 - Jan 2018*

Spoken Word Educator

- Designed and taught poetry courses that emphasized personal storytelling and emotional exploration.
- Created a safe environment for students to share their work and engage in constructive critique.
- Organized student poetry readings, fostering a sense of community and collaboration.
- Utilized technology to enhance learning experiences and broaden audience reach.
- Evaluated student work and provided mentorship to aspiring poets.
- Promoted poetry as a viable form of self-expression through various outreach initiatives.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Recipient of the Poetry in Healing Award in 2021 for innovative program development.
- Successfully increased workshop participation by 60% over two years.
- Published a collection of poetry focused on mental health themes, receiving critical acclaim.