

NIC BROWN
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EDUCATION

Iowa Writers' Workshop	Fiction	MFA 2006
Columbia University	English	BA 2004

TEACHING POSITIONS

Clemson University	Professor	2025 - Present
	Associate Professor	2018 - 2025
	Assistant Professor	2014 - 2018
The University of Mississippi	Grisham Writer-in-Residence	2012 - 2013
The University of Northern Colorado	Assistant Professor	2010 - 2014

BOOKS

Violent Femmes' Violent Femmes - a nonfiction book (Bloomsbury, forthcoming May 2026)
-part of Bloomsbury's popular 33 1/3 series of short books about music

Bang Bang Crash - a memoir (Counterpoint, 2023)
-named a book of the year by *Library Journal* and *BookList*
-excerpt published in *Oxford American*
-favorable reviews and coverage from *NPR*, *Garden & Gun*, & *No Depression*
-audiobook recorded and released by Highbridge Media, a division of Recorded Books

In Every Way - a novel (Counterpoint, 2015)
-Favorable reviews in *The New York Times Book Review*, *Vanity Fair*, and *Oprah Magazine*
-Optioned for film by Eric and Michael Eisner for Tornante and Double E Films (Ongoing)
-Long-listed for the SIBA Southern Book Prize
-Excerpt published in *Glimmer Train*

Doubles - a novel (Counterpoint, 2010)
-related op-ed published in *The New York Times*
-Favorable reviews in *Bomb*, *Slate*, *Oxford American*, and *Library Journal*
-Optioned for film by director David Burris and producer Michael Wrenns
-Excerpt published in *Washington Square*

Floodmarkers - a novel (Counterpoint, 2009)
-Selected as an Editor's Choice by *The New York Times Book Review*
-Favorable reviews in *The New York Times Book Review*, *Bookforum*, *NPR*, and *PBS*
-Excerpts published in the *Harvard Review*, *Epoch*, and *Glimmer Train*
-interviews by *The New York Times*, *Publisher's Weekly*, *NPR*, and *PBS*

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Anthologies and Book Chapters

- S Is for Southern*, (HarperWave/HarperCollins, 2017); twenty-five entries
Best Food Writing 2015, "Kitchen Diplomacy." (Da Capo Press, 2015)
Good Dog, "The Dog Who Lived Forever." (HarperWave/HarperCollins, 2014)
-Reached #3 on *The New York Times* bestseller list

Film

- In Every Way* - Optioned by Eric and Michael Eisner for Tornante and Double E Films (Ongoing)
Director Stephan Streker
Doubles - A Screenplay. Co-written by Nic Brown and Emily Testa.
Optioned by director David Burris and producer Michael Wrenn (Ongoing)
Thank You Enough - A Music Video. Nic Brown, writer and director. Artist, Falcon! Unreachable
Records, 2023
Sky High - A Music Video. Nic Brown, treatment author. Artist, Ben Folds Five. Released 2013,
Sony Music Entertainment

Nonfiction

- "Michael Shannon Loves Music Like We Love Music." *Bitter Southerner* No. 10. Cover Story,
March 2025
"Chesapeake Chops." *Garden & Gun* April/May 2024
"The Yips." *Oxford American* February 2023, online
"Keowee Dream." *Garden & Gun* April/May 2021
"A Truer South on the Small Screen." *Garden & Gun* December 2020/January 2021
"My Side of the Mountain." *Garden & Gun* June/July 2020
"The Staying Power of Small Southern Towns." *Garden & Gun* April/May 2020
"Adventures: Eight Elite Sporting Schools." *Garden & Gun* Feb/March 2020
"Homeplace: Strength in Numbers." *Garden & Gun* Oct/Nov 2018
"Force of Nature: Drew Lanham." *Garden & Gun* August/Sept 2018
"The Funny Life of David Sedaris." *Garden & Gun* June/July 2018
"Bahamian Beauty." *Garden & Gun* October/November 2017
"Stop by a Small-Town Festival." *Garden & Gun* April/May 2017
"Find Your Inner Huckleberry." *Garden & Gun* April/May 2017
"Twenty, Twenty-One." *Southern Cultures*. Vol. 22, No. 3, Fall 2016
"Uncertainty and Risk; All About America: Photographs by Burk Uzzle." Ackland Art Museum,
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. August 15, 2016. Web
"True Blue." *Garden & Gun* October/November 2016
"No Sweat." *Garden & Gun* August/Sept 2016
"A Life in Pictures: Burk Uzzle." *Garden & Gun* June/July 2016
"Dream Weaver: Mary Jackson." *Garden & Gun* April/May 2016
"The Southern Hot List: Danny McBride." *Garden & Gun* February/March 2016
"The Southern Hot List: Jeff Nichols." *Garden & Gun* February/March 2016
"The Southern Hot List: Katy Simpson Smith." *Garden & Gun* February/March 2016
"The Southern Hot List: Rihannon Giddens." *Garden & Gun* February/March 2016
"Influenced by S: James Salter." *The Believer*. February 8, 2015. Web
"Small Town Renaissance." *Preservation*, Spring 2014
"Object Lessons: Lonnie Holley." *Garden & Gun* October/November 2015
"Davidson, NC." *Garden & Gun* June/July 2015
"Signs of Life." *Garden & Gun* April/May 2015
"Kitchen Diplomacy: Bill Smith." *Garden & Gun* February/March 2015
"Power Player." *Garden & Gun* June/July 2014
"Built to Last." *Garden & Gun* Sept/Oct 2013
"Faulkner's Postage Stamp." *Garden & Gun* June/July 2013
"Due South: River Passage." *Garden & Gun* February/March 2013
"The Dog Who Lived Forever." *Garden & Gun* October/November 2012

"Hillsborough, NC: Best Literary Small Town in the South." *Garden & Gun* April/May 2011
"Life Is a Game of Doubles." *The New York Times* 10 September 2011. A21
"Drumming." *Barrelhouse* July 2011. Web
"Make it Easy." *Glimmer Train Bulletin* July 2010. Web
"Something's Brewing." *Garden & Gun* April/May 2010
"In Tennis, Love Means Nothing." *The Morning News* 8 July 2010. Web
"One Nation under Barbecue." *Budget Travel* February 2010 (Reprinted online by MSNBC)
"Chapel Hill: Inside & Out." *Garden & Gun* August/September 2009
"Living with Music." *The New York Times Book Review - Paper Cuts* 1 July 2009. Web.

Short Fiction

"Life Drawing," *Glimmer Train* Issue 87 (2013)
"How I Fell in Love; Then How I Killed my Baby," *Washington Square* (Summer/Fall 2010)
"Quickening," *Harvard Review* Issue 36 (2009)
"Libertee Meats," *Epoch* Vol. 58 Num. 2 (2009)
"Trampoline," *Glimmer Train* Issue 62 (2007)
"The Neighbor's Yard," *The South Carolina Review* Vol. 28 Num. 2 (2006)

Poetry

"The Last Glacier," *The Last Glacier, Auyuittuq National Park, Baffin Island, Canada*. Artist's book of image plates, including reductive woodblock prints on Okawara and ten photographic pigment prints on Asuka. Artists Todd Anderson, Ian van Coller, and Bruce Crownover. Edition size 12. 20"x30" The Last Glacier Project. (Forthcoming)

HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS, and FELLOWSHIPS

- *Library Journal*, A Best Book of the Year (for *Bang Bang Crash*) 2023
- *BookPage*, A Best Memoir of the Year (for *Bang Bang Crash*) 2023
- Faculty Member of the Year, Clemson University CAAH, 2022
- 2016 SIBA Southern Book Prize in Literature longlist, *In Every Way*
- John and Renée Grisham Writer-in-Residence, The University of Mississippi (2012-13)
- *New York Times Book Review* Editors' Choice (for *Floodmarkers*)
- Teaching-Writing Fellowship, Iowa Writers' Workshop
- Truman Capote Fellowship, Iowa Writers' Workshop
- Cum Laude, Columbia University

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Clemson University

- Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee (2024 - Present)
- Member, Post Tenure Review Committee (2024 - 2025)
- Member, Sabbatical Committee (2024 - 2025)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, English Department (Fall 2023 - Fall 2024)
- Chair, Honors and Awards Committee, English Department (Fall 2023 - Fall 2024)
- Chair, BA Committee, English Department (Fall 2023 - 2024)
- Fiction Editor, *South Carolina Review* (Fall 2017 - Fall 2023)
- Member, Curriculum Committee (2022 - 2023)
- Member At-Large, AAH Faculty Advisory Council (April 2020 - 2022)
- Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee (2019 - 2021)
- Member, Search Committee for the Associate Dean Associate Dean of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies for CAAH (2020)

- Member, Search Committee for the Associate Dean of Research and Academic Affairs for CAAH (2020)
- Member, Ad Hoc Strategic Hiring Committee (2019)
- Chair, Arts & Humanities Literature Committee (2015 - 2019)
- Member: MAE Committee (Fall 2017 - Fall 2019)
- Co-Chair, Clemson Literary Festival (Fall 2015 - Spring 2016)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

External Reviewer for Tenure and Promotion, Virginia Tech, 2024
 Undergraduate Creative Writing Awards Judge, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, (2014 - present)
 Fiction Writing Awards Judge: The Barry Hannah Prize, *The Yalobusha Review*, 2013
 Fiction Writing Awards Judge: Bondurant Graduate Writing Awards, The University of Mississippi, 2013
 Fiction Writing Awards Judge: The Southern Literature Festival, The University of Mississippi, 2012
 Fiction Writing Awards Judge: *The Rectangle* - English Honor Society (Sigma Tau Delta), 2010

ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- *Director of Communications*, Ackland Art Museum, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2007-2010
- *Assistant Director of Communications - Editorial*, Guilford College, 2007
- *Editorial Assistant*, Iowa Review, 2004-2006
- *Drummer*, 1995-present
 Selected Discography:
 -*Thank You Enough*, Falcon! (Unreachable Records) 2023
 -*There's a Fire*, Longwave (RCA Records) 2005
 -*Athenaeum*, Athenaeum (Atlantic Records) 2000
 -*Radiance*, Athenaeum (Atlantic Records) 1998
 Including "What I Didn't Know," the #14 Billboard Alternative hit

SELECTED READINGS, SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, and LECTURES

Western Carolina University, Literary Festival, Spring 2025
 Western Carolina University, Guest Lecturer for Nonfiction Writing Program, Spring 2024
 NPR: "Thacker Mountain Radio" on MPB. Oxford, MS. March, 2023
 NPR: "SouthBound" on WFAE, March 2023
 Iowa Writers' Workshop and Prairie Lights Presents, Iowa City, March, 2023
 Johns Hopkins University, Guest Lecturer in MFA in Nonfiction Program, Spring 2022
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - *Southern Cultures* Panel Discussion on "The State of Southern Literature,"
 with Jill McCorkle and Jamie Quatro. Feb 2017
 University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. MFA Visiting Writer Series. March 3, 2015
 NPR: WUNC "The State of Things." February 5, 2015
 The University of Mississippi: Oxford Conference for the Book. March 21, 2013
 NPR: MPB "Thacker Mountain Radio." Oxford, MS. October 18, 2012
 Wabash College. Visiting Writer. March 27-28, 2012
 Harvard University. Featured Author for *Harvard Review* Reading. Cambridge, MA. February 28, 2011
 California State University at San Bernardino. MFA Visiting Writer Series. May 19, 2011
 Colorado State University MFA Reading Series. March 31, 2011

Duke University. Medical Center Literary Arts Program. January 22, 2010
PBS: UNCTV, "North Carolina Bookwatch." October 10, 2010
NPR: WUNC "The State of Things." July 21, 2009 and July 4, 2010
BookExpo America. Emerging Voices Panel. May 30, 2009

REFERENCES

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