

TWU ALUMNI AUTHORS



Acclaimed Author Sheryl Luna

Award-winning author Sheryl Luna credits Texas Woman's University with giving her belief in her ability as a writer and scholar.

"I found I had a voice there within the classroom," she said. "The encouragement I received from my professors gave me the confidence to submit my work for publication."

Ms. Luna's work garnered national attention in 2003 when she was a finalist for the National Poetry Series award. The following year, her first book, "Pity the Drowned Horses," won the inaugural Andres Montoya Poetry Prize. Additional accolades soon followed. In 2008, Ms. Luna received The Alfredo Cisneros Del Moral Foundation poetry award.

Ms. Luna, a native of El Paso, currently teaches at the University of Colorado at Boulder. She holds a master's degree in English from Texas Woman's University.

OTHER ALUMNI AUTHORS

Lynn Sheffield Simmons – Argyle, TX 1976, BS Elementary Education; 1977, Masters in Special Education

Lynn Simmons is a children's author and local historian, a longtime writer for the *Denton Record Chronicle*, and a teacher. "The Place is Argyle, Historical Facts and Recollections," is her current publication. Her children's books include "Bo and the Christmas Bandit" and "Sugar Lump's Night Before Christmas." For more information see www.argylebooks.com

Shirley Jean Abbott Tomkiewicz – New York, NY BA in English and French, 1956 Recently inducted into the Arkansas Writers Hall of Fame. Many of her books are memoirs but her current work "The Future of Love," is her first work of fiction. This story tells of love and romance of senior citizens following the aftermath of 9/11. For more information see www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net/encyclopedia/entry-detail.aspx?entryID=1023

Mona Sizer (pen name Deana James) – Harlingen, TX 1955, BA and 1955, MA

Author of 33 titles, historical and contemporary romances including USA and Waldenbooks bestseller lists. Her most recent works are “Outrageous Texans; Tales of the Rich and Infamous” and “Glory Guys: The Story of the U.S. Army Rangers.” For more information see www.flipkart.com/glory-guys-mona-sizer-story/1589793927-3sx3ftb73f

Sandra Minton, - Littleton, CO PhD, Dance, 1981

She is a Dance Specialist for the Little Public Schools. This work is written for dance instructors “Using Movement to Teach Academics: The Mind and Body in One Entity.” For more information see www.scmdance.com

Francis Radford Ray – Dallas, TX – 1967, BA Nursing

With more than 20 novels in print, her books can be found on bestseller lists such as Blackboard and Essence Magazine. She has also authored a made for TV movie for BET. “The Turning Point,” her first mainstream novel was a finalist for the prestigious HOLT Medallion Award. www.francisray.com/bio.htm

Marjorie Jo Barton Simmons Garrison (pen name Marjorie Barton) – Muskogee, OK BA and MA Mass Communications

Historical writer. Her most recent work “Leaning on a Legacy” was published through the Oklahoma Historical Society and recounts the work of the WPA in Oklahoma during the Great Depression.

Barbara Boucher, San Antonio, TX 1977, BS OT 1985, MS PT PhD - www.therextras.com

Books are related to healthcare reform, Parenting, child development, lifestyle management

Annette Colby PhD, RD, Dallas, TX, 1993,MS Nutrition and 1994,PhD Nutrition

Helping people with relationships with themselves, their bodies and their lives is the goal of Dr. Colby. She is the author of “Your Highest Potential: The New Psychology of Understanding and Working with Self” and “Redesign: Goal Setting Secrets for a Thinner, Happier You.” More information at www.annetecolby.com/biography.shtml

Skip Shockley, Dallas, TX 1993, BS Health Studies

Author of “Mother’s Son,” his own life story about living with Sickle Cell Anemia. Learn more about the author and the book at <http://skipshockley.com/index.htm>

Argelia Arizpe Guadarrama, Edinburg, TX 1967, BA Spanish

Authors of “Steps to English K” published in 1983 which became part of the Texas state’s textbook adoption for English as a Second Language. It accompanied a large set of manipulative materials to help young children learn English. This book is no longer in print but it did serve as a base for English language teaching for 10 years in many school districts throughout Texas and other states as well as Puerto Rico.

