

RACHELLE TOARMINO

CV

ABOUT	Poet from Niagara Falls, New York. Author of poetry collections <i>Hell Yeah</i> (Third Man Books, 2025) and <i>That Ex</i> (Big Lucks Books, 2020), as well as several chapbooks, most recently <i>My Science</i> (Sixth Finch Books, 2025), winner of the 2024 Sixth Finch Chapbook Contest. Creator of the literary publishing project <i>Peach Mag</i> and the independent poetry school Beauty School. Teacher of languages and the literary arts with more than a decade of experience working in a variety of learning environments, including higher education institutions, nonprofit arts organizations, independent creative writing programs, and primary and secondary schools.
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EDUCATION

2023	Master of Fine Arts Creative Writing: Poetry University of Massachusetts Amherst; Amherst, MA Thesis: <i>Hell Yeah</i> ; Committee: Peter Gizzi (chair), Hoa Nguyen, CA Conrad Academy of American Poets Prize
2012	Bachelor of Arts English; Minor: Philosophy University at Buffalo; Buffalo, NY English Honors Program; <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> Creative Nonfiction Award

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

2025	<i>Hell Yeah</i> , Third Man Books
2020	<i>That Ex</i> , Big Lucks Books

CHAPBOOKS

2025	<i>My Science</i> , Sixth Finch Books
2021	<i>Comeback</i> , Foundlings Press
2019	<i>Feel Royal</i> , b l u s h
2016	<i>Personal & Generic</i> , PressBoardPress

ANTHOLOGIES

2025	“two kinds of lost / that I’m lost in”: 20 Questions” (poetry; with Lucy Xiang-fu Wainger), <i>Malleable and True: A Hybrid Craft Anthology</i> , Brink Books (forthcoming)
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- 2025 Three iPhone Notes (creative nonfiction), *Notes*, *Dirt* and Night Gallery
- 2022 "You Up?" (poetry), *Ten Years of Poems in Grain Silos*, ed. Noah Falck, Just Buffalo Literary Center
- 2018 "He's Perfect" (essay), *The Cosmonauts Avenue Anthology*, *Cosmonauts Avenue*
- 2017 "You Up?" and "Hard Feelings" (poetry), *My Next Heart: New Buffalo Poetry*, ed. Noah Falck and Justin Karcher, BlazeVOX Books

POETRY

- 2025 "Flores, Poemas, Poemas de Flores" ("Flowers, Poems, Flower Poems" trs. Asheley Nova Navarro), *Revista Origami*
- 2025 "Wednesday," *Alice Notley Forever*, *Little Mirror*
- 2024 "Hell and Back" (broadside), Omnidawn
- 2024 "The End of My Life as an Aspiring Genius," Just Buffalo Literary Center
- 2024 "Model Citizen" (broadside), Earl W. Brydges Public Library
- 2024 "Rachelle Toarmino," *Little Mirror*
- 2024 "Codependent Studies" (print; with Lucy Xiang-fu Wainger), *Brink No. 8: Boundaries*
- 2024 "The End of My Life as an Aspiring Genius" (print), *Spirit Duplicator*
- 2024 "Week of Waking Thoughts No. 2" (print), *Dirt*
- 2024 "Fool Enough," *Southeast Review*
- 2024 "Announcement," Brooklyn Poets
- 2023 "Real Romantic," *Poets.org*
- 2023 "Normal Neurotic," *Sixth Finch*
- 2023 "Please Don't Touch the Art," *Bend Me into the Light*, Shabby Doll House
- 2023 "Sucker" (print), *Bennington Review*
- 2023 "You Like That," *Traffic East*
- 2023 "Flowers, Poems, Flower Poems," *Violet Blue Indigo Etc.*
- 2022 "Disclosure from Mars," "You Like That," and "Killer," *Iterant*
- 2022 "Announcement" (print), *Stone Canoe*
- 2022 "Flowers, Poems, Flower Poems," *The Slowdown*
- 2021 "Flowers, Poems, Flower Poems" (print), *American Poetry Review*
- 2021 "Midnight Animal" (print), *Salt Hill Journal*
- 2021 "A Word for It," *Poetry Daily*
- 2021 "Truth or Dare" (print; with Julianne Neely), *The Buffalo News*
- 2021 "Top Answers," *The Neon Hollywood Cowboy Plays the Hits*, Big Lucks Books
- 2020 "Pretend Vacation" (print), *Buffalo's Back*
- 2020 "If You Love It So Much" (print), *Heresy*
- 2020 "What Kind of Love Is That" (print), *P-Queue*
- 2020 "Owned," *Pretty Cool Poetry Thing*
- 2020 "The Wardrobe's Best Dressed: That Ex," *Sundress Publications*
- 2020 Four Poems from That Ex, *The Wanderer*
- 2019 Four Poems from Feel Royal, b l u s h
- 2018 "You Animal," *Cosmonauts Avenue*
- 2017 "Late Millennialism," ÖMEGÄ, Metatron Press
- 2017 "Unfinished Business" and "Excerpt of a Complaint by an Elementary School Teacher" (print), *Spy Kids Review*
- 2017 "You Up?" Nostrovia! Press
- 2017 "Rebound" (print), Monster House Press
- 2017 "Drafts," *Cosmonauts Avenue*

- 2016 "Hard Feelings" and "Make Me," *The Re-Up 2*, Shabby Doll House
- 2016 "Being on the Phone with You," *Voicemail Poems*
- 2016 "You Up?" *Kinetic*, Shabby Doll House
- 2016 "People You May Know" (print), *The Buffalo News*
- 2016 "The Average of Both My Hands" and "Poem for the Oceans," *Potluck Mag*
- 2015 "I Wanted to Ask You," *ÖMËGÄ*, Metatron Press
- 2015 "Week of Waking Thoughts," *ÖMËGÄ*, Metatron Press

MULTIMEDIA INSTALLATIONS & COLLABORATIONS

- 2025 Lyricist, "You Like That" (music), Little Cake (forthcoming)
- 2024 Story Consultant, *I Am Here You Are Not I Love You* (film), Carrowduff Arts
- 2023 Writer and Actor, *Compass* (film), Avey Alexandres
- 2021 "If You Love Attention Make Some Noise" (book arts), Talia Ryan
- 2020 "I Said Okay" (audio poem remix), Simcard
- 2020 "That Ex: The Drive-In" (video poem and trailer), Jazz De Nero and Simcard
- 2020 "Fight" (video poem), FLATSITTER and Just Buffalo Literary Center
- 2019 "Hard Feelings" (video poem), *Rise Collaborative*
- 2016 "Personal & Generic" (visual poetry), *Fun-a-Day*, Sugar City
- 2015 "Do You Ever Wonder If We're Both Looking at the Same Google Image Result of the Night Sky at the Same Time" (visual poetry), *Block Club: BORDERS*, Sugar City

NONFICTION

- 2022 "42 Nocturnal Memoirs," *Advent Calendar*, Shabby Doll House
- 2021 "How to Plan a Literary Drive-In: The Pandemic's Safest IRL Book Launch," *Lit Hub*
- 2021 "How to Arrange a Poetry Collection Using Mixtape Rules," *Electric Literature*
- 2020 "For Immediate Release," *Quaranzine*, Shabby Doll House
- 2019 "He's Perfect," *Cosmonauts Avenue*
- 2017 "A Teacher's List of Monthly Statistics," *McSweeney's Internet Tendency*

CONVERSATIONS & CRITICISM

- 2025 "A Dowsing Rod for Alive: Canese Jarboe's Sissy," *Traffic East*
- 2024 "What Happens When No One Is Looking: Kyle Dacuyan's Incitements," *Traffic East*
- 2023 "Caroline Rayner Wants to Hang Out Forever," *The Millions*
- 2023 "Sadie Dupuis's Cry Perfume," *Full Stop*
- 2022 "Because We Want to Feel: Gabrielle Marceau, Sennah Yee, and Kay Evans-Stocks," *Peach Mag*
- 2022 "We Might Know Each Other: Kristen Felicetti," *Peach Mag*
- 2021 "Writing Doesn't Have to Be Solitary: Bob Raymonda," *Peach Mag*
- 2021 "I Can't Not Do This: Ashley Obscura," *Peach Mag*
- 2021 "Fundamentally, Necessarily Vulnerable: jamie hood," *The Rumpus*
- 2021 "Know Your Vibe: Dan McKeon," *Peach Mag*
- 2021 "You Can Create a World: Lucy K Shaw," *Peach Mag*
- 2021 "In the Midst of All This Magic: Caryl Pagel," Poetry Society of America
- 2017-19 "Peach Picks" (column), *The Public*

PEDAGOGY

- 2025 "Real Eyes Revise: Order, Reorder, Disorder," *Ten Years of Just Buffalo Writing Center*, Just Buffalo Literary Center (forthcoming)
- 2022 "Not Building a House but Making a Brick," Juniper Institute for Young Writers
- 2021 "Poems at the Bottom of Internet Rabbit Holes," Juniper Institute for Young Writers

EDITORIAL PROJECTS

- 2025-PR Researcher and Designer, The Jack Spicer Project, The Estate of Jack Spicer (forthcoming)
- 2024-PR Editor, *Clamour*, Beauty School
- 2016-PR Editor in Chief, *Peach Mag*
- 2024 Co-editor (with Joshua Thermidor), *Summertime Stanzas: An Anthology of Writing from the 2024 Our Story Scholars*, Just Buffalo Literary Center and Buffalo Public Schools
- 2021-23 Series Editor, *Peach Mixes*, *Peach Mag*
- 2017-20 Series Editor, *Peach Mag Season Yearbooks*, *Peach Mag*
- 2018 Editor, *With You: Withdrawn Poetry of the Me Too Movement*, *Peach Mag*

HONORS

AWARDS

- 2025 Finalist, Alice James Award, Alice James Books
- 2025 Semifinalist, Brittingham Prize and Felix Pollak Prize in Poetry, Wisconsin Poetry Series, University of Wisconsin Press
- 2024 Winner, Chapbook Contest, Sixth Finch Books
- 2024 Winner, Single Poem Broadside Contest, Omnidawn
- 2024 Semifinalist, Saturnalia Books Poetry Prize and Alma Book Award, Saturnalia Books
- 2023 Winner, Joseph Langland Prize, Academy of American Poets
- 2023 Runner-Up, Deborah Slosberg Memorial Award, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2023 Runner-Up, Best New Poets, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2021 Finalist, Philip Booth Poetry Prize, *Salt Hill Journal*
- 2019 Best of 2019: Online Essays and Articles, *Entropy*
- 2018 Shortlist, Nonfiction Prize, *Cosmonauts Avenue*
- 2018 Longlist, Poetry Prize, *Cosmonauts Avenue*
- 2018 Elizabeth McNulty Wilkinson Poet, Buffalo Seminary
- 2017 Honorable Mention, Members' Contest, Just Buffalo Literary Center
- 2015 Best of 2015: ÖMËGÄ Poetry, Metatron Press
- 2012 Winner, Creative Nonfiction Prize, University at Buffalo

GRANTS & RESIDENCIES

- 2025 Summer Research Award, Niagara University
- 2024 Support for Artists Grant, New York State Council on the Arts
- 2024 Literary Residency Program, Artpark; Lewiston, NY
- 2024 Creative Impact Fund, Arts Services Inc.
- 2023 Statewide Community Regrant Program, New York State Council on the Arts

2022	Thesis Research Grant, University of Massachusetts Amherst
2022	Statewide Community Regrant Program, New York State Council on the Arts
2022	Travel Grant, University of Massachusetts Amherst
2021	Decentralization Program, New York State Council on the Arts
2020	Finalist, Literary Magazine Prize, The Whiting Foundation

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

HIGHER EDUCATION

2024-25	Faculty Fellow (2025); Adjunct Professor (2024); Niagara University; Lewiston, NY Writing and Rhetoric (Spring 2025) Poetry Writing (Spring 2025) Creative Writing (Fall 2024)
2023	Adjunct Professor, Canisius University; Buffalo, NY Academic Writing (Fall 2023)
2020-23	Instructor of Record, University of Massachusetts Amherst; Amherst, MA Creative Writing: The Long Poem (Spring 2023) College Writing (Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2020) Living Writers (Fall 2022, Fall 2021)

INDEPENDENT ARTS EDUCATION

2023-PR	Founder & Instructor, Beauty School; Buffalo, NY Beaut Camp (Summer 2025, Summer 2024) Birthday Parties: Bob Kaufman (April 2024); Alda Merini (March 2024); Jack Spicer (January 2024); James Tate (December 2023); Joanne Kyger (November 2023) Roses Are Roses Are Red (February 2023) The Poem Is a House I Build Then Live In (November 2023) Poetry as Play (Summer 2023) The Poem Is a House I Build Then Live In (August 2023) Wet Paint (July 2023)
2018-25	Teaching Artist, Just Buffalo Literary Center; Buffalo, NY Teachers Are Writers (January 2025, November 2024, January 2021, February 2020) Our Story Scholarship Program (Summer 2024) Be Mine (Not Like That) (February 2024) Shape of Sound: Inventing Poetic Forms (November 2023) The Turn (May 2022) Beginning at the End (January 2021) Poems Out Loud (June 2020) Eavesdropping, Excerpts, and Everyday Poetry (February 2020) Wearable Poetry (April 2019, December 2018)
2023-24	Instructor, Brooklyn Poets; Brooklyn, NY Informals: Recovering Poetry from Ordinary Forms (Fall 2024)

Poetry as Play (Summer 2024)
 Poetry as Magic: After Spicer (Spring 2024)
 Untranslation (March 2024)
 Real Eyes Revise (Fall 2023)

- 2022-23 Instructor, Catapult; New York, NY
 Poetry as Play (Winter 2022-23, Summer 2022)
- 2021-23 Teaching Artist, Juniper Institute for Young Writers; Amherst, MA
 The Poem Is a House I Build Then Live In (Winter 2022-23, Summer 2022)
 The Line Break (Summer 2022)
 Everyday Writing and Sheltering in Place (Summer 2021)
 The Turn (Summer 2021)

PRIMARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

- 2024 Writer in Residence, City Honors BPS 195; Buffalo, NY
- 2016-18 Spanish Teacher, Grades 4-8, St. Mark's School; Buffalo, NY
- 2015-16 ESL Assistant, Grades 7-12, IES Hispanidad; Granada, Spain
- 2015-16 ESL Assistant, Grades 7-12, IES Jiménez de Quesada; Granada, Spain
- 2013-15 ESL Assistant, Grades 7-12, IES Conde de Orgaz; Madrid, Spain
- 2011-12 ESL Aide, Grade 3, Frank A. Sedita Academy; Buffalo, NY

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2025 Faculty Advisor, Writing Club, Niagara University
- 2021-22 Treasurer, LiveLit Reading Series, University of Massachusetts Amherst

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2024-PR Poetry Editor, *Traffic East*
- 2020-PR Editorial Advisory Board, Foundlings Press
- 2020-21 Assistant Managing Editor, *jubilat*
- 2021 Reader, Juniper Prize for Poetry, University of Massachusetts Press
- 2021 Reader, Triangle House Literary
- 2019 Guest Poetry Editor, *Breadcrumbs Magazine*
- 2017 Editorial Advisory Board, *My Next Heart: New Buffalo Poetry*, BlazeVOX Books
- 2012 Visual Arts Editor, *Speakeasy: An Undergraduate Journal of Research and Creative Art*,
 Genders Studies Institute, University at Buffalo

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 2021-23 Curator, Crossover Episodes, *Peach Mag*; virtual
- 2016-20 Curator, Episodes Reading Series, *Peach Mag*; Buffalo, NY
- 2019 Co-organizer, Writers for Migrant Justice Benefit Reading, *Peach Mag*, Ghost City
 Press, and *Coffin Bell Journal*; WNY Book Arts Center, Buffalo, NY

2016 Organizer, Journey's End Benefit Reading, *Peach Mag*; Sugar City, Buffalo, NY

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023 Panelist, Pew Fellowships, The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage
 2023 Judge, Poetry and Prose Awards, Five College Consortium
 2018-23 Mentor, Peach Seed Apprenticeship for Emerging Editors, *Peach Mag*
 2020 Panelist, Western New York Arts Emergency Relief Fund, Arts Services Inc.
 2017-19 Literature Columnist, *The Public*
 2011-16 Bookseller, Talking Leaves Books
 2012-13 Intern, Just Buffalo Literary Center
 2011-12 Copywriter, *ArtVoice*

PRESENTATIONS & PERFORMANCES

GUEST LECTURES

2025 "Experiments," Amherst Middle School; Amherst, NY
 2024 "*Peach Mag*," Literary Publishing, Canisius University; Buffalo, NY
 2024 "DIY Publishing: Do It with Your friends," Artist Books, University at Buffalo; Buffalo, NY
 2022 "Play the Poem," Orchard Park Middle School; Orchard Park, NY
 2022 "*Peach Mag*," Literary Publishing, Canisius University; Buffalo, NY
 2021 "The Line Break," Sevilla Writers House; virtual
 2020 "Small Press Publishing," Colgate University; Hamilton, NY
 2019 "Western New York Poets," Williamsville East High School; Williamsville, NY
 2019 "Publishing Etiquette for Poets and Writers," Arts Services Inc.; Buffalo, NY
 2018 "*Peach Mag*," Literary Publishing, Canisius University; Buffalo, NY
 2018 Elizabeth McNulty Wilkinson Series, Buffalo Seminary; Buffalo, NY
 2016 "Frontiers of Form," Writing about Literature, Canisius University; Buffalo, NY

PANEL DISCUSSIONS & CONVERSATIONS

2025 Moderator, *Joy Is My Middle Name* (Sasha Debevec-McKenney); McNally Jackson, New York, NY
 2024 Panelist, Indie Author Day, Buffalo & Erie County Public Library; Buffalo, NY
 2024 Panelist, "Sweeter Than Wine: Three Poets on the Love Poem," Cambridge Public Library; Cambridge, MA
 2023 Panelist, "Western New York Publishing," Springville Center for the Arts; Springville, NY
 2022 Moderator, *Cry Perfume* (Sadie Dupuis) and *Birds of Maine* (Michael DeForge), The Quarters; Hadley, MA
 2021 Moderator, *How to Be a Good Girl* (jamie hood), A Room of One's Own; virtual
 2020 Panelist, "Homebound: Lit Mags," Triangle House Literary; virtual
 2018 Panelist, "Bridges, Not Walls: Building the Literary Community," AWP; Tampa, FL
 2018 Panelist, "Lit Mag Round Table," Just Buffalo Literary Center; Buffalo, NY
 2017 Panelist, "Western New York Small Press Publishing," Barrel Factory; Buffalo, NY

CRITICAL INTRODUCTIONS

- 2024 Spencer Williams, Poetics Plus, University at Buffalo
- 2023 Hoa Nguyen, Juniper Literary Festival, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2022 Kyle Dacuyan, Visiting Writers Series, University of Massachusetts Amherst

READINGS

- 2025 Visiting Author Series, Writers & Books; Rochester, NY
- 2025 Milkhouse Reading Series, Give Rise Studio; Frederick, MD
- 2025 Southern Festival of Books; Nashville, TN
- 2025 Seemingly Mature Reading Series; Syracuse, NY
- 2025 Monday Night Poetry Series, KGB Bar; New York, NY
- 2025 Launch of *Joy Is My Middle Name* (Sasha Debevec-McKenney); McNally Jackson, New York, NY
- 2025 Phosphorescence Contemporary Poetry Series (with Barbara Mossberg and Bridget Lowe), Emily Dickinson Museum; Amherst, MA
- 2025 Buffalo & Niagara Toxi-cities (with Joe Hall and Thom Eichelberger-Young), Blue Bag Press; Rust Belt Books, Buffalo, NY
- 2025 Launch of *My Science, At the End of the World There Is a Pond* (Steven Duong) Tour Stop (with Diego Espiritu, Spencer Williams, and Mathilda Cullen); Rust Belt Books, Buffalo, NY
- 2024 *Audiobiography*: Work-in-Progress Reading (with *Love Canal*: New Paintings by Dana Murray Tyrrell), NYSCA; Earl W. Brydges Public Library, Niagara Falls, NY
- 2024 Hurricane Relief Benefit (with Catherine Bresner, Phoebe Glick, Deja Carr, Channele Allesandre, and Julie Bodian); Unnameable Books, Turners Falls, MA
- 2024 *S/SSY* (Canese Jarboe; with Spencer Williams and Jillian Hanesworth) Tour Stop; Fitz Books & Waffles, Buffalo, NY
- 2024 Launch of *Spirit Duplicator: Issue I*; Unnameable Books, Brooklyn, NY
- 2024 Brooklyn Poets Instructors and Students Showcase; virtual
- 2024 Artpark Residents Showcase (with Zach Savich, Hilary Plum, Ariel Aberg-Riger, and Julianne Neely); Fitz Books & Waffles, Buffalo, NY
- 2024 Brooklyn Poets Instructors and Students Showcase; virtual
- 2024 Brooklyn Poets Yawp Series; Brooklyn, NY
- 2024 Sweeter Than Wine: Poets on the Love Poem (with Jill McDonough and Tawanda Mulalu), Cambridge Public Library; Cambridge, MA
- 2023 Unnameable Books Grand Opening Marathon; Unnameable Books, Turners Falls, MA
- 2023 Old First Ward Art Festival (with Noah Falck, Albert Abonado, Joe Hall, Julio Valentin, and Jess Star); Buffalo, NY
- 2023 Launch of *The Moan Wilds* (Caroline Rayner); Easthampton, MA
- 2023 Launch of *The Choice Is Real* (Jayson Keery); Ashfield, MA
- 2023 Launch of *In Life There Are Many Things* (Lucy Xiang-fu Wainger); Northampton, MA
- 2022 *Cry Perfume* (Sadie Dupuis) and *Birds of Maine* (Michael DeForge) Tour Stop; The Quarters, Hadley, MA
- 2022 *Too Much* (Gion Davis) Tour Stop; Familiars Coffee & Tea, Northampton, MA
- 2022 AWP Offsite Reading, *Peach Mag* and *b l u s h*; Tattooed Mom, Philadelphia, PA
- 2021 HUT Reading Series (with Nat Baldwin and Miguel Castillo); Northampton, MA
- 2021 Whole Stories Therapy Reading and Q&A; virtual

- 2021 Launch of *Strays Pack IV* (with Mary Ruefle and Julianne Neely), Foundlings Press; North Park Theatre, Buffalo, NY
- 2021 Reading (with Noah Falck and Little Cake); Fitz Books & Waffles, Buffalo, NY
- 2021 Reading (with Jayson Keery, Jon Ruseski, Juliana Ward, Rachelle Rahmé, Ben Fama, and Lily Lady Cook), b l u s h and Wonder; Northampton, MA
- 2021 *That Ex* Reading and Q&A (with Evelyn Maguire); GIVENS, Cape May, NJ
- 2021 Rascal Hearts Tour (with Jakob Maier); Fadensonnen, Baltimore, MD
- 2021 Rascal Hearts Tour (with Jakob Maier); Bok Building, Philadelphia, PA
- 2021 Rascal Hearts Tour (with Jakob Maier); Sisters, Brooklyn, NY
- 2020 *That Ex: The Drive-In*; Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve, Buffalo, NY
- 2020 #FreeBritney Blackout Party, Be About It Press; virtual
- 2020 *That Ex* Reading and Q&A, BookWoman; virtual
- 2020 *Revolutionary Letters* Marathon Reading, Metatron Press; virtual
- 2020 Reading and Q&A, *The Griffin Newspaper*, Canisius University; virtual
- 2019 Western New York Poets Series (with Max Stephan), Niagara University; Castellani Art Museum, Lewiston, NY
- 2019 b l u s h Authors Showcase; Friends and Lovers, Brooklyn, NY
- 2019 Strange Light Reading and Q&A, *Hazlitt* and Triangle House Literary; Glad Day Bookshop, Toronto, ON
- 2019 Wild Wild Midwest Tour Stop (with Sebastian Castillo, Peter PD, Andrew Duncan Worthington, Tim Leonido, and Jazz De Nero); Matthew Bookin's, Buffalo, NY
- 2019 Write Thing Series, Medaille College; Buffalo, NY
- 2019 Readings at the RIC Series, Daemen College; Buffalo, NY
- 2019 International Women's Day, Virago Buffalo; Rowhouse, Buffalo, NY
- 2018 Heroine Hijack Benefit for Rahama, Ukrainian-American Civic Center; Buffalo, NY
- 2018 Literary Café Series, Center for Inquiry; Amherst, NY
- 2018 Poets Storm Series; Resurgence Brewing Co., Buffalo, NY
- 2018 Reading (with Simon Joyner and the Ghosts); Mohawk Place, Buffalo, NY
- 2018 Reading (with Sean Thomas Dougherty); Allen Street Hardware, Buffalo, NY
- 2018 Launch of *Honest Days* (Matthew Bookin); Buffalo Distilling Co., Buffalo, NY
- 2018 Elizabeth McNulty Wilkinson Poetry Series, Buffalo Seminary; Buffalo, NY
- 2018 Poets Storm Series; Nietzsche's, Buffalo, NY
- 2018 AWP Offsite Reading, Big Lucks and Metatron Press; Hampton Station, Tampa, FL
- 2018 AWP Offsite Reading, Wonder, Ugly Duckling Presse, Civil Coping Mechanisms, Theme Can, and Nightboat Books; Quaid Gallery, Tampa, FL
- 2017 Reading Rainbow Poetry Festival; Secret Project Robot, Brooklyn, NY
- 2017 Second Stage Poetry Series, Grindhaus Café; Buffalo, NY
- 2017 Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts; Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY
- 2017 Ghost City Press Authors Showcase; The Silent Barn, Brooklyn, NY
- 2017 Silo City Reading Series (with Morgan Parker), Just Buffalo Literary Center; Buffalo, NY
- 2017 Buffalo Writers Showcase, Just Buffalo Literary Center; Buffalo, NY
- 2017 Save the Hostel Soirée, Hostel Buffalo Niagara; Buffalo, NY
- 2017 Sunday Sundown Series; Dalton Warehouse, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 *My Next Heart: New Buffalo Poetry* Editors Showcase, BlazeVOX Books; Road Less Traveled Productions, Buffalo, NY
- 2017 Circleformance Reading Series; El Buen Amigo, Buffalo, NY
- 2017 Opening of *Boywitch Codex: Hypertexts* (RE Katz; with Jayson Keery and Little Cake), Dreamland Arts; Buffalo, NY
- 2016 Dog Ears Fourth Friday Poetry Series, Dog Ears Bookstore; Buffalo, NY

- 2016 PressBoardPress Authors Showcase; Rust Belt Books, Buffalo, NY
 2016 Launch of *Personal & Generic*; Sugar City, Buffalo, NY

PRESS COVERAGE

REVIEWS, MENTIONS, LISTS

- 2024 "[Peak MFA](#)" (Tony Tulathimutte), *Triangle House Review*
 2022 "[Book Club Recommends: 10 Favorite Titles from 2022-ish](#)" (Sadie Dupuis), *Spin*
 2022 "[Flowers, Poems, Flower Poems](#)" (Ada Limón), *The Slowdown*
 2021 "[Falling in Love in the Apocalypse with Rachelle Toarmino's *That Ex*](#)" (Hannah Lamb-Vines), *FF2 Media*
 2021 "[Sundress Reads: *That Ex*](#)" (Lee Anderson), *Sundress Publications*
 2020 "[Grief, Love, Nostalgia: Rachelle Toarmino's *That Ex*](#)" (Alana Kelley), *Maudlin House*
 2020 "[Poetry Bestsellers: August 2020](#)," Small Press Distribution
 2020 "[Barrelhouse Reviews: *That Ex*](#)" (Jon Lemay), *Barrelhouse*
 2019 "[Eight Young Influencers in WNY](#)" (Elizabeth Licata), *WBFO*
 2019 "[Best of 2019: Online Essays and Articles](#)," *Entropy*
 2018 "[Poetry We Admire: Rejections](#)" (Nicholas Brown), *Palette Poetry*
 2018 "[Graphic 2](#)" (Eric Baker), *Beach Sloth*
 2017 "[Graphic](#)" (Eric Baker), *Beach Sloth*

INTERVIEWS & PROFILES

- 2025 "Western New York Poet Rachelle Toarmino Has Two Poetry Books Published in 2025," *Springville Journal* (print)
 2024 "[A Secret Third Thing: Rachelle Toarmino and Lucy Xiang-fu Wainger](#)" (Cory Hutchinson-Reuss), *Brink*
 2024 "[My F*cking Birthday](#)" (with Sebastian Castillo, Mike Young, Caroline Rayner, Oscar d'Artois), *Shabby Doll Radio*, Shabby Doll House
 2024 "[Poet of the Week: Rachelle Toarmino](#)," Brooklyn Poets
 2024 "[Rachelle Toarmino](#)" (Tyler Burn), *Lo Fi Lit*
 2022 "[Let's Get the Girlies, We're Going to Do Something Else](#)" (Brad Casey), *METACOSM*
 2022 "[Episode 58: Rachelle Toarmino and UMass Amherst](#)" (Jared McCormack), *The MFA Writers Podcast*
 2022 "[Creative Writing Instructor Interview: Rachelle Toarmino](#)," Juniper Institute for Young Writers
 2021 "[What It's Like to Release Your Debut Poetry Collection During A Pandemic: 20 Poets Respond](#)" (Erica Abbott), *Write or Die*
 2021 "[Profound Experience of Poetry with Rachelle Toarmino](#)" (Lucy K Shaw), Shabby Doll House
 2021 "[Those Objects of Desire: A Conversation with Rachelle Toarmino on Objectification, Persona & the Internet](#)" (Gion Davis), *Weird Sister*
 2021 "[The Internet Poem Is My Pastoral: A Conversation with Rachelle Toarmino](#)" (Kristen Felicetti), *The Adroit Journal*
 2020 "[Toarmino, Falck Release New Books](#)" (Kevin Heffernan), *Rise Collaborative*
 2020 "[Niagara Falls Poet Launches Book at Penn Dixie Fossil Park and Nature Reserve](#)" (Melanie Camp) *WKBW*

- 2020 "Where better than a dinosaur graveyard to read poems about exes?": Q&A with Rachelle Toarmino (Meghan Pipe), Just Buffalo Literary Center
- 2020 "That Ex" (Darrell Laurant), *Snowflakes in a Blizzard*
- 2020 "A Virtual Interview with Rachelle Toarmino" (Cindy Huyser), *BookWoman*
- 2019 "Influencers: Rachelle Toarmino" (Jana Eisenberg), *Buffalo Spree*
- 2019 Interview with Abby Wojcik, *The Griffin*
- 2018 "Lit Editor Spotlight: Rachelle Toarmino" (Carlotta Eden)
- 2018 "Hair of the Dog: Rachelle Toarmino" (Lydia Hounat), *Sober. Magazine*
- 2018 "Perfect Peach: Catching Up with Peach Mag Editor, Rachelle Toarmino" (Lucy K Shaw), *Shabby Doll Reader*, Shabby Doll House
- 2018 "The Prolific Peach Mag: An Interview with EIC Rachelle Toarmino" (Ben Niespodziany), *Neon Pajamas*
- 2017 "Everything Is Peachy: Rachelle Toarmino and Peach Mag" (Albert Abonado), *Flour City Yawp*
- 2017 "Peach Mag's Season One Yearbook" (Lucy K Shaw), *Shabby Doll Reader*, Shabby Doll House
- 2016 "Peach Mag" (Lucy K Shaw), *Shabby Doll Reader*, Shabby Doll House
- 2016 "Personal & Generic" (Lucy K Shaw) *Shabby Doll Reader*, Shabby Doll House
- 2015 "40 Stories: Rachelle Toarmino" Just Buffalo Literary Center