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*Gertrude Stein Invents a Jump Early On*, her jazz opera with composer William Banfield and Encompass New Opera Theatre artistic director Nancy Rhodes premiered at New York City's Symphony Space Leonard Nimoy Thalia in June 2005. Her latest libretto on the love story of Jane & Paul Bowles awaits musical setting.

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She edited *Whose Woods These Are*, an anthology documenting the first eight years of outdoor poetry programs at the historic Joaquin Miller Cabin located in Washington, DC's Rock Creek Park. She co-edited with Hilary Tham and Miles David Moore *Winners: A Retrospective of the Washington Prize*, an anthology of poetry that presents winners of The Word Works Washington Prize from 1981 to 1999 as well as the judging community of that competition.

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