



Where does a photographer-poet go with his career?

Dion McInnis has taken his love of words and images through a variety of careers, all of which have been built on listening, and then celebrating what he heard through his abilities as a writer, photographer and speaker. Passionate, enthusiastic, optimistic and hope-filled for life and living, Dion carries his messages to a variety of audiences. The listing below shows some of his background. Hearing him will change the way you think.

Photography:

- Owner of Dion McInnis Photography (1977-1994), freelance business providing commercial, portrait, public relations and fine art work in the Houston area.
- Photojournalist and writer for weekly suburban newspaper 1978-1982 (Advertiser Advocate, now out of business); won national award for series on special education in Fort Bend Independent School District.
- Freelance writer for various publications, including two national photography magazines – The Rangefinder and Studio Photography.
- Photography instructor for seven years with Houston Community College.
- Currently providing fine art and commissions. www.dionmcinnis.com.

Writing:

- Published fiction and nonfiction; prolific with essays, stories and poetry. “Best Fiction” award in 2002 Bayosphere literary journal.

Workshops Conducted

- Writing: for participants in “Woman: Imprints, Legacies & Tales” (my project that inspired the creation of Her Legacies Foundation) and for the community, including women’s shelters, women’s ministries, young women (13-16) and more. A new monthly workshop at Barnes and Noble was recently begun: <http://galvestondailynews.com/story.lasso?wcd=11393>.
- Photography: as a creative outlet and/or for healing, to men, women and children.
- Women Leaders: Find the Power, Find the Potential: a new presentation, effective for various audiences, including NASA/Johnson Space Center and university Student Leadership Conference, for example .
- Teaching Our Sons to Respect Women.
- Discover and Polish the Pearl Within You.
- Many more. See “workshops” at www.dionmcinnis.com.

Her Legacies Foundation

- Based on a personal photography project (“Woman: Imprints, Legacies & Tales”), I became the organizer, president, and founder of this 501 c 3 that finds, captures, preserves, disseminates and celebrates women’s stories and the images they inspire. Cited as “Man Who Champions Women” by New Mexico Woman Magazine for his work; also, received Bay Area Turning Point shelter’s “Caring Heart” volunteer award.

Speaker

- Keynotes, presentations and seminars on a variety of topics, including, but not exclusively, related to women’s stories.
- See www.dionmcinnis.com or my profile at the National Speakers Association site www.nsaspeaker.org.

Higher Education

- Almost 20 years in higher education, currently serving as the Associate Vice President for University Advancement at University of Houston-Clear Lake. Previous universities: University of Houston, Sam Houston State University and University of New Mexico.