

Bio—**Ward Brian Zimmerman**, Select Workshops and Competitions:

Iowa Writers' Workshop, *Iowa City, Iowa, summer sessions 2018 & 2019*

Yale Writers' Workshop, *New Haven, Connecticut, spring 2019*

2018 William Faulkner: Novel, Short Story, and Poetry—Finalist

2017 William Faulkner: Novel and Short Story—Finalist

AWP, *2015 to present*

Board of Trustees, *North Carolina Writers' Network, 2015 to present*

2013 William Faulkner Short Story—Finalist

The Great Smoky Mountain Writers' Program, *Asheville, North Carolina 2013-2014*

2012 William Faulkner: Novel—Short List and Finalist

2011 Thomas Wolfe Fiction Prize—Finalist

Gotham Writers' Workshop, *Greenwich Village, New York, New York, Spring 2010*



I was athletic but hated elementary, junior high and high school from most to least, in that order. I got my license at 14, so I could drive to my job on an Air Force base sorting and washing GI's dirty laundry. In 1969, a friend and I ended up in Haight-Ashbury two years after the summer of love. In 1970, I sold bibles door to door in the swamps of Southern Georgia. In 1971, I was a teamster, driving dump trucks and setting explosives. In '72, I was working on the assembly line at a Goodyear Tire and Rubber plant. I was in college while Vietnam stared me in the face. During this time, I earned a BA in economics, a second bachelor's degree in political science, and an MBA in finance. IBM saw something in me and hired me as a well-educated but maybe too immature systems analyst. I was not the corporate type and gave that job away. The University of Kansas also saw something in me and hired me as the University's Director of the Budget. At 23, I was the youngest executive administrator they have ever had. Since then I earned my Ph.D., have a beautiful wife and family—that I just can't appreciate enough and have done some other things but, it is my formative years that thrusts us into my stories.