



EMPLOYMENT WEBINAR SERIES

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Writer's Experience

Are You Interested in Becoming an Author?

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ABOUT THIS PRESENTATION: Learn about the various pathways you can take to become an author and publishing your book or materials. Join FCIC, CARD, Employment First, and FL-APSE as we present authors Erica King, Bozena Gasior and Chatequa Pinkston share their experience and book with you. All attendees will be eligible to receive a free access to CARD E-library with access to authors published works and a list of book authored by persons with autism/autistics.

Attendees may submit questions in advance to drbarnes@usf.edu.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION: <https://tinyurl.com/042924-Writers>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

FEEL FREE TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS, share experiences, and receive technical assistance in the application of strategies, resources, and best practices to increase employment of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. All viewers are eligible to receive certificates of attendance. If you do not have access to a computer with speakers, utilize the Zoom phone number meeting ID/ Password, provided upon registration. Closed Captioning provided.

INFORMATION & ACCOMMODATION: For more information or if other accommodation needs are requested, contact Denise R. Barnes, MA, FCIC Employment Coordinator at drbarnes@usf.edu or 813-974-1063.

SPEAKERS/PRESENTERS



ERICA "EJ" KING was born in Naples, Italy, to military parents. She spent most of her youth in Georgia and in Tampa, FL. As an autistic child, before expressing herself verbally, she drew stories with pieces of scrap paper stapled together. Erica spent her high school years in an arts-centered school in Florida for people with disabilities. That is where she began to flourish as a writer. In 2018, Erica won "Best Play" in Tampa Bay's 4X6 Fest against SEVEN professionals! Today, she lives in Georgia with her family. When she's not writing stories, Erica plays video games, thinks about writing, watches YouTube, and makes TikTok videos.



BOZENA GASIOR is the author of, *I Heard the Light*, A mother's story of her son's journey through autism to self-expression. She's an innovative and high-energy ESL and German Language Instructor at the University of Tampa and St. Petersburg College.



CHATEQUA PINKSTON is an entrepreneur, ordained minister, author of several self-published books, and public speaker. Born with Cerebral Palsy, she's earned her B.S. and M.S. degrees in Computer Science from USF and believes everyone has gifts and talents to share despite limitations faced.

