



## FACULTY BIOGRAPHY

### **MARK SALERNO**

### **Adjunct Assistant Professor of English**

Mark Salerno, Adjunct Assistant Professor of English at West Los Angeles College and Adjunct Associate Professor of English at Los Angeles City College.

Mr. Salerno has taught English and creative writing at many colleges and universities, including Boston University, UCLA, California State University, Woodbury University, Otis College of Art and Design, California College of the Arts, and in the community colleges of California. Because of his demonstrated sensitivity to issues of teaching in the multi-cultural classroom, he was invited to teach in the Chicana/o Studies Program at UCLA in 2002.

From 1993-1999, Mr. Salerno edited *Arshile*, one of the most celebrated small press literary magazines of its time. With a national and international readership, *Arshile* presented work by the foremost established and emerging artists, writers, dramatists, poets, and critics, including Jasper Johns, John Ashbery, Yoko Ono, Willem de Kooning, Barbara Guest, Amiri Baraka, Wayne Thiebaud, and Alice Notley. *Arshile* was the recipient of a Fund For Poetry Award.

Mr. Salerno is also an accomplished poet. His work has appeared in hundreds of magazines, and he has given readings from his four published books throughout the United States, Europe and Canada. His second book, entitled *Method*, was a Finalist in the National Poetry Series. In 2000, he was Visiting Poet at the Lacoste School of the Arts in Provence, France.

Mr. Salerno holds a B.A. and an M.A. ("with Honors") in English and Comparative Literature from Columbia University, and an M.F.A. in Writing and Critical Theory from Otis College of Art and Design. He has studied with Lionel Trilling, Meyer Schapiro, Margaret Mead, Edward W. Said, and Theodor H. Gastor.

**AWARDS:** Teacher's Excellence Award, Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society. Boston University Writer of the Year Award.

In his spare time, Mr. Salerno is an avid car and motorcycle enthusiast. He can sometimes be spotted on The Streets of Willow Springs.