# Kara McClendon-Bacchi

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## **EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Arts, Princeton University** (Graduated in June 1994)

Major: Romance Languages and Literatures

Concentration: Italian Language, Literature, and Culture

Four years Italian language study/ history / culture / literature/ art / architecture

Il Centro Linguistico Italiano per Stranieri Dante Alighieri – Florence, Italy – Summer 1993

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

Owner / General Manager/ Chef de Cuisine Buttermilk Hill Restaurant and Bar

(October 2006 to Present) Sylacauga, AL.

Cultural Cross Trainer / Translator / Interpreter (June 2000 to July 2002 & August 2005 to Present)

- Teksid Aluminum Components - Sylacauga, Alabama

**Sales Manager** La Riviera Restaurant Metairie, LA. (April 2005 to September 2005 (relocated to Alabama due to Hurricane Katrina)

Owner / General Manager White Villa Restaurant and Bed & Breakfast (April 2002 to August 2005)

Responsible for all restaurant and bed & breakfast operations, focusing on personalized service to the customer, staffing, and marketing.

Free-lance Translator / Interpreter / Owner KMB Translations (June 2002 to present) Nemak Contract Italian Translator / Interpreter Teksid Aluminum Components (May 2000 – 2004)

**Restaurant Day Manager and Banquet Director** (January 2000 – June 2000)

- Rossi's Italian Restaurant – Birmingham, Alabama

Restaurant Manager (April 1999 – January 2000)

- The Country Club of Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama

**English Teacher** (1997 – 1998)

- Connor Language Services - Milano, Italy

**Professional Athlete** (March 1998 – September 1998)

- Fast pitch Softball Pitcher for the Italian National Softball League – Marcheno, Italy

**Professional Athlete** (March 1997 – September 1997)

- Fast pitch Softball Pitcher for the Italian National Softball League – Rimini, Italy

**Expediting Department** – (January 1996 – December 1996)

- Expediter for Young and Vann Industrial Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama
- Responsible for all Young and Vann accounts

**Professional Athlete** – (March 1995 – September 1995)

- Fast-pitch Softball Pitcher for the Italian National Softball League – Saronno, Italy

**Self Employment** – Softball Pitching Instructor / Coach

- Private Instruction – Year Round Clinics

# Princeton University – Work Study Program / Extra Curricular

- Librarian's Assistant (1991 1993) Office Assistant (1990 1991)
- Student Cake and Balloon Delivery (1992 1994)
- Tigerlilies All female Acapella singing group (1990 1994) Audition group Soloist
- Varsity Softball Lettered (1990 1991)
- Student Course Guide Editor, Italian Department 1992 1993

## Special Interests - Singer / Musician / Antique Collector / Softball - Honors and Awards

- Paid performances at weddings / Solo appearances on three Tigerlilies albums
- Guest solo appearance on the Princeton Nassoons 1994 Album
- Placed second in the Queen of Songs International Competition in Rimini, Italy
- Classical Violin 11 years Life-long exposure to and practice of Bluegrass "fiddle" music
- Fast-pitch Softball Pitcher ASA Fast-pitch All-American (3 years)

White Lightning Women's ASA Summer team (1988-1992) – (1994, 1996, and 2001)

3<sup>rd</sup> - ASA Nationals, 1990 – 2<sup>nd</sup> ASA Nationals, 1992 – NSA National Champs, 1992

 $3^{\text{rd}}$  - ASA Nationals,  $1996-2^{\text{nd}}$  European Cup, 1997 Italian National team – Rimini, Italy