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Teaching

Graduate Teacher Assistant at California College of the Arts (2020-present)

Assisted in teaching undergraduate courses with two New York Times bestselling authors, Tom Barbash and Jasmin Darznik.

Academic Writing Coach at California College of the Arts (2019-2020)

Coach international students on how to transform complex concepts into plain, well-written English. Help with business development at the college's learning center.

Write Your Impact Consulting (2010-present)

Coach writing, media publishing, and book development to thought-leaders, entrepreneurs, writers, and students.

Writing Workshop Coordinator at The Hivery, LLC (2007-2020)

Developed and ran writing workshops and author visits.

Education

California College of the Arts, MFA in Creative Writing, 2021

Berkeley Extension, Copyediting Certification, 2021

California Polytechnic University, B.S. Natural Resource Policy and Management,
Technical Writing Certification, French Minor, 1999

University de la Sorbonne, Paris, France, Theatre, 1997

Grants and Awards

Merit Scholarship for MFA in Writing, California College of the Arts, 2019-2021

First Place In **The Writer's Digest Book Awards** In Life Stories, 2020

Independent Press Awards Winner In Women's Health, 2019

27th Annual Writer's Digest Book Awards Winner In Life Stories, 2019

Body Mind Spirit Book Awards Winner In Healing, 2019

Foreword Indies Book Of The Year Awards Finalist In Health, 2018

American Book Fest Finalist In Women's Health, 2018

Speaker

Derich, Thais. "Reproductive Politics: Autonomy and Power in the Handmaid's Tale Hulu Series."

Speaker, **2020 Visual & Critical Studies Identity, Difference & Power Symposium** with Dr. Tina Takemoto, San Francisco, CA, May 7, 2020.

Derich, Thais. "Book Talk." Speaker, **2020 Empowering Fearless Birth ONLINE SYMPOSIUM**, Salt Lake City, UT, April 3, 2020.

Derich, Thais. Speaker, **International Women's Day Event** at The Hivery, Mill Valley, CA, March 25, 2019.

Derich, Thais. "Seeing Invisible Choices in Childbirth and Beyond." **Speaker, Evoso Live**, Boulder, CO, April 2, 2018.

Derich, Thais. "Book Publicity." Panelist, **LitQuake Festival**, San Francisco, CA, 2017.

Derich, Thais. "Mom CEO." Speaker, **Listen To Your Mother Show**, San Francisco CA, 2015.

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Podcasts/Radio

“Second Chance Author Thais Derich,” *Dr. Berlin’s Informed Pregnancy Podcast* hosted by Dr. Berlin, Los Angeles, CA.

The *Birth Circle Podcast* hosted by Sarah Newton and produced by LaunchPod Media, Austin, TX.

“Mama Advantage Episode 006: Pause with Thais Derich and Laura Riordan,” *Mama Advantage Podcast* hosted by Megan Flatt, Mill Valley, CA.

“Interview with Author Thais Derich,” *The Author Show* hosted by Linda Thompson, Scottsdale, AZ.

NPR’s *A Novel Idea* hosted by Suzanne M. Lang, “Special Guest Thais Derich.”

KPFA’s *Cover to Cover Open Book* hosted by Jovelyn Richards.

Publications

Book

Derich, Thais, *Second Chance: A Mother’s Quest for a Natural Birth After a Cesarean*. Berkeley: She Writes Press, May 2017.

Creative Non-Fiction

Derich, Thais, “Ghost.” *She’s Got This!: Essays on Standing Strong and Moving On*, edited by Joanne Hartman and Mary Claire Hill, 150-158. Write On Mamas, 2019.

Derich, Thais, “Why Did You Leave, Mom?” Salon.com (featured homepage piece), November 18, 2015.

Derich, Thais. “I Walk Alone.” *Forge Journal*, Issue 8.1 (July 6, 2014): Stories.

Derich, Thais, “The Perils of Writing Memoir.” *LiteraryMama* (blog), July 22, 2013.

Essays

Derich, Thais. “Unplanned Cesarean and Trauma.” *Birth Issues Journal* 31, no. 2 (Winter 2017): 58-63.

Derich, Thais, “It took 2 years to realize I’d been traumatized by childbirth.” *BabyCenter.com* (blog), September 17, 2017.

Derich, Thais, *NaturalMumma.com* (blog), August 12, 2017.

Derich, Thais, “Achieving a Birth Plan That’s Right For You.” *Circle and Bloom* (blog), June 30, 2017.

Derich, Thais, “7 Essential Tips to Feel in Control During Childbirth.” *Everyday Family* (blog), June 30, 2017.

Derich, Thais, “The Lisa Epstein Story: Is Medical Inaction a Crime?” BlogHer.com (featured piece), November 3, 2015.

Derich, Thais, “How To Avoid A Cesarean That You Don’t Want?” *BabyCenter.com* (blog), October 21, 2015.