

Desta Maree Klein



Desta Maree has been working in the service industry for over fifteen years. The majority of her years have been behind the bar, as a service captain for private dining, or in varying degrees of restaurant management. “For years I was in denial that this was my career” Desta has commented, “It was just what I did to put myself through college and grad school”. But, after meeting her husband she took another look at the industry she has always returned to and honestly loved. “There is a life in a restaurant; a collection of experiences and stories all around you.”

In graduate school Desta has been studying for an M.F.A. in Fiction and has always been sober about her ambition to write. “Making a living as a writer is generally a concession, writing things you are not passionate about in order to get paid to write; or it is a

mixture of luck and talent, neither of which you can count on.” She loves the literary community and still writes actively, most recently about the process of opening a restaurant. Write what you know, right?

All of the skills she has acquired through a variety of ways; her food and beverage knowledge and passion, event planning, personnel management, numbers and data management, as well as the years in varied positions within the service industry have culminated for her into a multifaceted personality with experience beyond the sometimes narrow field of restaurant management.