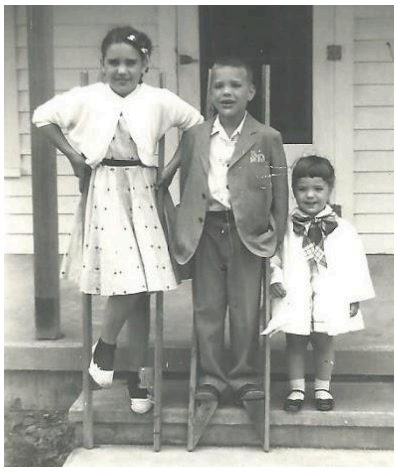
**Vivian Baumgardner Short Biography**

**Personal Information**

**Birth Place:** 1953, Canton, NY



**Location History:**

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| 1953-1955 | Canton, New York |
| 1955-1961 | Durant, Oklahoma |
| 1961-1963 | Catonsville, Maryland |
| 1963-1970 | Gainesville, Georgia |
| 1970-1971 | Asheville, North Carolina |
| 1971-1975 | Athens, Georgia (a variety of residences in Bogart, Bishop, Jefferson, Georgia) |
| 1976-1976 | Wake Forest commuting to Carrboro, North Carolina |
| 1976-1977 | Carrboro, North Carolina |
| 1977-1981 | Salemburg/Roseboro, North Carolina |
| 1981-1994 | Garner, North Carolina |
| 1994-2005 | Concord, North Carolina |
| 2005-2021 | Charlotte, North Carolina |
| 2021 | Ormond Beach, Florida |

**Relationships that led to marriage**

m. 1976-1998 William Mickey Lord



Mickey and I met while I was an undergraduate student at the University of Georgia. We met when I was a waitress at Dunkin' Donuts and Mickey was a traffic officer, primarily riding motorcycles, with Athens Police Department. The classic, stereotype. We were living together when I was offered a position with Carrboro Police Department in North Carolina. We had been living in Jackson County, Georgia because Athens PD had a policy against unmarried officers living with somebody without a marriage certificate. Because I thought Carrboro would have the same policy, Mickey and I first got a marriage license in Jackson County (April 5) and later decided to have a wedding party on the Appalachian River (May 2). Mickey worked at a service station across from the Carrboro Police Department where I worked. We were still together when I was hired by the North Carolina Department of Justice/Justice Academy and moved to Salemburg and then up to Garner. We were still together when I was hired as an Assistant Professor at UNC Charlotte, and we moved to Concord, NC.

m. 2005- (June 6, 2012) Allen David Cowan



Met with Match.com. He wooed me with his stories of working with criminal defense attorneys as a private investigator and his love of international travel. We lived together, built a house together, wrote a book together and then got married as a requirement for my Fulbright Fellowship in India.

**Education**

1971-1975 BA in Sociology, University of Georgia
1979-1980 MA in Criminal Justice Administration, Goddard College
1982-1992 PhD in Psychology, NC State University
1994 Licensed as a Practicing Psychologist
2006 Certified as a Superior Civil Court Mediator
2010 Certified as a Family Financial Mediator

**Professional Trajectory**

1976-1977 Officer/Investigator, Carrboro Police Department
1977-1994 North Carolina Justice Academy, instructor and manager
1994-2019 UNC Charlotte, faculty and administrator

**Community Service**

Cold Case Homicide Review Team: 2002-
Tutoring at Greenway Elementary School: 2013-2017
Private Warrant Court Mediation: 2015-
Migrant Assistance Project: 2018-

**Impressions from other family members**

Cousin Dennis

While still living on Frederick Street, Uncle Kenny and family came to Taneytown for a visit. I believe they were living in Catonsville, Maryland at that time. Anyway, our parents noticed Vivian was missing. After searching our house on the second floor and attic, they went downstairs to my father's insurance office and there was cousin Vivian sitting behind my father's desk chatting on the phone. What was interesting was that she had made a long distance call to her neighbor in Catonsville. We still had a party line back in those days.

At a wedding, I think it was cousin John's sisters affair, but am not certain. Anyway, for whatever reason I was driving through the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel when cousin Vivian decided to put an empty champagne bottle on her right toe. As we passed a harbor tunnel patrolman, I realized that since Vivian was under age, this might get me pulled over. Luckily, it didn't. The next memory with cousin Vivian had us driving to a horse training academy between Gaithersburg and Germantown, Maryland. After we had spent a great deal of time at the academy, we stopped for lunch at a restaurant that was like eating in a caboose. I think we really enjoyed our time together?

Cousin John

I remember calling Vivian "wabbit" as a little girl because she was so tiny and cute. I don't recall buck teeth or large ears but do remember her button nose. I also remember that she continually suffered from motion sickness during long drives in a car. I think she also became nauseated at Kenille's wedding with no cars in sight. I hope she has outgrown her sensitive stomach issues.

**Allen Cowan Short Biography**
**Personal information**
**Place of birth:** Detroit, MI, September 3, 1944
**Location History**
Gainesville, FL
Orlando, FL
Winter Park, FL
St. Petersburg, FL
1974-Present Charlotte, NC



**Education**
1968 Bachelors in Science in Journalism, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

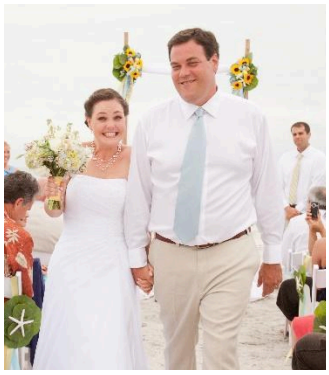
**Professional trajectory**

1968-1971 Orlando Sentinel
1971-1974 St. Petersburg Times. Here, one of my articles, was part of an investigative series sent to the Pulitzer committee. We were finalists so I am quite proud of that. In 1974 I was reporter of the year in Florida
1974-1983 Charlotte Observer. Numerous awards, too many to list. I was part of a team of reporters who exposed Jim Bakker (PTL).
1983-1986 Overseas at The Stars and Stripes in Darmstadt, W. Germany. I won top prize that last year from the Realtors Association of America for Investigative Reporting.
1986-1987 Charlotte Business Journal
1989 to Present Private investigator, instructor for journalism classes, received advanced training as an investigator at the American Press Institute in Reston Virginia.

**Publications**
Author of two books (one with Vivian on interviewing and one based on some of my more interesting cases)
Book, Vice Versa, about a private investigator roaming the streets of Charlotte.
I am also the co-author of a text on how to interview people.

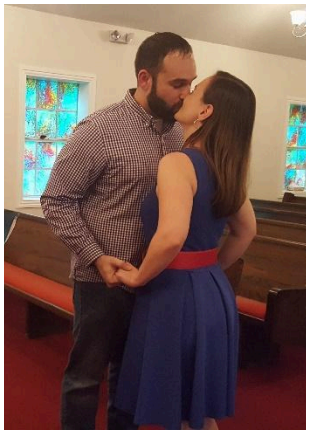
**Alana Lord Short Biography**
**Personal information**
**Place of birth:** December 22, 1985; Garner, NC
**Location History:**
1985-1994: Garner, NC
1994-2004: Concord, NC
2004-2008: Elon, NC
2008-2016: Gainesville, FL
2016-2017: Ruston, LA 2017-Present: Shreveport, LA

**Relationships:**
**m. (2012 – 2016) Brent Terrell**



Brent and I met at a restaurant (Cantina) I was working at during my sophomore year at Elon University. He was a chef, and I was a waitress. We moved to Gainesville, FL together in 2008 when I was accepted to the History Graduate Program at the University of Florida. We were engaged in Rhodes, Greece in 2011. We married on Sanibel Island,Florida on June 4, 2012. Unfortunately, graduate school took a toll on our relationship, and we divorced in August of 2016.

**m. (2017 – Present) Michael Gennaro**



Michael and I met through the History Graduate Program at the University of Florida. His focus was African History with a focus on boxing in 20th-century Nigeria. My focus was Medieval European History with a focus on the 14th-century Crown of Aragon (Eastern Spain). Not surprisingly, we did not have classes together, but we crossed paths frequently due to being part of the same history-graduate friend group. We began dating, and in January of 2017, I followed him out to Ruston, Louisiana where he had received a job as a history professor at Grambling State University. We got engaged during an underground tour of Blanchard Springs Caverns in Arkansas in April of 2017. We began to plan a wedding that was supposed to take place in Gainesville, FL in August of that year. But when Michael received notice that he was going to lose his job at Grambling State University due to visa issues (Michael is Canadian), we decided to get legally married as soon as possible so that he could apply for a Green Card. The only state that would allow us to get married immediately (without a waiting period

after applying for a marriage certificate) was Mississippi. Incidentally, the only requirements Mississippi had (has) for getting married was a payment of $21.00 and a promise that Michael and I weren't first cousins. On July 12th, Michael and I drove to the nearest Mississippi city- Vicksburg. When we arrived at the courthouse, we were directed to call a local minister who would marry us. The minister invited us out to his tiny Missionary Baptist church, where he married us in front of his wife and 2 of our friends who live in Vicksburg.

We decided to go forward with our plans for a formal wedding ceremony with our friends and family. So, on the morning of August 4th, we formally married in Gainesville, Florida at the University of Florida campus chapel. The wedding ceremony was followed by a pizza-and-champagne reception at the Matheson History Museum and later that afternoon, I attended my doctorate graduation ceremony. Michael and I called that day- August 4th- our "Grand Day of Fun".





**Education**

2000-2004 Northwest Cabarrus High School (Concord, North Carolina)
2004-2008: Elon University, Bachelor's in History (Elon, North Carolina)
2008-2010: The University of Florida, Master's in European History (Gainesville)
2010-2017: The University of Florida, Doctorate in European History (Gainesville)

**Professional trajectory**

2017 – Present: History Professor at Bossier Parish Community College (Bossier City,Louisiana)

**Community Service**

2016-2017 ESL instructor (Gainesville, FL)

2018-Presen Tutor at Booker T. Washington High School (Shreveport, LA)

**Other activities**

2017 (November): Michael received temporary work authorization after his Green Card paper work was processed. Getting that temporary work authorization was extraordinarily stressful due to the conflicting and vague instructions we received from government agencies. We only managed to complete and submit the paper work with the help of a friend who works as an immigration lawyer.

2018 (October): Michael received his Green Card. Progress with this documentation was again marked by a lot of stress and one frantic trip to the immigration agency in New Orleans for an interview. We will have to repeat this in 2020 due to the fact that we married so soon before applying for his Green Card.