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CURRENT EDUCATION

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Master of Fine Arts in **Creative Writing**, Concentration in **Poetry**

PAST EDUCATION

Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY

Bachelor of Arts in **Writing**, Concentration in **Creative Writing**

Minor: **Women's and Gender Studies**

Graduated December 2017

Major GPA: 4.0

Overall GPA: 3.9

HONORS & AWARDS

Residency — Sundress Academy of the Arts

Spring 2022

Fellowship — Brooklyn Poets

Fall 2021

Honorable Mention — Small Orange Emerging Woman Poet Honor

Spring 2021 & 2022

Poet of the Week — Brooklyn Poets

Fall 2020

Residency — Art Farm Nebraska

Summer 2019

Pushcart Prize Nominee — Dream Pop Press

Fall 2019

Semifinalist — Button Poetry Chapbook Contest

Summer 2018

First Place in Poetry — Ithaca College Writing Contest

Spring 2017

Second Place in Fiction — Lillie Robertson Prize

Summer 2016

Scholarship — Boldface Conference

Spring 2016

Second Place in Fiction — Ithaca College Writing Contest

Spring 2016

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Poetry Online — "[I Was Sick](#)"

Summer 2022

Small Orange Journal — "[What was your idea of tenderness when you were a child?](#)"

Spring 2021

Booth — "[I Star it Out](#)"

Winter 2021

Brooklyn Poets — "[No place but where god is](#)" + interview"

Fall 2020

Wax Nine Journal — "[I say alanis morrisette...](#)" & "[My Nonna Counts...](#)"

Summer 2020

ProLit — "[An item](#)"

Spring 2019

Dream Pop Journal — "[condition\(s\) \(reviewed\) by history](#):"

Winter 2018

Hobart — "[Treat,](#)" "[A REAL WOMAN](#)" & "[Who could have been god](#)"

Fall 2018

Tinderbox Poetry Journal — "[Ways of Saving](#)"

Summer 2018

Peach Mag — "[Lana del rey asks for space](#)"

Spring 2018

Juked — "[Seven Again](#)"

Winter 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Writing Center Tutor & Receptionist — University of Alabama TU, AL Fall 2022-Present

- Provides feedback on student essays, personal statements and more on grammar and stylistic concerns
- Greets writing center patrons upon arrival and assists with scheduling appointments

Teaching Artist — The Leadership Program NY, NY Fall 2018-Summer 2019

- Organized and instructed an afterschool newspaper club for highschool students
- Facilitated discussions and provided feedback on student articles and creative writing

Creative Writing Instructor — Writopia Lab NY, NY Summer 2018-2019

- Led writing games and exercises for children age 5-9 and provided feedback on writing
- Organized and instructed a poetry workshop for teens at the NYC Youth Poetry Festival

Teaching Apprentice — Ithaca College Ithaca, NY Fall 2017

- Developed discussion questions and writing exercises for a class on writing the personal essay
- Instructed several classes, formulated lesson plans and provided feedback on student writing

Teaching Assistant/Resident Advisor — Ithaca Writers Institute Ithaca, NY Summer 2017

- Helped develop lectures, assignments and exercises for poetry writing workshop
- Instructed elective on writing magical realism

Resident Volunteer — For His Children Orphanage Quito, EC Winter 2016-2017

- Played Writopia Lab literary games & with toddlers and transcribed their stories
- Wrote and illustrated children's book for orphanage

Teaching Intern — Writopia Lab NY, NY Summer 2016

- Provided feedback on children's creative writing pieces and helped writers submit work to magazines
- Supported and later instructed an elective on zine-making

EDITORIAL & WRITING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Editor — *Black Warrior Review* TU, AL Fall 2022-Present

- Reads through poetry submissions being considered for publication and attends all-staff meetings

Research Assistant — University of Alabama TU, AL Fall 2022

- Worked with Professor Elizabeth E. Taveres to map scansion of over eighty Shakespeare sonnets
- Recorded progress in Excel and uploaded sonnets to syllabits.as.ua.edu

Co-Founder & Editor — *A Velvet Giant* NY, NY Spring 2018-Present

- Selects pieces for publication and provides feedback on submissions
- Publicizes submission calls and featured pieces on social media

Editorial Assistant — Cambridge University Press NY, NY Summer 2019-2022

- Drafts and issues author contracts, prepares manuscripts and production forms, and issues payments
- Writes marketing material and solicits endorsements for books in economics and political science

Development & Marketing Intern — Poets & Writers NY, NY Spring 2019

- Wrote, edited, and conducted research for author bios, press releases, and grant proposals
- Represented P&W at events and collected contributions from donors at the annual gala

Student Writer — Ithaca College Office of Communications Ithaca, NY Summer-Fall 2017

- Wrote articles geared towards alumni for the Marketing Department at Ithaca College
- Attended events and interviewed alumni, faculty, and students for articles

Marketing Intern — Cornell University Press Ithaca, NY Spring 2017

- Wrote fact sheet and social media posts to promote new titles and attended weekly marketing meetings

Grant Writing Team Member — Split Oak Press Ithaca, NY Fall 2016

- Wrote grant proposal including a feasibility study, SWOT analysis, mock press release and more
- Assisted independent publishing company in achieving non-profit status

Lead Poetry Editor — *Stillwater Magazine* Ithaca, NY Fall 2015-2017

- Helped select poems for publication and arrange layout
- Scheduled and led meetings and conversations about submissions with editorial team