

Jasmine Sierra

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Personal Summary

Emerging poet who specializes in the use of experimental and contemporary poetry to explore the personal in existing as a marginalized person on multiple axes. Primary goal is to devote more of my time and energy to continue this exploration, and to keep tackling the many -isms (racism, sexism, ableism, etc.) that exist in our society.

Education

Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology & Creative Writing
QuestBridge Scholar, 3.4/4.0

Sept 2012 – May 2016

Work Experience

WRITING/ARTS

Winter Tangerine (WT), Reader –Remote

Apr 2016 – Jun 2016

- Internship program hosted by online magazine Winter Tangerine. Focus was devoted to helping staff with incoming submissions for the annual contest.
- Interns gave detailed feedback on a selected number of pieces on a weekly basis and voted for/against it being a part of WT. In addition, organizations and magazines were contacted to spread the word about WT's upcoming summer workshop.

Centre for Book Arts, Programs Intern – New York, NY

Sept 2015 – Dec 2015

- Assisted with organizing the winter 2016 class curriculum by contacting artists and setting up a schedule for potential classes. Set up the room and appropriate event for weekly events held in the shop. weekly events held in the shop via put out the chairs, any tech equipment, and the appetizers.
- Ran miscellaneous errands such as stocking the inventory for teachers' classes or general shop merchandise. Attended classes in introductory bookbinding and letterpress printing as a part of the Study Away program.

Wilder Voice, Contributor/Writer – Oberlin, OH

Various Times

- Collaborated with a peer editor to write an article for Wilder Voice, the semi-annual publication centered on creative non-fiction. Drafts were planned out in stages by the editing staff and was looked over on a weekly basis until layout week.
- Research was conducted on a topic of choice by studying the current literature and conducting interviews with students/staff.

GENERAL

Manpower, Caterer – Ann Arbor, MI,

Oct 2016 – Present

Events vary; rooms are prepared for guests as requested by the client. General set-up can include: beverages, dishware, and pre-prepared food. Fulfilment of the client's request requires cleaning up as well. Maintenance of the kitchen requires polishing silverware, organizing materials on the prep counter, and keeping inventory of foods in the cupboard/catering coolers.

Oberlin College, Event Coordinator –Oberlin, OH

Jun 2016 – Aug 2016

Coordinated the Bonner Center's Day of Service, a yearly event focused on community service and collaboration with organizations in the Oberlin area. Communicated with and registered interested students, gathered information from community partners for project ideas, and recruiting site leaders (returning students) who were eager to take on a leadership role and guide the incoming students during the actual event.

Oberlin College, Student Accessibility Advocate, Oberlin OH

Aug 2014 – May 2016

Mentored students who disclosed with the Office of Disability Services as needing accommodation; once paired with students, priority went to aiding them in finding relevant resources for managing their disabilities. Advocated for disability rights/disability justice by challenging the stigma around disclosing a disability and expanding existing accommodation.

Publications

BOOKS

Avoidant Personality

Projected 50 pages, Publisher TBA

In Progress

PARADOX

Chapbook, Self-published, 16 pages

2016

MAGAZINES & JOURNALS

Nepantla

on the seventh day

2016

Vagabond City

Call Her the Trauma Queen

WHEN I FIRST WENT TO THE OCEAN, I...

2015 - 2016

Winter Tangerine

SHE SAYS SHE AIN'T EVER SEEN...

Column, Survival Kit Series

2016

Wilder Voice

THE TRUTH OF IT IS

2015

InSolidarity

Growth, To the 'Other' Girl,

Failure to Indict," "Mermaid Tales

Break-Up Txts Parts 1 &

PULSE (5x)

2012 - 2016

Unrooted

Absent

2014

Blackberry Magazine

Ten Milligrams, Never Found (Online Only)

2013

Honors & Awards

Metcalf Award, Recipient

2016

Kaylani Magazine, Honorable Mention

2014

QuestBridge Recipient

2012

John. F. Oberlin Scholarship Recipient

2012