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Education

Hamilton College, Clinton, NY

Major: Literature *Minors:* History and Theatre

Sample Coursework: Creative Writing; Study of the Novel; Poetry and Poetics; Language and Sociolinguistics; Early Storytellers in World Lit; Myth and History in the Middle Ages; Shakespeare in Context; Acting Shakespeare; Theatricalism of the Avant-Garde; Women Writ Against the Grain; Performing Women; Women of the Enlightenment; Recent American History; Interpreting the American Environment

NYU Summer Publishing Institute, New York, NY

Summer 2018

Attended lectures led by leaders in both magazine and book publishing; worked within a group to create mock brands in both industries.

Awards: Magazine brand runner-up; Book imprint brand winner.

The University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

Summer 2017

Participated in the Pembroke-King's Programme; selected for Independent Supervision on Shakespeare; completed a thesis, "Letting Go and Running Free: Fathers and Daughters in Shakespeare's Tragedies and Comedies"

Additional Coursework: Jane Austen; Literary London: Defoe, Dickens, Doyle, Woolf, Bowen

Concord Academy, Concord, MA

Graduation May 2015

Sample Coursework: Journalism for Editors; US Oral History Research Seminar; Senior Project: "The Moth, a Storytelling Initiative"

Experience

Literature Department, Hamilton College

Spring 2018—Present

Research Assistant

- Read articles, books, and other works relating to a professor's book in progress
- Determine quality and relevance of sources
- Create annotated bibliographies to aid professor's research process

Special Collections in Burke Library, Hamilton College

Spring 2016—Present

Documentarian of Incunabula Collection

- Document marginalia and notable features of 15th century manuscripts
- Assist in preservation of antique volumes

SMART (Sexual Misconduct and Assault Reform Task-force), Hamilton College

Fall 2016 - Present

- Creator of SMART Talks, comprehensive, personalized seminars on sexual assault and prevention

Signature Style, a fashion and statement magazine, Hamilton College

Fall 2015—Present

Editor in Chief, previously Editorial Director and Contributing Writer

- Create theme and corresponding article ideas
- Construct a timeline for publication
- Appoint and assign all editors
- Assist editors with talent management
- Make final changes to magazine before sending to print

Red Weather, a literary magazine, Hamilton College

Fall 2015—Present

Prose Editor and Contributing Writer

- Review and determine prose pieces to publish with a fourteen-member board
- Write personalized letters of acceptance or rejection (with constructive criticism) to the authors

Routes Travel and Exploration Magazine, Hamilton College

Spring 2016—Spring 2017

Junior Executive Editor and Contributing Writer

- Select each semester's submissions
- Construct layout with InDesign
- Proofread for grammar and style

Conferences and Workshops

Grub Street, Boston, MA

Summer 2016

- Workshops: Journalistic Writing; Time Signature: Setting Time in Writing; and Writing with Woolf
- Worked with published authors; workshoped short pieces; published "Yellow/Red," a prose poem

Sewanee Young Writers' Conference, Sewanee, TN

Summer 2014

- Participated in the Fiction Workshop at the University of the South
- Attended readings and lectures by noted authors, including David Haskell (nonfiction) and Kevin Wilson (fiction)

Bread Loaf Young Writers' Conference, Middlebury College, VT

May 2014

- Developed skills in reading and writing short fiction, historical fiction, and creative non-fiction

Activities

Choir and College Hill Singers, Hamilton College

Fall 2015 - Present

- Member of College Hill Singers, a selective singing group

Theatre Productions, Hamilton College

Spring 2016 - Present

- Mendelssohn's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, every female character; *Hamlet*, Assistant Director; *Mr. Burns*, Edna Krabapple; *Pirates of Penzance*, chorus; *Dry Land*, Reba; *Sondheim on Sondheim*, Mary, Amy, and Rose

Skills

Computer: Microsoft Office, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop, HTML

Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Tumblr, Twitter

Languages: English and Spanish (working knowledge)