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Education

Master of Arts

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

English Literature

Toronto

2020 – 2021

Honours Bachelor of Arts with High Distinction

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Specialist in English Literature with Creative Writing Minor

Mississauga

2016 – 2020

Graduate Teaching Development Program

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Higher education teaching development program with successful completion of the course CILT100 and four workshops with the certification of Facilitating Remote Learning

Toronto

2020 - 2021

Work Experience

Editor and Curriculum Development Intern

SCHOLASTIC CANADA (EDUCATION DIVISION)

Assisting the Scholastic Canada education division editorial team. Responsibilities included:

- Curriculum Design: redesigning online educational resources and updating information for those resources
- Resource Assessment: assessing over 200 American educational resources to determine their validity for the Canadian market
- Copy and stylistic editing of children's stories and textbooks for English language learning, financial literacy, and mathematics

Markham

May 2021 - Jun 2021

Editor and Indexer (Research Assistant)

RYERSON UNIVERSITY & BANGOR UNIVERSITY

Editing and indexing *The Edinburgh Companion to Romanticism and the Arts*: a guide to British Romanticism and the visual arts.

Responsibilities included:

- Copy-editing chapter entries and essays
- Compiling chapter indexes and a general index

Toronto

May 2021 - Aug 2021

Editor and Text Encoder (Research Assistant)

PURDUE UNIVERSITY & RYERSON UNIVERSITY & UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

Editing archives and encoding short texts and novels for Purdue University's COVE (Central Online Victorian Educator).

Responsibilities included:

- Copy-editing archives of text for works by Dante Gabriel Rossetti
- Encoding short texts and novels in HTML, CSS, and WordPress

Toronto

Jan 2021 - Apr 2021

Teaching Assistant

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Facilitated learning among students for the introductory English course ENG110.

Responsibilities included:

- Leading weekly tutorials
- Facilitating discussion in tutorials
- Proctoring tests
- Grading tests and assignments
- Preparing course learning materials

Toronto

Sep 2020 - Dec 2020

Grading Assistant

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

- Assisting in the urgent grading of tests and assignments for ENG510: Gothic Horror for the Fall 2020 term

Toronto

Jan 2021

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Certifications

Certificate in Publishing

RYERSON UNIVERSITY • G RAYMOND CHANG SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Developing the skills and knowledge to work as an editor, content writer, and indexer within the publishing industry

Toronto

2020-2021

Facilitating Remote Learning

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Workshops pertaining to facilitating Zoom sessions, tutorials, and labs; moderating discussion forums; providing effective feedback; and equity and inclusion in remote teaching

Toronto

Nov 2020

Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) 150-Hour Certificate

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Specializations in teaching Korean and Mandarin speakers

Toronto

Apr 2019

LaTeX A-Z Simplified: Basic to Advanced Comprehensive Guide

UDEMY

Certificate for intermediate skills in LaTeX typesetting

Apr 2021

Responsive Web Design: Coding in HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript

UDEMY

Certificate for coding in HTML5, CSS3, and JavaScript

Jan 2021

French as a Second Language Certificate

MOUNT CARMEL SS

Certified for four years of advanced French

Mississauga

Jun 2016

Volunteer Experience

United Nations Editor for ASASS

UNITED NATIONS

Volunteering as an editor for *Association pour la Solidarité et l'Assistance Socio-Sanitaire* (ASASS), a non-profit registered in Burundi and with the United Nations Volunteering Organization

- Performing substantive, stylistic, and copy-edits for articles on a weekly basis
- Performing substantive, stylistic, and copy-edits for short stories on a weekly basis
- Approving pitches for articles and short stories on a weekly basis

Mar 2021 - May 2021

Associate Editor for *With Caffeine and Careful Thought*

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Performed structural, stylistic, and copy edits for fiction works

Mississauga

2019 - 2020

Associate Editor for *Mindwaves*

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Performed structural, stylistic, and copy edits for non-fiction works

Mississauga

2019 - 2020

Course Auditor

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Volunteer note-taking for students with educational needs

- ENG238 Fantasy Literature
- ENG203 British Literature in the World: Romantic to Contemporary
- ENG235 Comics and the Graphic Novel

Mississauga

2018 - 2019

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Publications

Textbook or eBook? How AI is Changing Higher Education

INKSPIRE

Aug 2020

[Article Link](#)

Building Empathy Through Fiction

INKSPIRE

Sep 2020

[Article Link](#)

Projects

Independent Research Project

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Toronto

2018 - 2019

Wrote a poetry collection of sestinas under the supervision of English faculty member Dr. Chester Norman Scoville

Awards

2020 **Ontario Graduate Fellowship**, Received scholarship valued at \$12,000

Government of
Ontario

2018-2020 **Dean's List Scholar**, Achieved a GPA exceeding 3.5 on a 4.0 scale

University of
Toronto

2016 **President's Entrance Scholarship**, Attained a 93.75% average upon high school graduation

University of
Toronto

Jun 2016 **English Award**, Best performance in Advanced Placement English

Mount Carmel SS

Skills

Communication: Leadership • Collaborative • Eloquent • Respectful

Commitment: Responsible • Reliable • Organized

Adaptable: Independent • Problem-solving • Versatile • Flexible

Languages: English • French • Korean • Latin

Microsoft Office: Word • PowerPoint • Excel

Software: Adobe Acrobat Reader • LaTeX • WordPress • Cindex 4 • HTML • CSS • JavaScript

Dropbox • Google Sheets • Google Docs

Publishing Courses

Certificate in Publishing

RYERSON UNIVERSITY • G RAYMOND CHANG SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Toronto

2020 - 2021

- CDPB100 Publishing Overview: Trade
- CDPB102 Copy and Stylistic Editing I
- CDPB200 Publishing Overview: Education
- CDPB202 Substantive and Stylistic Editing
- CDPB222 Copy and Stylistic Editing II
- CDPB300 Children's Classics in the 21st Century
- CDPB302 Government Reports
- CDPB304 Scholarly and Reference Publishing
- CDPB310 Proofreading for Books, Journals
- CDPB311 Indexing for Books, Journals, Reports
- CDPB314 Marketing Books for Children and Teens

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References

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SCHOLASTIC CANADA LTD. (EDUCATION DIVISION)

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Dr. Kamal Al-Solaylee

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

kamalsol@ryerson.ca - Associate professor, journalist, and author

Dr. Ruth Panofsky

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

panofsky@ryerson.ca - Associate professor and supervising professor for teaching assistant position

Dr. Chester Norman Scoville

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

chester.scoville@utoronto.ca - Associate professor and supervising professor for independent creative project

Accessibility Services

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Reference letter available upon request