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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)

Assisted the Scholastic Canada education division editorial team.

- **Curriculum Design:** redesigned online educational resources and updated information for those resources using Learning Management Systems (LMS)
- **Resource Assessment:** assessed over 200 American educational resources to determine their validity for the Canadian market
- **Copy and Stylistic Editing:** edited 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

Edited and indexed *The Edinburgh Companion to Romanticism and the Arts*: an anthology of British Romanticism and the visual arts.

- **Copy-editing:** edited chapters and bibliographies to meet Edinburgh University Press and Chicago style standards
- **Indexing:** self-directed the creation of the chapter and general indexes as the sole indexer for the project, following Edinburgh University Press style standards

Toronto

May 2021 - Aug 2021

Editor and Text Encoder (Research Assistant)

PURDUE UNIVERSITY & RYERSON UNIVERSITY & UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

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

- **Copy-editing:** edited an online archive of texts and bibliographies for republication
- **Encoding:** converted short texts and novels into HTML, CSS, and WordPress

Toronto

Jan 2021 - Apr 2021

Teaching Assistant

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Facilitated learning among students for the introductory English course ENG110.

- Lead weekly tutorials and facilitated discussion in tutorials
- Proctored tests
- Graded tests, essays, and assignments via Ryerson's LMS
- Prepared course learning materials for tutorials and Ryerson's LMS

Toronto

Sep 2020 - Dec 2020

Grading Assistant

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

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

- Graded tests and podcasts on Ryerson's LMS

Toronto

Jan 2021

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Certifications

Certificate in Publishing

RYERSON UNIVERSITY • G RAYMOND CHANG SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Developed the skills and knowledge to work as an editor, proofreader, and indexer within the publishing industry

Toronto

2020-2021

Facilitating Remote Learning

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Workshops pertained 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

July 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

Mar 2021 - May 2021

Volunteered 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.

- **Editing:** performed substantive, stylistic, and copy-edits for articles and short stories that promoted social issues in Africa while maintaining authors' original vision
- **Leadership:** worked as a part of a leadership team of editors to organize the submission, editing, and publication of articles and short stories
- **Issuing Approvals:** approved and structured over 100 pitches for articles and short stories that improved reader comprehension

Associate Editor for *With Caffeine and Careful Thought*

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Worked closely with an author to perform structural, stylistic, and copy edits for a work of fiction following the journal's style standards

Mississauga

2019 - 2020

Associate Editor for *Mindwaves*

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Worked closely with two authors to perform structural, stylistic, and copy edits for a set of non-fiction works following the journal's style standards

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

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Building Empathy Through Fiction

INKSPIRE

Sep 2020

[Article Link](#)

Brandi Bird, I Am Still Too Much: “Post-Contact”

MEDIUM

Oct 2020

[Article Link](#)

The Indigenous Parasite: How Settler-Colonialism Dehumanizes Indigeneity

MEDIUM

Nov 2020

[Article Link](#)

Storying the Indigenous Experience

MEDIUM

Dec 2020

[Article Link](#)

The New Woman and The Yellow Book: Commercializing The Female Body

MODERNITY AND THE VISUAL (RYERSON UNIVERSITY)

Dec 2020

[Article Link](#)

The Plastic We Wear

INKSPIRE

Aug 2021

[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

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Skills

Communication: Leadership • Collaborative • Eloquent • Respectful

Commitment: Responsible • Reliable • Organized

Adaptable: Independent • Problem-solving • Versatile • Flexible

Languages: English • Korean • French • Latin

Microsoft Office: Word • PowerPoint • Excel • Outlook email

Software: Adobe Acrobat Reader • LaTeX • WordPress • Cindex 4 • HTML • CSS • JavaScript
Learning Management System (LMS) 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

References

Molly Falconer

SCHOLASTIC CANADA LTD. (EDUCATION DIVISION)

mfalconer@scholastic.ca - Director of Publishing for the Scholastic education division and internship supervisor

Dr. Sophie Thomas

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

sophie.thomas@ryerson.ca - Associate professor, author of Edinburgh Companion, and supervisor for research position with Edinburgh Companion

Dr. Ruth Panofsky

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

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

Dr. Kamal Al-Solaylee

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

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

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