
Objective

To develop my craft as a writer and educator through the MFA in Creative Writing program at Columbia, leveraging its distinguished faculty and vibrant creative community to complete my first novel and refine my teaching approach.

Publications

Print

- Colorado's Emerging Writers Series: "I Didn't Know a Counter Could Melt Like That"
- University of Colorado Honors Journal: "Fireworks"
- University of Colorado Walkabout Creative Arts Journal: "Things Change Fast"

Online

- Short Beasts: "B."
- Cultured Vultures: "The Origins of Roberto Blanco"
- Flatirons Literary Review: "Bob Dylan's Beard"
- Synchronized Chaos: "Shanghai"

Literary Journal

A Thousand and One Stories

2014-2018. Archived at thousandonestories.wordpress.com

- Founded an international storytelling platform, publishing over 100 stories from writers worldwide and showcasing diverse voices.
- Designed and created a site using WordPress, HTML, CSS, and PHP.
- Published over 100 stories from writers around the world.

Workshop Experience

Mile High Writers' Workshop

2022-present

- Attended a weekly fiction workshop community to improve writing through critique.
- Revised, restructured, and polished stories through multiple revisions and expert critiques.
- Critiqued others' work, building a robust set of skills in different genres and styles.

Lighthouse Workshop

Spring 2024

- Completed an 8-week workshop focused on advanced fiction revision through multiple iterations.
- Worked with an expert advisor and committed students to polish dialogue, pacing, and narrative arc.

The STEAD School

September 2021-present. Commerce City, Colorado.

Founding teacher at STEAD Charter High School (Science, Technology, Environment, Agriculture and Design).

Creative Writing Teacher

- Designed and taught curriculum for a creative writing class over three years.
- Guided students in crafting short stories, poetry, and film scripts while fostering their unique voices.
- Mentored students in crafting compelling narratives, fostering critical thinking and creativity.

Engineering Program Lead

- Created and headed up the engineering program, teaching students various engineering disciplines.
- Used project based learning to create high impact, high engagement curriculum for students of all levels.

Other Roles

- Taught English, AP Computer Science, and Math.
- Led an advisory class focused on social-emotional learning.

Other Teaching Experience

English Teacher at Suzhou Foreign Language School

August 2015 - July 2016. Suzhou, China.

- Full time position in an international high school teaching English for Academic Purposes and College Writing.
 - Led curriculum development and taught reading and writing skills to prepare students for Western universities.
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Education

Colorado State University

Master's in Education. Fort Collins, Colorado. Spring 2020-Summer 2021

- Studied education in the CSU's M.Ed. plus Teacher Licensure program.
- Earned a 4.0 GPA on undergraduate prerequisite and master's classes.

University of Colorado

Bachelor's in English. Fall 2009-Spring 2014. Boulder, Colorado.

- Studied English with a focus in Creative Writing.
- Minored in Electrical Engineering.
- 3.6 GPA.

Xi'an Jiaotong University

Spring 2012. Shaanxi, China

Completed a one semester Chinese language course, learning speaking, reading, and writing to an intermediate level.

Research Experience

NapoNet

Loreto, Peru, 2012

- Worked as a Spanish-English translator for a project bringing educational technology to regions of the Peruvian rainforest.
- Earned Undergraduate Research Opportunities Grant and National Science Foundation Grant.

Electrical/Power Systems Engineer at Colorado Space Grant

Boulder, CO, 2010-2012

Worked on the power system of a satellite with the goal of characterizing the atmosphere at Low Earth Orbit.

Other Work Experience

Web developer at In-Situ

October 2016-May 2017 Fort Collins, Colorado.

Worked on a team to engineer a web application to aggregate water quality data.

Firmware Engineer at Netapp

August 2014 - July 2015

- Worked in C++ on a cloud backup solution for Netapp's large storage systems.
 - Work on a small, efficient Agile team within the complex environment of a large organization, gaining valuable communication and leadership experience.
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Volunteer Experience

Volunteer at Immigrant & Refugee Center of Northern Colorado

August-December 2018. Greeley, Colorado.

Worked in a classroom teaching English reading, writing, and speaking skills to primarily Somali refugees and immigrants.

Languages

Intermediate in Spanish and Chinese

- Took intensive Chinese courses and lived in China for 18 months.
- Scored a 7 on the International Baccalaureate Spanish test.