

# SAM DUFFY (THEY/THEM)

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## EDUCATION

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### **BS, English**

UC Berkeley, May 2024

Thesis: “Polishing the Tarnished: Narrative Evolution From One Hundred Years of Solitude to Oscar Wao”

GPA: 4.0/4.0

### **ADT, English**

Gavilan College, May 2022

GPA: 3.98/4.0

## RESIDENCY-SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE

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### **Lavender Corazón Press**, Founder and Artist

May 2025 to Present

Albany, CA

- Co-founded press with aim of increasing community involvement in letterpress artistry.
- Currently establishing press and preparing to move to a semi-public context.

### **The CODEX Foundation**, Real Lead “Salooner”

July 2024 to Present

Berkeley, CA

- Produced *Eddie’s Club*, a poetry chapbook in community with other book artists and fine press printers.
- Conceptualizes, typesets, prints, and binds according to project needs.

### **The CODEX Foundation**, Intern

Aug 2023 to May 2024

Berkeley, CA

- Studied letterpress machinery and typesetting skills.
- Wrote, created, and printed a poetry chapbook, intertwining literary expression with printing.
- Contributed to the biannual CODEX Book Fair, both printing materials and participating in the event itself.

## SKILLS

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**Letterpress:** Vandercook Cylinder Presses, type composition, printing

**Illustration:** Woodcut engraving, copperplate etching

**Software:** InDesign, Illustrator

## LANGUAGES

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**English:** Native Language

**Spanish:** Intermediate Reader, Novice Speaker and Writer

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Gavilan College, Program Services Specialist**  
Gilroy, CA

Aug 2024 to Present

- Provides program support services to students in specialized college programs.
- Supervises and mentors 30+ students, peer tutors, and staff, providing trainings for professional development and performance evaluations.
- Established a new program data collection system, reducing the time needed to collect student information and streamlining the analysis of program data, allowing a quickened means of addressing changes in student needs.
- Advocates for further opportunities for students; current work surrounds adding positions for undocu-students through the use of fellowships, something new to Gavilan College.
- Responsible for program budget management and use, informed by student and programs needs.

**Gavilan College, Instructional Program Specialist**  
Gilroy, CA

Jan 2022 to Aug 2023

- Supervised and mentored 30+ tutors, enhancing skills through personalized coaching.
- Scheduled tutor availability across multiple campuses and programs utilizing WC Online, ensuring schedules met both student and program needs.
- Managed the hiring, onboarding, and weekly training for fall 2022 recruitment, recruiting a diverse team of 20+ tutors and developing writing and equity skills.
- Created promotional materials, boosting Writing Center visibility and engagement.

**Gavilan College, Peer Tutor**  
Gilroy, CA

Aug 2020 to Dec 2022

- Provided one-on-one writing and research support through both face-to-face and online modalities, enhancing student access and skills.
- Collaborated with instructors and staff to develop personalized success plans, promoting academic achievement and literacy development.
- Fostered a welcoming learning environment for diverse student populations while maintaining confidentiality and adhering to institutional policies.

## LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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**Gavilan College, UndocuAlly Certification**  
Gilroy, CA

Oct 2024

- Training in supporting undocumented students

**College, Gavilan Literary Society Staff Advisor**  
Berkeley, CA

Sep 2024 to Present

- Leads strategic development of literary programs.
- Fosters student engagement in writing and critical thinking.

**Bowles Hall, Low-Income @ Bowles Co-Lead** Feb 2023 to May 2024  
Berkeley, CA

- Co-founded group and secured funding for events, managing budget proposals.
- Spearheaded initiatives to increase the visibility of disadvantaged students.

**Gilroy Library, Workshop Facilitator** Jan 2024  
Gilroy, CA

- Led and instructed an interactive zine-making workshop for LGBTQ+ youth.
- Empowered participants to share their unique perspectives through artwork.

**Bowles Hall, Queer Affinity Group Co-Lead** Oct 2022 to May 2024  
Berkeley, CA

- Co-founded group and secured funding for events, managing budget proposals.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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<b>Highest Distinction in General Scholarship, UC Berkeley</b>	2024
<b>Highest Honors in the Major, UC Berkeley</b>	2024
<b>Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, UC Berkeley</b>	2024
<b>Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley</b>	2023
<b>Michael Moore Scholarship, UC Berkeley</b>	2023
<b>Esther Costales Forman Memorial Scholarship, Gavilan College</b>	2022
<b>The John Baker Scholarship, Gavilan College</b>	2022