

BLU GANTCHER

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EDUCATION

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

Major in Creative writing

Lewisburg, PA
Expected 2026

- GPA: 3.65/4.0

YALE WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Summer 2025

- Completed a one week workshopping intensive featuring 1:1 sessions with professional writers and Yale professors, meetings with literary magazine editors, and daily readings
- Workshopped and edited peer writing to produce publishable draft

NYU ARTHUR L. CARTER JOURNALISM INSTITUTE

Summer 2025

- Completed one month program comprising two intensive courses, equivalent to half of an NYU semester workload
- Writing The Op-Ed: Engaged in weekly workshops, readings and wrote a collection of personal essays
- Food Writing and Reporting: Attended weekly talks by journalists and Food Content Creators, edited peer writing, reported on various restaurants and food trends in the NYC area, and created a personal Substack

NYU SUMMER WRITERS WORKSHOP

Summer 2024

- Participated in a one month long fiction writing intensive and attended weekly readings by poets, journalists and editors
- Workshopped peers' pieces and submitted culminating collection of writing

WORK EXPERIENCE

WEST BRANCH EDITING INTERNSHIP

Expected Spring 2026

- Reviewed and evaluated literary submissions, providing detailed editorial feedback
- Coordinated with editorial team members and interns to review submissions, provide constructive feedback, and finalize publication selections

WEST BRANCH LITERARY JOURNALISM INTERNSHIP

Expected Spring 2026

- Explored fundamentals of literary book reviewing and interviewing under guidance of Andrew Ciotola, West Branch managing and book review editor

BUCKNELL FARM

Fall 2024 - Present

- Harvested produce and trained volunteers in planting, harvesting, and sustainable agriculture practices. Led farm tours for visitors and school groups, and contributed to the planning and maintenance of a large vegetable garden.

CAMP RAMAH NYACK

Summer 2021-2024

- Counselor for a group of nineteen four- and five-year-old children for eight weeks, eight hours per day.
- Participated in Ramah Jewish leadership seminar, attending 6 hours per week of discussions and lectures.
- Dining room server two hours per day for 200 residential staff members.

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Creative Writing Club

Fall 2022 - Present

- Participate in weekly free writing and workshop meetings, present writing at weekly readings, attend conferences such as AWP (Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference)

Film Club

Fall 2022 - Present

- Attend weekly screenings, actively participates in the Campus theatre, write and share reviews with other members

Chi Omega

Fall 2023 - Present

- Helps raise money for Make-A-Wish foundation, attend weekly function and set up Greek life events by decorating event spaces and preparing activities for new members

SKILLS & INTERESTS

- **Skills:** Creative Writing Analysis, Literary Magazine Publishing, Editing, Community Building, Literary Book Reviewing, Journalistic Interviewing, Organic Farming, Interpersonal Skills
- **Interests:** Film, Reading, Rock climbing, Theater, Hiking, Dance and Pottery