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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin

Expected May 2024

B.A., Philosophy and History, Philosophy GPA: 4.0, Upper Division GPA: 4.0

- Departmental Honors in Philosophy; thesis under Dr. Robbie Kubala on Marcel Proust (Fall 2023- Spring 2024).
- University of Bristol, UK (2022): Study Abroad Philosophy course: Arts, Activism, and Social Justice, Dr. Joanna Burch-Brown.

RELEVANT AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- *The Ronald Schuchard Undergraduate Archival Research Prize, Semi-Finalist (2023)*
- *Phi Alpha Theta (2022)*
- *Undergraduate Fellowship - Summer Honors Symposium - Civitas Institute (Summer 2023)*

EXPERIENCE

AVAnnotate, Austin, Texas

May 2023 – Present

Undergraduate Research Assistant

- Researching for AVAnnotate: a Mellon grant-funded workflow and web-app, created by Dr. Tanya Clement and developed by Brumfield Labs, for curating and sharing annotations of audiovisual collections held at libraries, archives, and museums; the project is within the Humanities Institute at the University of Texas at Austin.
- Working under a postdoctoral fellow to analyze the use of the workflow which included learning HTML, Github, Github Pages, CSS, Audacity, and other open-source programs.

Harry Ransom Center, Austin, Texas

Jan. 2023 – Present

Docent

- Undergoing training for the exhibitions that are ongoing at the Harry Ransom Center, a humanities and art research center and library-archive-museum, and providing public and private tours to up to 20 people.
- Engaging in thematic analysis of the different exhibitions and constructing independent research including work on film production art.

Initiative for Digital Humanities, Austin, Texas

Jan. 2023 – May 2023

Intern

- Researching under a postdoctoral student on a project, *Radio Venceremos*, and using HTML and Github to upkeep the digital project about radio broadcasts in El Salvador during the Salvadoran Civil War.
- Creating an independent project on the philosophy of digital authenticity and Adaptation Theory using film, poetry recordings, music, and recordings of literature.

BB.Q Chicken, Highland Village, Austin, Texas

Aug. 2021 – Present

Server

- Serving food and taking orders at a Korean fried-chicken restaurant, and was part of the training team for new employees.
- Introducing myself to a schedule, working hours, customer service; all in order to help put myself through college.

Julie Oliver for House of Representatives, Austin, Texas

Jan. 2020 – Dec. 2020

Student Mobilization Fellow

- Volunteered for Julie Oliver and her campaign for Congress in the 35th Congressional District.
- Canvassed, worked phone-banks, and pitched ideas for organizing University of Texas students to vote.

PRESENTATIONS & TALKS

- "The Crisis of Digital Art's Essence," Day of Digital Humanities Lightning Talks. Austin, TX. April 2023.
- "Contradiction and Overdetermination," 4th Annual UTD Undergraduate Philosophy Conference. Arlington, TX. April 2023.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

TX Votes

Aug. 2020 – Present

Secretary (2020-2022), Events Committee Chair (2022-2023)

- Creating and planning events for meetings, socials, and professional or academic events regarding non-partisan civic engagement.
- TX Votes is a non-partisan, non-advocacy student organization at the University of Texas that encourages students and faculty to vote on local, state, and national elections.

Texas Students for Digital Humanities

Aug. 2022 – Present

Secretary

- Providing workshops on topics that concern the digital humanities including introductions to GIS, Python, R-Studio, and GitHub.
- An organization of all disciplines in the humanities at the University of Texas and encourages the development of technical skills like coding and open-source programs to improve their research.

Divine Peminines

Dec. 2022 – Present

Member

- A philosophy organization on campus that emphasizes as a safe space for women and people in the LGBTQ+ community.
- Weekly discussions about hardships and mental health and sharing experiences as we navigate the discipline of philosophy.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

- **Skills:** HTML, Audacity: an audio and recording software, and I am a registered Volunteer Deputy Registrar in Travis County.
- **Interests:** Sci-fi films, circles, Adele, Sir Edward Elgar, aesthetics, digital humanities, causality, political and social philosophy, *circles*, Tennessee Williams, Marcel Proust, Memory, Gilles Deleuze, Marxism, philosophy of film, and philosophy of literature.