

# SOPHIA COLBY

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## EDUCATION

### OBERLIN COLLEGE

Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing and Cinema Studies

GPA: 4.1

Honors: Stuart Friebert & Diane Vreuls Prize for Excellence in Creative Writing (2024), Phi Beta Kappa (2023), Emily Couric Leadership Scholarship Nominee (2020)

Oberlin, OH

May 2024

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### OBERLIN MULTIFAITH CHAPLAINCY & SUSTAINED DIALOGUE

*Multifaith Chaplaincy & Sustained Dialogue Coordinator*

Oberlin, OH

August 2025 – Present

- Represent a confidential multifaith spiritual support resource, connecting religiously diverse students to the chaplain and responding to community bereavement
- Assist chaplain with creation of religiously pluralistic initiatives like the Multifaith Faculty Advisory, the forthcoming Multifaith Scholars Program, and the Multifaith Baccalaureate Ceremony
- Plan and promote signature programmatic activities by recruiting participants, reserving venues, liaising with sponsors, participants, and staff, and advertising events through digital and print media
- Act as a dialogue host, modeling principles of hospitality to 7 student dialogue groups per week
- Use Constant Contact to create weekly Oberlin multifaith community newsletter for 8,000 recipients
- Interview, train, and oversee team of 4 office interns

### OBERLIN COLLEGE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

*Admissions Counselor*

Oberlin, OH

August 2024 – August 2025

- Collaborated with supervisors to plan and execute visit programming for over 5,000 prospective students per year, including panels, meals, accommodations, meetings, and specialized tours
- Created speciality tour and information session programming for prospective students interested in the creative arts
- Presented informative and engaging college information sessions to groups of 1 to 50 visitors
- Served as a primary point of contact for inquiries by assisting with the admissions email account and answering the main Oberlin College phone line
- Read and evaluated 1,000+ college applications, presenting applicants to the admissions committee
- Planned and executed independent travel in 7 different states for 8 weeks per year to recruit students

### OBERLIN COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF CREATIVE WRITING

*Intro to Fiction Teaching Assistant*

Oberlin, OH

February 2024 – May 2024

- Organized and led weekly creative writing workshops for 6 participants in prose short fiction

### OBERLIN CONSERVATORY DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY IN MUSIC AND RELATED ARTS

*Crafting Sound Lab Research Assistant*

Oberlin, OH

August 2022 – May 2023

- Researched, interviewed, recorded, and edited for 3 oral histories per semester of women working at the intersection of technology and sonic arts, and maintained an archival website containing over 16 oral histories
- Designed and facilitated workshops for 20 participants per year, uniting the local senior and English learning communities through creative technology projects shared through digital media and physical installations

### INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE

*English for Speakers of Other Languages Teaching Assistant*

Charlottesville, VA

June 2022 – August 2022

- Facilitated 20 recently arrived refugees' language learning through one-on-one and small group practice sessions

## SKILLS

**Creative:** writing workshop facilitation (Liz Lerman's Critical Response Process), music performance (piano, voice), music transcription and arrangement (Sibelius, MuseScore), audio production (DAWs such as Logic Pro, Reaper), visual content creation (digital photography, design using Canva), web design and development (HTML, CSS, Drupal CMS)

**Other:** public speaking, basic object-oriented programming (Java, Python), event planning and promotion, cultural sensitivity, dialogue facilitation (Barefoot Dialogue methodology), Microsoft Suite, G Suite

**Languages:** Advanced Spanish