

# Patch McCurry

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**Poet, Philosopher, Author**

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Kenilworth Park District • Kenilworth, Illinois • 05/2025 – 08/2025**

**Lifeguard**

Seasonal Lifeguard Position

## EDUCATION

**in Philosophy**

Columbia University • New York City, NY • 08/2025 – Present

Loyola Academy • Wilmette • 08/2021 – Present

## CERTIFICATIONS

**Member**

American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT)

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

**Bellarmino Scholar**

Loyola Academy

**Commended National Merit Scholar**

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

**Illinois State Scholar**

Illinois Student Assistance Commission

**AP Scholar With Distinction**

College Board

**National Latin Exam Certificate Recipient (Grades: 9, 10, 11)**

American Classical League

**National Honors Society**

**Member**

John Jay Society

## PROJECTS

**The White Board • 06/2024 – Present**

<https://www.the-white-board.org>

Online Literary Journal

Editor-in-Chief, Founding Editor

Accepting fiction, flash fiction, and poetry

Advertising and circulation in preparation for February 2025 premiere

3 Hours/Week, Currently 10 weeks in

### **The White Board Channel • 06/2024 – Present**

Including quotations, poetry, and unscripted talks. Focused on making philosophical ideas and complex topics accessible and engaging to wide audience

5 Hours/Week, 15 Weeks/Year

<https://www.instagram.com/thewhiteboard/>

<https://www.youtube.com/@thewhiteboard-li9yn/shorts>

### **AP Scores**

College Board

AP Biology: 5 (2024)

AP Calculus BC: 5 (2024)

AP Literature and Composition: 5 (2024)

AP Microeconomics: 5 (2024)

AP Macroeconomics: 5 (2024)

AP Statistics: 4 (2023)

AP United States History: 4 (2023)

AP Human Geography: 5 (2022)

In Progress: AP Chemistry, AP Language and Composition

## **VOLUNTEERING & LEADERSHIP**

### **Forest Preserve of Cook County • 11/2024 – Present**

Community Scientist and Volunteer • Illinois

Fieldwork identifying invasive species, planting seeds, and ecological restoration in local preserves, blending scientific inquiry with stewardship

3 Hours/Week, 8 Weeks/Year (2 Years)

### **Catholic Charities • 09/2023 – 11/2025**

Volunteer • Highland Park, Illinois

Preparing and serving food for homeless and disadvantaged

2 Hours/Week, 9 Weeks/Year

### **Our Place of New Trier • 01/2023 – 03/2025**

Volunteer • Wilmette, Illinois

Assisting in community activities for those with intellectual disabilities

2 Hours/Week, 9 Weeks/Year

### **Loyola Academy Philosophy Club**

President • Wilmette, Illinois

Researched, chose, and communicated philosophical topics for discussion, mediated conversation and matters such as fundraising and attendance

3 Hours/Week, 36 Weeks/Year

### **Business Club**

Co-President • Wilmette, Illinois

Lead exploration of various economic concepts and fields of work in different industries, introduced topics and reached out for industry interviews.

2 Hours/Week, 36 Weeks/Year

### **Volleyball (Club/Beach/School)**

Co-Captain

School: Junior Varsity Co-Captain, assisted in teaching fundamentals to teammates, maintaining team cohesion, and monitoring rotations and positions in-game (10 Hours/Week, 12 Weeks/Year)

Club: Floor Captain, managing team and referee communication during match and tournament play (10 hours/week, 28 Weeks/Year)

Beach: 16U Beach Volleyball Junior Nationals Qualifier (5 Hours/Week, 12 Weeks/Year)

### **AP Latin Scholar**

Studied classics poetry, history, mythology, and grammar.

3x National Latin Exam Certificate (9, 10, 11), National Latin Honors Society (11, 12).

5 Hours/Week, 40 Weeks/Year

### **Guitarist**

Self-taught guitarist, played in a collaborative musical effort with friends, student in school's guitar class.

6 Hours/Week, 50 Weeks/Year

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Determine • 12/2024**

Maudlin House

Fiction Piece

"Determine" is an abstract mini-epic detailing the journey of a troubled one through the manifested implications of determinism.

<https://maudlinhouse.net/determine/>

### **Projections • 12/2024**

Kindle Direct Publishing

Book, Poetry Collection

Imaginative and narrative poems detailing stories, places, and experiences separated from reality. <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0DRXR9NSV>

## **SKILLS**

Abstract Imagery, Extrapolation from Objects, Imaginative Writing, Meter, Rhythm