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EDUCATION

- Master of Arts in English Literature, May 2017 (*In Progress*)

The University of Akron

Akron, Ohio

Thesis Title: The Punk Rock Brontës

Thesis Committee: Dr. Heather Braun, Dr. Hillary Nunn, Dr. Joseph Ceccio

GPA: 3.78

Classes Completed: *Literary Criticism, Contemporary Gothic Women Writers, The Doppelgänger, Psychological Novel, Herman Melville, Chaucer, The Brontës,*

- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, December 2012

Minors in Biomedical Ethics, and Philosophy of Science and Religion

The University of Akron

Akron, Ohio

GPA: 3.07

TEACHING and EXPERIENCE

- Writing Tutor January 2016 - August 2016

Bierce Library, The University of Akron

- Engaged with students one on one and helped them develop ideas about their draft.
- Gave insight into proper grammatical structures and addressed specific composition problems.

- Composition Instructor August 2016 - December 2016

Department of English, The University of Akron

- Sole instructor for one section per semester of English Composition I.
- Provided students with instructions, guidance, and feedback on how to properly write a college-level research paper (emphasizing clarity of argument, proper formatting, proper grammar, and source incorporation).
- Exposed students to a variety of literary sources, to which they were expected to write a response – class readings focused on themes of diversity/inclusion, current events, morality in a digital world, and dialectical engagement.

CONFERENCES

- "Sexual Violence within *A Streetcar Named Desire*: The Rise and Fall of Blanche Dubois," *The University of Akron's Student Innovation Symposium*. The University of Akron. Akron, Ohio. April 9, 2015.
- "Captain Ahab and Humbert Humbert: The Obsessive Life," *The Society of Akron Graduate English Scholars' Fourth Annual Interdisciplinary Conference: Hysteria*. Akron, Ohio. April 28, 2016.

RESEARCH

Six Degrees of Francis Bacon, 2015

- Worked with a group of graduate students and helped link individuals from the 18th century to Francis Bacon.

Early Modern Recipe Collective, October 2015

- Joined fellow graduate students in transcribing Rebecca Winche's Elizabethan Cookbook into a digital form.

Early Modern Recipe Collective, 2016

- Joined fellow graduate students in transcribing a cookbook of unknown origins from approximately the late 1700s into digital form.