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## **Education**

Ph.D., English, The University of Texas at Austin, Dec. 2024  
M.A., English, The University of Illinois at Chicago, May 2017  
B.A., Humanities, Shimer College, May 2010

## **Professional Experience**

2010-2025 *Freelance Writer and Editor*

- Provide writing, research, and editing assistance to clients in academia, journalism, and the tech and nonprofit sectors.

2021-2023 *Assistant Instructor; UT Austin*

- Designed and taught lower-level research and writing courses for the English and Rhetoric and Writing departments.

2021-2022 *Coordinator; Environmental Humanities @ UT, UT Austin*

- Organized online and on-campus talks and readings by Marisol Cortez, Zakiyyah Iman Jackson, and Ed Roberson.

2020-2023 *Proxy Researcher; Harry Ransom Center; UT Austin*

- Provided archival research assistance to researchers in the humanities and social sciences.

2014-2019 *Instructor and Tutor; City Colleges of Chicago and One Million Degrees, Chicago, IL*

- Taught introductory composition and remedial English courses; tutored English, math, and other subjects as needed across City Colleges' campuses.

2015-2017 *Web Content Manager; University of Illinois at Chicago*

- Managed all web content for business.uic.edu.

2011-2014 *Program Coordinator and Public Relations Assistant, Chicago Symphony Orchestra*

- Coordinated free chamber concerts at community sites across Chicago; wrote and edited a range of internal and external communications.

2006-2010 *Clerk, Newleaf Grocery, Chicago, IL*

- Provided customer service at small neighborhood grocer.

## **Volunteer Experience**

2007-2011 Tutor, North Suburban Area Project, Evanston, IL; Marjorie Kovler Center, Chicago, IL

## **Languages**

Spanish (reading, writing, and some speaking proficiency); French (reading proficiency)