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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fiction and Poetry Editor | Texas State Publications | San Marcos, Texas

January 2025 – May 2026

- Evaluated 200+ fiction, poetry, and non-fiction submissions for publication based on editorial standards, literary merit, and publication guidelines.
- Provided detailed editorial feedback on plot structure, characterization, pacing, and narrative development.
- Authored book reviews and field notes for *Southwestern American Literature*, *Texas Books in Review*, and *Porter House Review*.

Independent Book Editor | Self-employed | San Marcos, Texas

May 2022 - Present

- Delivered developmental editing services to authors H.J. Nelson, Bree Wilde, and Peter J. Garcia to strengthen narrative structure, plot development, pacing, and thematic consistency.
- Conducted line editing and copy-editing on literary works to improve grammar, style, readability, and voice while preserving author intent.
- Managed multiple client projects to meet deadlines with manuscript preparation, formatting corrections, and publication readiness.

Substitute Teacher | China Spring ISD and San Marcos CISD | Waco, Texas and San Marcos, Texas

January 2024 – May 2026

- Implemented lesson plans adapting to advanced educational settings from behavior students, special needs, and grades fifth through twelfth.
- Demonstrated flexibility and problem-solving skills by quickly adapting to new subjects, grade levels, and school procedures while maintaining and delivering instructional support, training, facilitation, and conflict resolution.

RESEARCH

Area Exam | Non-thesis | Texas State

Spring 2026

- Designed and developed a comprehensive graduate level reading list to demonstrate advanced research, critical thinking, and literary interpretation in an in-depth advanced essay focused on Medieval Literature.

Field Note | Porter House Review

Spring 2026

- Published a field note examining *The Sunflower* by Simon Wiesenthal analyzing the impact of narrative structure, historical context, ethical themes, and literary significance on readership.

Research Paper | Chaucer's Use of Ovid

Spring 2025

- Conducted original literary research examining the influence of Ovid's *Metamorphosis* on Chaucer's *Troilus and Criseyde* by thematic parallels, narrative structures, and literary adaptations across classical and medieval texts.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in English Literature | GPA: 4.0

May 2026

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY | San Marcos, Texas

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature | GPA: 3.952

December 2023

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS | Denton, Texas

- **Minor:** History

CORE COMPETENCIES

Editing and Publication- Line Editing, Copy Editing, Microsoft Word Track Changes, Editorial Review, Manuscript Evaluation, Publication Selection

Research and Literary Analysis- JSTOR, EBSCO, Google Scholar, Source Evaluation, Literary Criticism, Comparative Literature, and Textual Analysis

Writing and Content Development- Academic Writing, Professional Writing, Technical Writing, Critical Analysis, and Creative Writing

RECOGNITIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Substitute Teacher Certification
- University of North Texas President's List
- Medieval and Renaissance Studies
- Jewish and Israel Studies