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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Expected 2028
PhD in English

Washington and Lee University 2023
BA in English, *summa cum laude*
Valedictorian
Honors Thesis: “Obeah Women, Mediums, and Witches: Spirituality in the Colonial and Postcolonial Gothic.” Advisor: Taylor Walle

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Teaching Fellowship: Department of English and Comparative Literature 2024 – Present
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Travel Grant 2024
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Department Service Fellowship: Digital Literacy and Communications Lab 2023 – 2024
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Sidney M. B. Coulling Prize for Best Senior Work in English Literature 2023
Washington and Lee University

Catherine Houston Campbell Scholarship in English Literature 2022
Washington and Lee University

Jean Amory Wornom Award for Distinguished Critical Writing 2022
Washington and Lee University

Sidney M. B. Coulling Prize in English Literature 2020
Washington and Lee University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Genre and Sympathy in Aphra Behn’s *Oroonoko*”
Southeastern Renaissance Conference, September 2024

INVITED TALKS

“‘Some foreknowledge of the country’: Travel Writing as Colonial Discourse in Bram Stoker’s *Dracula*”
English and Comparative Literature Graduate Lecture Series, UNC-Chapel Hill, October 2024

Southern Gothic Panel, MidMountain Retreat: “Reclaiming Appalachian Murder Ballads”
Glasgow, Virginia, October 2024

Guest Lecture, “Applying to Graduate School”
Washington and Lee University, October 2024

Guest Lecture, English 413: “Senior Research and Writing”
Washington and Lee University, October 2024

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Instructor, “Introduction to Rhetoric and Writing” Fall 2024 – Present
Department of English and Comparative Literature, UNC-Chapel Hill

Graduate Communications Writer Fall 2023 – Spring 2024
Digital Literacy and Communications Lab, UNC-Chapel Hill

Law Library Assistant Summer 2023
Washington and Lee University School of Law

Substitute Teacher Spring 2023
Ashe County School System, Jefferson, NC

Writing Tutor Fall 2021 – Spring 2023
University Writing Center, Washington and Lee University

Research Help Associate Fall 2021 – Spring 2023
Leyburn Library, Washington and Lee University

Summer Research Scholar Summer 2021 & Summer 2022
Department of English, Washington and Lee University

AFFILIATIONS

Phi Beta Kappa, National Liberal Arts and Sciences Honor Society
Southeastern Renaissance Conference