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EDUCATION

Fall 2023 - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
Present Department of English and Comparative Literature
PhD Student | Research Assistant

May 2022 University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Bachelor of Arts | summa cum laude
Major: English | Minors: Linguistics and Philosophy
Honors Thesis in Creative Writing
Thesis Advisor: Michael Hofmann

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fall 2023 - *Graduate Gaming Assistant* | Digital Literacy and Communications Lab
Present Department of English and Comparative Literature | UNC-Chapel Hill

- Assisting with technical set-up for instructors teaching in the Greenlaw Gameroom; maintaining Gameroom hardware and software; keeping detailed records of digital game library and update inventory
- Participating in pedagogy consultations; helping match relevant games to lesson plans
- Helping to orchestrate, plan, and run events for the Critical Game Studies Program
- Assist other DLC initiatives such as the *Not a Novel* podcast, ECL department social media accounts, digital humanities projects and events, and maintaining the ECL website

Summer 2022 - *Junior Editor* | Content Department
GR0 | Los Angeles, CA

- Outlined, copyedited, and rewrote blog content for B2B/B2C clients in eCommerce, transportation, tech, health, finance, real estate, and other industries
- Hosted one-on-one training sessions with freelance writers; taught writers to develop their voices while adhering to branded requirements for clients
- Ensured copy was optimized for SEO and in compliance with FDA marketing regulations
- Developed strategies to detect and respond to writers exploiting AI tools such as ChatGPT in their copy; hands-on experience navigating the industry-wide adoption of AI software for content generation in digital marketing

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Kyle Cunningham

David Hall and **Kyle Cunningham**. “The Lands Between : Communities of Difference and Algorithmic Resistance around FromSoftware’s *Elden Ring*.” *Alt+F4: Rebooting Community after Gamergate*. Southfield, MI. September 2024. (Accepted)

“The Dark Side of ‘To the Moon’: Auerbach’s Figural Prophecy in Cryptocurrency Discourses.” *Marxist Reading Group*. Gainesville, FL. April 2024.

“Meaning and Meaningfulness on YouTube: Antifeminist Signification During the Depp v. Heard Trial.” *Popular Culture Association*. Chicago, IL. March 2024.

AFFILIATIONS

Phi Beta Kappa, National Liberal Arts and Sciences Honor Society