

# RENE MARZUK

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## *Education*

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Ph.D. English and Comparative Literature—2023-present

University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
M.A. English—May 2023

University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
B.A. English—May 2022

Guilford Technical Community College  
A.A.—May 2020

## *Honors*

William Neal Reynolds Fellowship within the Royster Society of Fellows, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2023-2028

Margaret Joyner Award for Outstanding Work in the Accelerated Master's Degree Program (AMP) in English, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2022

Provost Student Excellence Award from the Provost and the Honors Council of Lloyd International Honors College, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2022

Phi Beta Kappa, 2022

## *Conference Papers and Presentations*

“Darkness Revisited: The Magic of Liminal Spaces in Mohsin Hamid’s *Exit West* and Joseph Conrad’s *Heart of Darkness*.” *Seattle Metamodernism Summit 2022: Conversations on the Arts in an Age of Ironesty!*

“American Children’s Environmental Writing for Everyone.” Small Group Presentation. *2022 Digital Humanities Institute Expo*.

“Rescuing Environmental Children’s Literature Created by Writers of Color and Child Authors in Nineteenth-Century America.” *2022 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Thomas Undergraduate Research & Creativity Expo*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.

“Oral History with Communities of Faith in the Time of the Pandemic.” Panel Member.  
Invited. 2021 *UNCG Center for New Carolinians’ Third Annual Shifting Worlds Symposium*.

“Rescuing Environmental Children’s Literature Created by Writers of Color and Child Authors in Nineteenth-Century America.” 2021 *North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium*.

***Service and Research Assistance***

*At UNC*

Graduate Assistant for the Latina/o Studies Program, 2023

Research Assistant for Dr. Ylce Irizarry, 2023

*At UNC-Greensboro*

Research Assistant for Dr. Karen Kilcup, 2021-23

*Other*

Coeditor, *The Envious Lobster: A Collection of American Children’s Nature Writing and Environmental Writing, 1824-c.1927*: <http://uncglibraries.com/enviouslobster/>, 2022-present

Poetry and prose editor, *Writers Resist*: <https://www.writersresist.com/>, 2022-present

***Languages***

Spanish (native proficiency)

French (reading)

Portuguese (reading)

***References***

Available upon request