

**Lara Nicole Pur**

*Curriculum Vitae*

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Christopher Marlowe, female Renaissance writers, feminist theory, and Marxist theory

**EDUCATION**

2017-2020

B.A. in English Honors – College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Minor in psychology

2016-2017

English – College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado at Boulder

**HONORS / AWARDS**

2020            Recognized by University of Illinois Classics Department for Exceptional Performance in Introductory Ancient Greek

2019            Finalist for University of Illinois Undergraduate Creative Writing Awards

2017-2020     University of Illinois Dean’s List

2016-2017     University of Colorado Honors Scholar

**ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE**

Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities

***Intern for The Odyssey Project*** (January 2019-May 2020)

- Co-facilitate classes in philosophy, art history, and writing for low-income adults
- Develop lesson plans and activities with supervisor
- Conceptualize, develop, and maintain a blog/website (odysseyextra.school.blog) for current, prospective, and former students containing supplementary reading materials and educational resources
- Lead class discussions and activities
- Meet with struggling students outside of class for individual help

Writer’s Workshop

***Tutor*** (January-December 2018)

- Tutored undergraduate students in writing, focusing on everything from organization of essays to English fluency
- Assessed client needs and directed online and in-person sessions accordingly
- Facilitated undergraduate workshops and represented the WW at academic events

University of Colorado Boulder Writing Center

***Intern*** (March-April 2017)

- Tutored students, freshman to graduate school, in improving writing skills

- Part of a course on writing center theory and practice taught by Eric Klinger, MA

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Alight Solutions (July 2020-July 2022)

### ***Health Client Specialist II***

- Administer health benefits to clients and their employees using Alight's specialized software
- Analyze website data to draw conclusions about user-friendliness and areas for improvement
- Retrieve raw file data from the mainframe database, format and analyze
- Communicate and problem solve with clients and vendors

Alight Solutions

### ***Sales Operations Intern*** (June-August 2019)

- Rewrote top 50 RFP responses to amplify company voice and increase readability, brevity, and accessibility.
- Designed partner templates for RFP use
- Organized and tracked large-scale projects
- Researched and updated competitive intelligence
- Proofread microsites, bio books, and emails as needed

Slader

### ***Humanities Web Content Writer and Moderator*** (February 2018-June 2020)

- Moderate content according to copyright restrictions, cataloging deleted answers
- Compose comprehensive analytical write ups, 8k to 10k words each, on classic novels
- Adhere to strict format and content restrictions
- Manage and report own time use effectively and mind deadlines
- Test new web service interfaces

Self-Employed

### ***Freelance Writer*** (February 2018-June 2020)

- Proofread personal statements and essays, guiding clients to their improvement
- Manage contracts and deadlines
- Negotiate pay and length of projects

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

*March 2020-August 2020*

Amnesty International

- Member of Urgent Action Network
- Write letters and emails of protest to foreign leaders overseeing violations of international human rights

*September 2017-January 2018*

UIUC Writer's Workshop

- Tutored freshmen to seniors in academic writing

- Attended staff meetings

*September-December 2017*

UIUC Red Bison Ecological Restoration

- Removed invasive honeysuckle and planted seeds for the preservation and restoration of local forests

## **LANGUAGES**

English (native)

Spanish (reading proficiency)

Ancient Greek (reading proficiency)

## **SKILLS**

- Academic and business writing
- Teaching, tutoring
- Communication
- Editing
- Organization
- Content moderation

## **CREATIVE WRITING**

Loch, L.N. (penname) *Saving Seymour*. 2021.

Loch, L.N. "The Nazi and the Pear Tree." *Whistling Shade*, Fall/Winter 2020, pp. 9-10.

Loch, L.N. "Oll Shot an Angel." *Montage*, 2019-2020, pp. 34-36.

Loch, L.N. "The Exhibitionist." *Sanitarium*, no. 3, 29 Nov. 2020, pp. 195-211.

Loch, L.N. "Toffeehouse." *Hedge Apple*, Spring 2020, pp. 51-63.

## **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Creative writing, ancient Greek language, reading, hiking, sustainability