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EDUCATION

Georgia Archives Institute — Georgia Archives 2021

Master of Arts in English — Georgia College & State University
Milledgeville, GA December 2020

- Research interests include autobiographical writing, environmental and energy humanities, trauma and memory, archival studies, and Southern studies.

Bachelor of Arts in English and Spanish (International Certificate) — Georgia College & State University
Milledgeville, GA December 2016

- Concentration in English, Creative Writing. One semester of study at the Universidad de Almería in Almería, Spain. Leadership roles include Campus Activities Board Director of Arts & Culture, President of Sigma Delta Pi Honors Society, Member of Sigma Tau Delta Honors Society, VP of the Spanish Club.

LANGUAGES

Advanced Spanish, Intermediate French

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant — Georgia College Special Collections
Milledgeville, GA August 2018-May 2020

Writers in the Schools Mentor — Georgia College Department of English & Early College
Milledgeville, GA August 2018-May 2019

Supplemental Instruction Leader — Georgia College Learning Center
Milledgeville, GA August 2015-December 2016

Director of Arts and Culture — Georgia College Campus Activities Board
Milledgeville, GA August 2014 - December 2015

Data Clerk — Youth Enrichment Services (YES) of Baldwin County
Milledgeville, GA August 2013-July 2015

Tutor — Youth Enrichment Services (YES) at Oak Hill Middle School
Milledgeville, GA October 2012-December 2013

Office Assistant — Youth Enrichment Services (YES) of Baldwin County
Milledgeville, GA August 2012-May 2013

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Field Organizer — United Campus Workers of Georgia, Communications Workers of America Local 3265

- Milledgeville, GA October 2020 - present
- Part-time ELA Teacher** — Foothills Education Charter High School at Youth ChalleNGe Academy
Milledgeville, GA August 2019 - April 2020
- Colorscape Gardener** — Jekyll Island Authority
Jekyll Island, GA December 2017 - June 2018
- Greenhouse Assistant (Work Study)**— Georgia College Department of Biology
Milledgeville, GA January 2016 - December 2016
- Salon Manager** — A Flair for Hair Salon
Milledgeville, GA October 2016 - July 2017

PUBLICATIONS

- “Happy #NationalBananaBreadDay!” *Dispatches from Penitentiary Square*. Georgia College Special Collections Blog. Feb. 23, 2020.
- “LGBTQ+ Protections: 1985 vs. 2019.” *Dispatches from Penitentiary Square*. Georgia College Special Collections Blog. Oct. 8, 2019.
- “The Mysterious Case of the Walt Whitman Letter: Part 2.” *Dispatches from Penitentiary Square*. Georgia College Special Collections Blog. Sept. 30, 2019.
- “The Mysterious Case of the Walt Whitman Letter: Part 1.” *Dispatches from Penitentiary Square*. Georgia College Special Collections Blog. Sept. 13, 2019.
- “‘No Light Task to Advise a Genius’: The Mentorship of Caroline Gordon and Flannery O’Connor.” Interview with Christine Flanagan. *Flannery O’Connor Review*, vol. 17, 2019, pp. 64-70.
- “You’re Invited! Cocktails with Thunder on the Roof Garden.” *Dispatches from Penitentiary Square*. Georgia College Special Collections Blog. Jul. 17, 2019.
- “Carl Vinson Would Be Disappointed in the Baldwin County Politicians.” *Dispatches from Penitentiary Square*. Georgia College Special Collections Blog. Jun. 25, 2019.
- “Working Women in Flannery O’Connor’s World.” *Dispatches from Penitentiary Square*. Georgia College Special Collections Blog. Jun. 19, 2019.
- “Abortion Debate in the Pages of the School Paper.” *Dispatches from Penitentiary Square*. Georgia College Special Collections Blog. May 8, 2019.
- “‘I am loved’: A Marketing Campaign Marks Milledgeville.” *Dispatches from Penitentiary Square*. Georgia College Special Collections Blog. Apr. 19, 2019.
- “Panty Raids, Jock Raids, and Streaking...Oh My!” *Dispatches from Penitentiary Square*. Georgia College Special Collections Blog. Nov. 13, 2018.
- “Jessies & JUULS: The Changing Perspective of Tobacco Use on Campus.” *Dispatches from Penitentiary Square*. Georgia College Special Collections Blog. Sept. 27, 2018.
- Poetry: “Bachata,” “Luna,” *Peacock’s Feet*, Vol. 41 (2016). “Melancholy,” “Reclamation,” “Southern Baptist,” *Peacock’s Feet*, Vol. 42 (2017).
- Nonfiction: “Self Portrait of a Young Queer Woman,” *Peacock’s Feet*, Vol. 42 (2017).
- “HHS Graduate Studies Abroad in Europe.” *The Heard Citizen*. Aug. 28, 2014.
- “Comedy: A 9-to-5 Job.” *The Colonnade*. Sept. 14, 2012.

SERVICE

Board Member, Friends of Allied Arts (2021)

Communications Chair, NAACP #5169 (2020-2021)

Designer, The DEN Department of English newsletter (2019-2020)

Reader, Arts & Letters Spring 2020 Issue

Event coordinator, Visiting Writer Santiago Vizcaino and Translator Alexis Levin Reading and Reception for the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures (2016)

President, Sigma Delta Pi honor society (2015-2016)

Event coordinator, Visiting Writer Workshop with Cristina Sanchez-Andrade for the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures (2015)

Director of Arts and Culture, Campus Activities Board (2014-2015)

Vice President, Georgia College Spanish Club (2013-2014)

AWARDS

Sarah O. Dunaway Scholarship from the Friends of Georgia Archives and History supporting attendance at the Georgia Archives Institute (2020) **cancelled due to COVID-19*

Graduate Research Grant from The Graduate School for presentation of original scholarship at ACLA 2020 (2019)

Margaret Harvin Wilson Writing Award for the original poem "Southern Baptist" (2016)

Outstanding English Major for Creative Writing from the Department of English (2016)

Outstanding Leadership from the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures (2016)

Outstanding Spanish Tutor from the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures (2016)

Recognition of Dedicated Service from Georgia College for continued service to the YES Program (2014)

Wellington Study Abroad Scholarship supporting a semester study abroad in Almeria, Spain (2014)

PRESENTATIONS

"Filling Station Confrontations: Automobility and the South's Racial Reorganization Through Flannery O'Connor's Depiction of Gas Stations." International Flannery O'Connor Conference, 18-21 Jun 2020, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, Canada. Conference presentation. **cancelled due to COVID-19*

"Bioregional Cultural Trauma: Natasha Trethewey's *Beyond Katrina: A Meditation on the Mississippi Gulf Coast* and the Case for Climate Justice." American Comparative Literature Association Annual Meeting, 21 Mar 2020, Sheraton Grand Hotel, Chicago, IL. Conference Presentation. **cancelled due to COVID-19*

"Should the U.S. Make College Tuition Free?" Times Talk 16 Oct 2019, Georgia College & State University, Milledgeville, GA. Discussion.

"Quiet Revolutionaries: Translating Ecojustice Ethics to Rural Activism for Poor and Working-Class Whites." Southern Studies Conference, 31 Jan 2020, Auburn University at Montgomery. Conference Presentation.

"Intro to Archives." English 1102, 04 Nov 2019, Georgia College & State University. Guest Lecture.

"Quiet Revolutionaries: Translating Ecojustice Ethics to Rural Activism for Poor and Working-Class Whites." Women's & Gender Studies Symposium, 17 Apr 2019, Georgia College & State University. Conference Presentation.

"Lethal Flexibility: Gender Fluidity in Franco's Rosario Tijeras." Women's & Gender Studies Symposium, 01 Apr 2016, Georgia College & State University, Milledgeville, GA. Conference Presentation.