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EDUCATION

2024: Bachelor of Fine Arts with an Emphasis in Writing (BFAW), School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL (Upcoming)

2019: High School Diploma, Churchill High School, Livonia, MI

EMPLOYMENT & EXPERIENCE

2020-Present: Senior Library Assistant, John M. Flaxman Library, Chicago, IL

2022-Present: Peer Mentor, First-Generation Fellows Program at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

2022-Present: Senior Poetry Editor and Digital Archivist, Mouth Literary Magazine, Chicago, IL

2023: Creative Writing Teaching Assistant, Early College Program at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

2023: Portfolio Prep Studio Teaching Assistant, Early College Program Online Summer Institute at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

2023: Summer Intern, RHINO Poetry, Chicago, IL

2023: Editor's Assistant Intern, Querencia Press, Chicago, IL

2023: Art Workshop Intern, TotalLink2 Community, Chicago, IL

2023: Communications Intern, TotalLink2 Community, Chicago, IL

2022: Creative Writing Teaching Assistant, Early College Program at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

2021: Bookseller, After-words Bookstore, Chicago, IL

2020-21: Office Assistant, SAIC Residence Life, Chicago, IL

2019-20: Gallery Technician, SAIC Galleries, Chicago, IL

2016-19: Lead Editor, Phaeton Literary and Art Magazine, Livonia, MI

HONORS & AWARDS

2019-24: Creative Honors Scholarship, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

2019-21: First-Generation Fellows Program and Scholarship, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

2020: 26th Annual Student Leadership Celebration, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

2019: Graduated summa cum laude with Honors in Visual Art, Social Studies, and Academics, Churchill High School, Livonia, MI

2018: Invited to the Washington Journalism and Media Conference at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

PUBLICATIONS

2023: *Heaven Descends on America (1-4)*, [Mouth Literary Magazine](#)

2022: *what exists*, [Mouth Literary Magazine](#)

2022: *prayer*, [Mouth Literary Magazine](#)

2022: *baptism in black and blue*, [Mouth Literary Magazine](#)

2021: *to patroclus*, [Mouth Literary Magazine](#)

2021: *meat*, [Mouth Literary Magazine](#)

EXHIBITIONS

2023: Fall Undergraduate Exhibition, SAIC Galleries, Chicago, IL (Upcoming)

2022-23: Group Exhibition, *Analogous Tales: FirstGen Art Exhibition*, SAIC Sullivan Building 12th Floor Office of Student Affairs, Chicago, IL

2022: Two-Person Exhibition, *Residue*, SAIC Sharp Building 6th Floor Exhibition Cases, Chicago, IL (with Margaret Dugger)

PRESENTATIONS

2024: BFA in Writing Thesis Reading, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL (Upcoming)

2022: *#Bookstagram: Implementing Collaborative Social Media Training in the Library*, Student Employment in Academic Libraries Virtual (SEAL) Symposium, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), IN, October 21 (with Alex O'Keefe)

BIBLIOGRAPHY

2022: [Celebrating Our First-Generation Community at SAIC](#), School of the Art Institute of Chicago, November 7

CERTIFICATIONS

2022-Present: Mandated Reporter, Department of Children & Family Services, IL