

# ALEX BORTELL

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## EDUCATION

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- 2024 Bachelor of Fine Arts with an Emphasis in Writing (BFAW), School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL (Forthcoming)
- 2019 High School Diploma, Churchill High School, Livonia, MI

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 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
- 2023-24 Intern, *Hypertext 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 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

## AWARDS, HONORS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2019-24 Creative Honors Scholarship, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- 2023 29th Annual Student Leadership Celebration, 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

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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- 2023 *Heaven Descends on America (1-4)*, [Mouth Literary Magazine](#)
- 2022 *what exists*, [Mouth Literary Magazine](#)
- 2022 *baptism in black and blue*, [Mouth Literary Magazine](#)
- 2021 *to patroclus*, [Mouth Literary Magazine](#)

## EXHIBITIONS

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- 2023-24 Group Exhibition, *As Above, So Below*, SAIC Office of Student Affairs, Chicago, IL
- 2023 Group Exhibition, *Fall Undergraduate Exhibition*, SAIC Galleries, Chicago, IL
- 2022-23 Group Exhibition, *Analogous Tales FirstGen Art Exhibition*, SAIC Office of Student Affairs, Chicago, IL
- 2022 Two-Person Exhibition, *Residue*, SAIC Sharp Building 6th Floor Exhibition Cases, Chicago, IL (with Margaret Dugger)

## PRESENTATIONS

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- 2024 BFA in Writing Thesis Reading, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL (Forthcoming)
- 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 21st (with Alex O'Keefe)

## CERTIFICATIONS

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