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Education **The University of Alabama**, Tuscaloosa, AL
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing: Nonfiction, *May 2011*

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
Bachelor of Arts in English, Creative Writing, *May 2011*

Semester at Sea, Institute of Shipboard Education,
Study Abroad Spring 2010 | visited 9 countries

Work **Staff Writer**
Experience **Masters of Scale, WaitWhat**
April 2022–Present

- Write episodes for the award-winning podcast Masters of Scale.
- Collaborate across the WaitWhat organization in production, writing, and creation of high-quality material
- Provide research, dossiers, and synthesized materials on guests and show subjects.
- Edit transcripts, headline, and social copy across Masters of Scale materials
- Construct Masters of Scales course material for the app from content library
- Identify and conduct cameo interviews
- Generate the newsletter for Masters of Scale

Freelance Researcher
Masters of Scale, WaitWhat
September 2021–March 2022

- Compose fact packets and research on guests for the podcast “Masters of Scale”
- Search for and aggregate a narrative on guests' careers and lives while also identifying key moments to prepare producers and writers for interviews

Reporter
The Crimson White, The University of Alabama
August 2019 - June 2021

- Conduct interviews and write news coverage for the Health, Environmental, and Culture beat for the University of Alabama and Tuscaloosa community
- Cultivate sources and relationship for understanding health and environmental issues

English Instructor, The University of Alabama
EN 101: English Composition, *Fall 2019*
EN 102: English Composition, *Spring 2020*
EN 103: Advanced English Composition, *Fall 2020*
EN 305: Creative Nonfiction Writing, *Spring 2021, Fall 2021*
EN 301: Creative Writing Fiction, *Spring 2022*

- Teach composition, writing, and rhetoric to undergraduate students
- Prepare and execute twice weekly lessons for class of 22 students throughout the semester

Creative Writing Assistant, The University of Alabama

May 2019 - May 2022

- Assist the Creative Writing Program with administration, programming, event planning
- Promote the Creative Writing Program through public events
- Implement programming such as environmental writing, worships, and teaching writing in the community

Intern, Alabama Public Radio (APR)

May 2019 – June 2021

- Have conducted over 2,000 hours in daily news room operations and assisted with over 200 news stories
- Pitch, research, report, and record radio features
- Cut and prepare audio and create soundbites from interviews for broadcast
- Writing stories and news items for broadcast and web publication
- Voice and narrate news for broadcast
- Take photographs for news stories when in the field

Writing Tutor, Writing Center, The University of Alabama

August 2018 – August 2019

- Consulted undergraduate and graduate students in various writing project sand assignments
- Entered reports and data for each consultation and during front desk shifts

Research and Teaching Assistant, The University of Alabama

August 2018 - May 2019

- Edited manuscripts and articles for Professor Andy Crank in the English Department
- Completed tasks such as copying, organizing research files, and management of research documents
- Assisted writer Hali Felt with an advanced undergraduate creative writing class by teaching and offering feedback to students
- Researched agents and publishers for nonfiction book proposal

Hospital Outreach Specialist, Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, New York, New York

August 2015 - June 2018

- Specialized in providing programming for seriously ill children, teenagers, and young adults and families in eight New York City area hospitals
- Engaged and interacted with 40-60 patients during bedside visits, outpatient clinics, playrooms, and other hospital environments
- Created programming and projects that used fine art, creative writing, crafts, games, and materials for large events
- Developed innovative programming for teen group that used leadership, art, organization, project skills

Teaching English as a Foreign Language Volunteer, Peace Corps, Mongolia

June 2013 - May 2015

- Built human capacity skills for 8 Mongolian English teachers at a secondary school
- Introduced and implemented new teaching techniques and methods for 8 English Mongolian teachers including lesson planning, classroom management, communicative method, critical thinking, and creativity
- Taught individual classes and co-taught English lessons for 15 to 25 hours a week, a total of over 450 hours
- Created English language curriculums and lesson plans for 5th grade to adult learners
- Designed and taught an art and writing summer class
- Integrated successfully into a small community in eastern Gobi, Mongolia

- Counseled and mentored students during summer camps
- Coordinated and participated in three summer camps for life skills, outdoor education, and learning English

Future Connect Strategies Coordinator for Mayor's Office, AmeriCorps VISTA, Portland, Oregon

April 2012 - April 2013

- Recruited volunteers for Black United Fund of Oregon and Native American Youth Family Center
- Built infrastructure for programs at local high schools to help students transition successfully out of high school
- Wrote curriculum for classes and workshops used for at-risk youth
- Fundraised and promoted for the Future Connect initiative at events
- Outreached in local neighborhoods and partnering programs to understand the culture and issues surrounding the at-risk youth in Portland, OR

Publications & Broadcasts

- “Alabama marks 60 years since Freedom Riders fought for equality” APR 2021
- “Healthcare should be for all” *Crimson White*, 2021
- “Lil Nas X (and everyone else) should create whatever the hell they want” *Crimson White*, 2021
- “Creativity is the cure: On vaccines and creativity” *Crimson White*, 2021
- “Vinyl Vibes: Why some bin-divers choose physical media over streaming” *CW*, 2021
- “Descendants of plantation come together for new purpose” Alabama Public Radio, 2020
- “Students use art to raise awareness for west Alabama hunger,” APR, 2020
- “Significant flooding expected for Southwest Alabama and Mobile,” APR, 2020
- “Coronavirus Saturates Media, UA Responds,” *Crimson White*, 2020
- “UA raises money for Children Hospitals,” *Crimson White*, 2020
- “How to be a better partner,” *Crimson White*, 2020
- “Why diabetics are resorting to pre-insulin survival tactics,” *PensandNeedles*, 2019
- “Why women have better sex under socialism,” *Black Warrior Review* (book review), 2019
- “UA students with diabetes talk misconceptions,” *Crimson White*, 2019
- “Network Security discussed at DCH after ransomware breach,” *Crimson White*, 2019
- “Choices can be limited for students with eating disorders,” *Crimson White*, 2019
- “University becomes CDC dispensary,” *Crimson White*, 2019
- “Gäetan Dugas: Outlaw of AIDS,” UA English Department, 2019
- “Smile,” *Undergraduate Journal of Scholarly Excellence*, 2011
- “Leaving Comfort” *There and Back Magazine*, 2010

Awards & Skills

- Buford Boone Fellowship, top achieving English MFA student, 2020
- Outstanding Award for Research in English Department for a MFA student, 2019
- Languages: Intermediate Mongolia, Beginner Spanish
- Proficient in drawing, illustrating, Audition, InDesign, Google Apps, Mac, PC
- Contributing editor for Peace Corps Mongolia magazine Mongol Post and Train Car 41
- Familiar with audio equipment for recording for radio programs and reporting