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EDUCATION

- M. A. English. Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas - August, 2014
- B. A. English Literature and Language, Minor in Music. St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas – December, 2008

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Coordinator, Graduate Student Support Center – Title V PPOHA**
Sul Ross State University – Rio Grande College
January 19, 2016 – Present
- Outreach Coordinator/Student Success Specialist –**
Southwest Texas Junior College & Sul Ross State University – Rio Grande College
January 7, 2014 – January 15, 2016
- Writing Center Coordinator –** Southwest Texas Junior College
May 16, 2011 – January 5, 2014
- Adjunct English Instructor:**
Sul Ross State University – Rio Grande College
August 25, 2014 – Present
- St. Mary's University - San Antonio, Texas
August 2015 – December 2015
- Southwest Texas Junior College - Eagle Pass, Texas
August 2013 – December 2013
August 2010 – December 2010

Adjunct College Success Skills Instructor – Southwest Texas Junior College

January 2012 – December 2014

Writing Center Tutor – Southwest Texas Junior College

August 23, 2010 – May 13, 2014

Non-Academic

Vocalist, lead lyricist, and songwriter - The Velvet Hues (band)

2012 – present

Editor - Literary horror review & blog website, *The Fright Chapel*
www.thefrightchapel.com

March 2016 - present

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Yeats Society – Sligo, Ireland

Since July 2015

National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures

Since April 2016

PUBLICATIONS

Poetry in the *Pecan Grove Literary Review* – St. Mary's University

Spring 2009

Music: Six – song EP (short album), *The Velvet Hues*

August 16, 2016

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2014 South Central Writing Center Association Conference - Oklahoma

March 6-8, 2014
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Presented with Dr. Sarah Roche: “Cultivating Authority Within and Across Social Worlds’: Engaging Writers at Different Sites to Change Attitudes about Writing”

OTHER AFFILIATIONS AND INVOLVEMENT

San Antonio Sound Garden (Music Association) – Member Since May 2016

Active local musician, vocalist, songwriter, and writer (poetry, prose, screenwriting) in San Antonio, Texas