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Education

M.A., English, Sul Ross State University, 2025
B.A., English, Sul Ross State University, 2020
Associate of Arts, Southwest Texas Junior College, 2017

Educational Associations

Sul Ross State University Graduate Student Council, 2022
Sigma Tau Delta, 2020
National Honor Society of Leadership and Success, 2017
National Honors Society, 2014
Phi Theta Kappa, 2014

Honors

Dean's List, Sul Ross State University, Fall 2018, Fall 2019
President's List, University of Texas at San Antonio, Spring 2018
President's Honor Roll and Dean's Honor Roll, Southwest Texas Junior College, Spring 2017

Educational Awards

Outstanding English Graduate Student, Spring 2021, Spring 2023

Writing Awards

SRSU, Sigma Tau Delta Spring Poetry Contest, 1st place for the poem "Voices of Lineage," 2022
SWTJC, Creative Arts Contest Award, 1st place for the story "A Chat with A Stranger," 2019
SWTJC, Halloween Short Story Contest Award, 1st place for the story "Rose Creek," 2017

Scholarships and Grants

Title V PPOHA Graduate Fellowship, Fall 2025
Title V PPOHA Graduate Fellowship, Spring and Summer, 2023
Title V PPOHA Graduate Fellowship, Fall 2022
International Good Neighbor Council Scholarship, 2019
Middle Rio Grande College, Student Service Fee Scholarship, 2019
Middle Rio Grande College, Student Deposit Scholarship, 2019
The Bank & Trust Scholarship, 2019

Editorships

The Sage

Literary Editor (Sul Ross State University, Spring 2022, Spring 2023)

- Proofread and edited poems and short stories to include in the university's yearly magazine.

Writing Center Experience

Sul Ross State University–Alpine, Spring 2022-2024; Fall 2025

English Tutor

- Assisted university students in improving their writing, comprehension, and analysis skills.
- Created helpful writing guides to assist students in understanding English grammar.

Sul Ross State University–Rio Grande College, Fall 2021

English Tutor

- Assisted university students in improving their writing, comprehension, and analysis skills.

T.A. Experience

English 3312: Advanced Composition, T.A. for Dr. Roche, Fall 2021

- Created discussion posts that focused on teaching students the rules and expectations of academic English grammar.
- Tutored students to help guide them with their assigned papers.
- Graded weekly assignments.

English 1301–008: Composition I, T.A. for Dr. Payne, Fall 2020

- Created weekly discussion posts that focused on providing explanations to fix common grammatical errors that appeared in papers.
- Graded weekly assignments and assigned papers.
- Held meetings with students to help improve their writing skills.

English 3311: Children and Adolescent Literature, T.A for Dr. Payne, Fall 2020

- Created weekly discussion posts on topics that pertain to the stories read in class.
- Graded weekly assignments and assigned papers.
- Tutored students to help guide them on their writing assignments.

Teaching Experience

Unitas Foreign Language School, Kofu, Yamanashi, Japan—June 2024-March 2025

English Language Teacher

- Taught English to students aged 3-60, using communicative and immersive approaches
- Designed curriculum incorporating culturally relevant and multilingual materials

Relevant Volunteer Experience

Tokai University Senior High School—August 2024, August 2025

- Supported Japanese high school students in building confidence and fluency in spoken English through interactive communication activities
- Delivered presentations about various topics to facilitate English listening comprehension in a real-world context
- Participated in immersive English camps, encouraging students to engage in sustained English dialogue and cultural exchange
- Collaborated with teachers and staff to create a supportive and engaging environment for English-language learners

Conference Presentations

“World-Building in the Genre of Horror Manga: Cosmic Horror and the Weird in the Works of Junji Ito” SRSU Undergraduate and Graduate Symposium, April 2023

“World-Building in the Genre of Horror Manga: Cosmic Horror and the Weird in the Works of Junji Ito” Rio Grande College Comic Con, April 2023

“Tutoring Multilingual Writers at Hispanic-Serving Institutions,” Southeastern Writing Center Association, February 2023

“The Horrific World of Junji Ito: World-building in the Horror Genre,” SRSU Undergraduate and Graduate Symposium, Alpine, TX, April 2022

“The Sage: A Creative Journal for the Modern Digital Age,” SRSU Undergraduate and Graduate Symposium, Alpine, TX, April 2022

“An Outcast from A Monstrous Society: Viewing Monsters and Human Societies in Young Adult Literature and Film,” SRSU Undergraduate and Graduate Symposium, Alpine, TX, April 2021

“The Art of the Memoir: Story-telling on the Borders of Our Truths,” SRSU Undergraduate and Graduate Symposium, Alpine, TX, April 2021