**Summary**

Driven and analytical Master of Arts in English student with expertise in literary theory, rhetorical analysis, and advanced research methodologies. Seeking a position in higher education, publishing, or technical writing where I can apply strong skills in critical thinking, academic writing, and effective communication to contribute to impactful projects and educational initiatives.

**Education**

**Master of Arts in English (Literature Sequence)** | Expected May 2026

Governors State University | University Park, IL

* *Relevant Coursework:* Introduction to Graduate Studies, Studies in Theory, College Composition Theory and Practice, Seminar: American Literature, Seminar: World Literature, Seminar: Women's Literature

**Bachelor of Arts in English** | May 2024

Governors State University | University Park, IL

* *Relevant Coursework:* Literary Criticism, British Literature, Creative Writing, Digital Rhetoric, The American Novel

**Associate of Arts in General Studies** | May 2022

Joliet Junior College | Joliet, IL

**Experience**

**Graduate Assistant, English Department** | August 2025 – Present

Governors State University | University Park, IL

* Assisted faculty with grading, classroom preparation, and student support for undergraduate literature and composition courses.
* Conducted weekly review sessions and provided one-on-one tutoring to students, improving their understanding of course material and academic writing skills.
* Contributed to departmental research on contemporary literary theory and digital humanities initiatives.

**Writing Tutor** | September 2023 – May 2024

Governors State University Writing Center | University Park, IL

* Provided one-on-one and group tutoring to undergraduate students across various disciplines, with a focus on improving writing clarity, structure, and argumentation.
* Led workshops on topics such as citation styles (MLA, APA) and thesis development.

**Editorial Intern** | May 2023 – August 2023

*Local Literary Magazine | Chicago, IL*

* Reviewed and edited manuscript submissions, providing feedback on grammar, style, and content.
* Assisted with the magazine's social media presence and online content creation.

**Projects**

**Master's Thesis: Post-Colonial Narratives in Contemporary American Fiction** | May 2026

Governors State University | University Park, IL

* Researched and authored a 100+ page thesis exploring themes of identity, memory, and diaspora in post-colonial literature.
* Utilized critical theory frameworks to analyze key texts and present original interpretations.

**Digital Humanities Project: Archiving Mid-Century Chicago Poetry** | October 2024

Governors State University | University Park, IL

* Collaborated with a team to digitize and annotate a collection of local historical poetry.
* Developed a user-friendly website to showcase the collection, enhancing public accessibility and research opportunities.

**Awards & Certificates**

* **Outstanding Graduate Student in English:** Governors State University (2026)
* **Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society:** Inducted May 2024
* **Professional Editing Certificate:** Online Course (Completed July 2023)

**Volunteer Work**

**Literacy Volunteer** | September 2022 – May 2023

Joliet Public Library | Joliet, IL

* Assisted with the library’s adult literacy program, helping participants improve their reading and writing skills.

**Book Drive Coordinator** | October 2021

Student Literary Association | Joliet, IL

* Organized a book drive to collect new and used books for a community center.

**Skills**

* **Research & Analysis:** Literary Analysis, Critical Theory, Rhetorical Analysis, Qualitative Research, Primary Source Research
* **Writing & Communication:** Academic Writing, Grant Writing, Technical Writing, Public Speaking, Content Creation
* **Technology:** Research Databases (JSTOR, MLA International Bibliography), Citation Management Software (Zotero), Microsoft Office Suite, Content Management Systems (CMS)
* **Interpersonal:** Collaboration, Editing, Tutoring, Workshop Facilitation