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## writer. artist. educator.

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## education:

The University of New Mexico, MFA in Creative Writing, Nonfiction (2024)

Committee: Greg Martin, Dr. Marisa Clarke, Dr. Shannon Withycombe, Dr. Bethany Davila

School of the Art Institute of Chicago, BFA (2014)

## relevant experience:

### **Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv**

#### **Fulbright English Teaching Assistant** - Plovdiv, Bulgaria

OCTOBER 2024 - JULY 2025

- Organize creative writing clubs and other extracurriculars
- Teach and Design curricula to advance English literacy skills
- Mentor students' writing projects

### **University of New Mexico**

#### **Creative Writing Teaching Assistant** - Albuquerque, NM; *Teaching Assistant*

JANUARY 2023 - MAY 2024

- Facilitated lectures & activities on literary genres and craft techniques
- Graded and delivered personalized feedback to each student
- Conducted US-style creative writing workshops
- Mentored students to develop their writing style and voices

#### **Creative Writing Administrative Assistant** - Albuquerque, NM

AUGUST 2022 - MAY 2024

- Created literary-related newsletters for MFA students
- Organized the MFA graduate reading series as well as the Creative Writing Spring and Fall reading series
- Contacted potential readers
- Designed and distributed flyers for various readings and events
- Generated branding materials for department identity

#### **Core Writing Program** - Albuquerque, NM; *Teaching Assistant for Composition I & II*

AUGUST 2021 - MAY 2024

- Facilitated lectures & activities
- Graded and delivered personalized feedback to each student
- Offered students individual support
- Delivered workshops on zine-making, erasure poetry, and multimedia map-making
- Introduced students to Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, and Google Sites

## publications:

Forthcoming: "Joyride." Apogee Journal. 2025

"Searching for Scorpio Rising." Sinking City. 2022.

"While We're Inside." The Florida Review. 2022.

"El Rey De Las Fritas." Miami Grubs. O, Miami. 2021.

"fermenting archives: microbial matter as history holder," in Lauren Fournier (ed.), fermenting feminism: hunter's moon. Laboratory for Aesthetics and Ecology. 2021.

"body-map," in Sevilla Writers House Zine - Myth & Memory: Writing Family Stories. June 2020.

"How to Make Wine on the South Side," South Side Weekly. October 2019.

"The Annual South Side Grape Sale," South Side Weekly. October 2019.

### **workshops / performances / presentations / exhibitions / readings:**

- 2025** ***Exhibition:*** "A/Political," The Artist at Play Series @ Bobbina; Sofia, Bulgaria  
***Workshop:*** "Writing Memory & Breaking Molds," Elizabeth Kostova Foundation; Sofia, Bulgaria  
***Workshop:*** "Writing Memory & Breaking Molds," Elizabeth Kostova Foundation; Plovdiv, Bulgaria
- 2024** ***Reading:*** "Works-In-Progress: A Creative Writing Graduate Reading," Remarque Print Shop, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 2023** ***Reading:*** "Works-In-Progress: A Creative Writing Graduate Reading," Tortuga Gallery, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 2022** ***Exhibition:*** "Tasty Projections," Büro Imaginaire X GAMIS; Glasgow, United Kingdom  
***Exhibition:*** "Ferments, Family, Kinship, Home," Images Festival; Toronto, Canada  
***Exhibition:*** "Confluence: Tracing Water Through Creative Exchange," Bacheci Open Space; Albuquerque, New Mexico  
***Workshop:*** "For Here or To-Go: A Writing Workshop," O, Miami Poetry Festival; Online via Zoom.
- 2021** ***Reading:*** "Works-In-Progress: A Creative Writing Graduate Reading," University of New Mexico; Online via Zoom
- 2019** ***Workshop:*** "Game Hacking - Eau Doom," Fabrika Avtonomia; Sofia, Bulgaria  
***Workshop:*** "Eau Doom: Theatre of the Scenes," British Council Bulgaria; Sofia, Bulgaria  
***Presentation:*** "Emotional Bootcamp: Collaborative Practices," Æther Sofia; Sofia, Bulgaria  
***Workshop:*** "Community Building Through Game Design," Collaboration between Polsky Exchange & The U Chicago Weston Game Lab; Chicago, IL  
***Exhibition:*** "Fermenting Feminism," Access Gallery; Vancouver, British Columbia  
***Exhibition:*** "In the Receiving Room," Floods Hall; Chicago, IL  
***Exhibition:*** "Trans Art Is: Love and Liberation," Andersonville Galleria; Chicago, IL
- 2018** ***Screening:*** "Fermenting Feminism: A Gathering," Laboratory for Aesthetics and Ecology; Copenhagen, Denmark  
***Presentation:*** 2nd Biennial Scent Fair, Craft Contemporary X Institute for Art and Olfaction; Los Angeles, CA  
***Screening:*** Flat Earth Film Club and LungA Film Festival; Seyðisfjörður, Iceland

### **trainings & awards & residencies:**

- 2024** ***Awards:*** Hillerman/McGarrity Scholarship in Creative Writing; University of New Mexico  
***Awards:*** GPSA Student Research Grant; University of New Mexico  
***Awards:*** LGBTQ PRIDE Scholarship; University of New Mexico  
***Honors:*** Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Finalist for Bulgaria
- 2023** ***Awards:*** Graduate Studies Dissertation Writing Award; University of New Mexico  
***Awards:*** GPSA Student Research Grant; University of New Mexico  
***Awards:*** Russo Travel Scholarship Awarded by the English Department at the University of New Mexico
- 2022** ***Awards:*** Land Arts of The American West; Lannan Foundation Scholarship  
***Awards:*** GPSA Professional Development Grant; University of New Mexico  
***Awards:*** Outstanding New Instructor Award in Core Writing; University of New Mexico  
***Awards:*** Russo Travel Scholarship Awarded by the English Department at the University of New Mexico  
***Awards:*** Adobe Digital Literacy Innovation Award; University of New Mexico
- 2021** ***Workshop:*** Tin House Summer Workshop with Meredith Talusan, Online via Zoom.  
***Awards:*** GPSA Professional Development Grant; University of New Mexico