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EDUCATION

AMHERST COLLEGE, Amherst, MA **B.A. English, GPA: 4.0** (*summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa*) Class of '24
OXFORD UNIVERSITY, Oxford, UK Prose Fiction & Art Summer '23

WORK EXPERIENCE

Vineyard Theatre (Off-Broadway) **New York, NY**
Literary Intern *Sep 2024 - Present*

- Evaluate script submissions for production and workshopping potential Off-Broadway
- Research playwright backgrounds and development histories to establish partnerships with promising new talent
- Assist the Literary Department with facilitating weekly meetings, report back on play readings throughout the city

New York Public Library **New York, NY**
After-School Tutor *Sep 2024 - Present*

- Assist elementary school students with homework, provide stimulation with educational games
- Optimize learning strategies for young people, design and implement new educational techniques

Amherst College Admissions **Amherst, MA**
Visitor Relations Intern / Tour Guide *June 2021 - March 2024*

- Guided daily tours of campus, provided insight into college life, led presentations for hundreds of prospective students
- Posted and edited weekly student blog, expanded Amherst's social media presence, implemented brand strategies
- Oversaw the admissions reception desk, answering phone calls and admitting visitors, amplified public relations

Cerealization Stories **Amherst, MA**
Co-founder & Head Editor *July 2020 - May 2022*

- Self-started online short story collective, connected young writers and illustrators to create collaborative opportunities
- Facilitated digital content acquisition, provided consultation for burgeoning artists, embraced virtual marketing

Office of U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta **Salinas, CA**
Congressional Intern *May 2017 - Sep 2017*

- Conducted reception, screened calls, worked town halls, and wrote entries for the Congressional Record

AWARDS AND HONORS

John Cauble Award for Outstanding Short Play | *Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival* (2023)

- National prize awarded for stage play *Pulling the Switch*, which examined absurdities surrounding the death penalty
- Professionally directed and cast, staged at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Presidential Scholar in the Arts | *YoungArts, National Scholars Commission* (2019)

- One of 20 student artists in the nation, across all disciplines, selected for novella *Fishbowl*, honored at White House

Other scriptwriting honors:

- *National 10-Minute Play Award*, Kennedy Center (2023); *Honegger Prize Winner for Best One-Act*, Firehouse Center for the Arts (2023); *Denis Johnston Prize for Scriptwriting*, Five College Consortium (2020)

Bancroft Prize for Public Speaking | *Amherst College* (2024)

- Awarded for multiple speeches and presentations, specifically in recognition of senior thesis presentation
- Selected as Senior Class Speaker '24, one of two graduating senior speeches chosen by the Amherst student body

Other academic honors:

- *Ralph Waldo Rice Prize*, best thesis (2024); *19th-Century English Novel Prize* (2022); *Harry Hunter Jr. Prize* (2022)

CREATIVE PROJECTS

Stage Plays (wrote dozens, produced at festivals across the country):

- Kennedy Center (Washington, D.C.); Storefront Theatre (Waxhaw, NC); Arc Stages (Pleasantville, NY); Central PA Theatre Festival (State College, PA); Center for the Arts (Bonita Springs, FL); New Works (Newburyport, MA)
- Directed seven original plays, compiled and quantified budgets for live production, marketed and promoted shows

Novels (wrote & published, sci-fi/fantasy):

- *Klopps: Private Eye* (2020); *Continuum* (2018); *Griffin Blade and the Bronze Finger* (2014); *Dragon Valley* (2012)

The Muck-Rake | Editor-in-Chief, Amherst College satirical newspaper (2020-2024)

- Oversaw staff of student comedy writers, led a fake newsroom to brainstorm quirky headlines, published 150+ articles

Mr. Gad's House of Improv | Director (2020-2024)

- Hosted and performed hour-long improvisational comedy shows every week, led practices, promoted performances