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Education

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

August 2026 -

Current MA, English

University of California, Berkeley

December 2024

Bachelor of Arts, Comparative Literature

Relevant Coursework and Experience

Senior Honors Thesis, entitled “Precisely Vague: Linguistic and Narrative Uncertainty in Nabokov’s *Bend Sinister*”

- Worked closely with a faculty advisor and presented progress to the department; discussed project and incorporated feedback
- Submitted my completed 50-page thesis for both fellowship and departmental review

Semester Abroad at l’Université Lumière Lyon 2

- Full, immersive semester living in Lyon, France, taking a full courseload in French with French students

Awards and Honors

UC Berkeley Comparative Literature Undergraduate Research Symposium

April 2025

- Selected from applicants across the country to present on my thesis research at a yearly symposium

Department of Comparative Literature

December 2024

- Awarded Highest Honors upon graduation as a result of GPA and the completion of an independent thesis

UC Berkeley Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship

Summer 2024

- Awarded a competitive, \$5,000 research stipend to complete a senior honors thesis
- Worked under the guidance of a PhD student mentor, attended workshops, received and provided feedback within a research cluster
- Independently managed research schedule, submitted and presented final project to mentor and sponsors

Publications

The Nabokovian, NabNotes

Fall 2025

- “Peeking Through a Kwazinka,” a peer-reviewed article published in the Fall 2025 edition of NabNotes, via TheNabokovian.org. (An adapted excerpt from my thesis.)