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EDUCATION

Lee University, Cleveland, TN, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

Bachelor of Arts, English Literature, GPA 3.998/4.0

Graduation Date: 6 May 2023

Senior Thesis: “‘A House of My Own:’ A Hybrid Narrative Expressed Through Architectural Heterotopias in The House on Mango Street”

AWARDS AND HONORS

Department of Language and Literature Overall Department Award, 2022-2023

McNair Scholar, Lee University, TN, 01/2021-05/2023

Centennial Scholarship, Lee University, TN, 08/2019-05/2023

- Full tuition, merit-based scholarship

Kairos Scholar, Lee University, TN, 08/2019-05/2023

- Lee University’s Honors College

PUBLICATIONS

“An Interview with Bethany Jarmul.” *Whale Road Review*, Forthcoming Spring 2024.

“An Interview with Rob Roensch.” *Speaking of Marvels*, 21 November, 2023

“How to Lose a Friend.” *Duck Duck Mongoose*, vol. 3, Winter 2022.

“Pluviophilia, and Other Foundational Childhood Experiences.” *Lee University McNair’s Journal*, 2022.

“Dream Song for Red Converse Girl.” *Duck Duck Mongoose*, vol. 1, Spring 2022.

“The Valley Between Two Places.” *Lee University McNair’s Journal*, 2021.

PRESENTATIONS

MKN Heartland McNair’s Research Conference, Kansas City, MO, 09/24/2022

“Pluviophile.” Presented and original short story that depicts the levity of childhood while also confronting important questions about friendship, maturing, and trust backgrounded by a fictional Appalachian town.

McNair’s-Ledford Research Symposium, Lee University, TN, 09/10/2021. “The Valley Between Two Places.” Presented an excerpt of original short story that analyzed the feelings of displacement experienced by college students, highlighting specifically the experiences of a first generation, Appalachian student.

CONFERENCES

MKN Heartland McNair's Research Conference, Kansas City, MO, 09/23-09/25/2022. A national, intercollegiate, undergraduate research program hosted by the TRIO McNair Scholars Program.

Mountain Heritage Literary Festival, Harrogate, TN, 06/10-06/11/2022. Premiere literary event in Appalachia. Weekend of workshops and readings led by Appalachian authors. Hosted by Lincoln Memorial University.

MKN Heartland McNair's Research Conference, Kansas City, MO (Remote), 09/24-09/26/2021. A national, intercollegiate, undergraduate research program hosted by the TRIO McNair Scholars Program.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

English Teacher, Campbell County Comprehensive HS, 08/2023 – Present

- Freshmen English
- Junior English
- Career Exploration and ACT Preparation

Writing Tutor, Lee University, TN, 08/2020-04/2021; 08/2022-05/2023

- Assisted students in multiple disciplines strengthening critical thinking and organization skills

Peer Leader, Lee University, TN, 08/2021-12/2021; 08/2022-12/2022

- Teaching assistant to Dr. Thomas Pope, the director of Lee University's Honors Program, in the honors program introductory course
- Lectured on the nature of the university, the merit of the liberal arts, community involvement, and student life
- Planned outside of class events, graded papers, communicated with students

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Individual Research Project, McNair's Scholars Program, Lee University, TN, Summer 2022

- Produced a short story collection of five stories, "Pluviophilia, and Other Foundational Childhood Experiences."

Individual Research Project, McNair's Scholars Program, Lee University, TN, Summer 2021

- Researched contemporary Appalachian cultures, contemporary authors of short fiction, and the craft of short fiction writing
- Produced a short story, "The Valley Between Two Places" that analyzes and explores the dilemmas college students from Appalachia experience