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Education

Sep 2024 – May 2027
[RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA](#)

University of California—Riverside
Master of Fine Art

Poetry Writing

Focus Areas: Contemporary Poetry, Queer Poetics

Sep 2015 – May 2018
[EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN](#)

University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire
Master of Art

English Writing

Focus Areas: Poetry Writing, Poetics, Rhetoric, Queer Theory

Sep 2009 – May 2014
[WINONA, MINNESOTA](#)

Winona State University
Bachelor of Art

English Literature and Language

Focus Areas: Poetry Writing, Poetics, Eastern-European Poetry

Employment History

Mar 2026 – June 2026
[RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA](#)

Teaching Assistant – The Literary Genre
University of California—Riverside

Winter quarter 2026. Duties include attending primary lecture sessions, conducting discussion sections, and grading for the course.

Sep 2025 – Mar 2026
[RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA](#)

Teaching Assistant – Introduction to Poetry
University of California—Riverside

Fall quarter 2025 and winter quarter 2026. Duties include planning the course, lecturing and leading workshop, and grading for the course.

Sep 2024 – Dec 2024
RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

Teaching Assistant – Introduction to Creative Writing
University of California—Riverside

Fall quarter 2024. Duties include attending primary lecture sessions, conducting discussion sections, and grading for the course.

Mar 2022 – Present
REMOTE

Freelance Editor/Writer
Remote

Various jobs within the editing/writing discipline, including but not limited to editing fiction manuscripts, preparing PowerPoint presentations, and writing articles and essays.

Nov 2020 – Present
REMOTE

Romhack Moderator
SMW Central

Responsible for quality assurance of hacks accepted to the website SMW Central. Specialized in kaizo, a subtype of romhacks focused on difficult, precise inputs.

Aug 2017 – Present
REMOTE

Partnered Streamer
Twitch Interactive – twitch.tv/showda

Designed and executed daily video stream content on Twitch for a subscriber base of 200. Edited and published weekly video content to YouTube and other social media platforms. Ran multiple charity event streams raising thousands of dollars.

Sep 2015 – March 2017
EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

Graduate Assistant Director
Center for Writing Excellence

2015-16 and 2016-17 school years. Helped run the day-to-day activities. Tutored students in essay writing, rhetoric, and grammar. Managed social media accounts. Created flyers for events related to the Center for Writing Excellence.

Published Works

Poetry

Summer 2026

“Trans Poetics at the Writing Conference,” “On Homonormativity,” and
“Untransition”
South Dakota Review

April 2026

“A Father’s Gift”
Passages North

Feb 2026	“Forgetting at the End of the Century” <i>Frozen Sea</i>
Oct 2025	“what is a woman” <i>Glass: A Journal of Poetry</i>
Sep 2025	“Night’s Grammar” <i>The Shore</i>
July 2025	“Poem for the Man Who Said He Would Fuck the Rest of the Boy Out of Me” and “One Goal” <i>Shō Poetry Journal</i>
Mar 2025	“Neurosis” <i>Cypress Review</i>
Jan 2025	“Milligrams” <i>Passages North</i>
Aug 2024	““Sing in My, Muse”” <i>Frozen Sea</i>
July 2023	“Last Words,” “Some Notes on Talking to Transphobes,” “Hallucination,” and “Girl” <i>Tupelo Quarterly</i>
June 2023	“How to Tank in Overwatch 2” <i>Cartridge Lit</i>
May 2023	“Prayer of Thanksgiving” and “Request” <i>Arboreal Literary Magazine</i>
Mar 2023	“White Peony (I)” <i>Frontier Poetry</i>
Dec 2019	“Kaizo Block*” <i>Cartridge Lit</i>
Dec 2018	“Another Song” <i>Half Mystic</i>
April 2018	“This Man Suit” <i>Glass: A Journal of Poetry</i>
Dec 2017	“Faggot Regrets Not Coming Out Sooner” <i>Glass: A Journal of Poetry</i>
Sep 2017	“Faggot Once Against Considers His Body,” “Self Portrait, with Faggot and Eyeliner,” and “In a Dream, Faggot and His Father Drive Up the Side of a Dark Obelisk” <i>Nimrod International Journal</i>
	Semi-finalist for Pablo Neruda Prize in Poetry
July 2017	“My Own Gender” <i>Dream Pop Press</i>

April 2017 “Planting,” “hookup, at your house,” and “151 rum, malibu, pineapple juice”
Contrary Magazine

Dec 2016 “bedroom fight”
Rust & Moth

Aug 2016 “Crossdressed in Rochester, MN, I Consider My Reflection in a Bar Window”
Nashville Review

Dec 2015 “Aubade” and “Mirror”
Tinderbox Poetry Journal

Dec 2015 “Angel of the Meridian”
Cleaver Magazine

Sep 2015 “Eternal Calm”
Cleaver Magazine

Articles

July 2025 “Yearning for Meaning: Maddy Thorson’s Super Mario World Romhacks and the
Metamodernist Impulse”
Uwinnable