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Education

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) -- North Adams, MA **Expected Graduation: 2018**
Major: B.A., English / Communications **Concentration:** Writing **Minor:** Arts Management

Work Experience

MCLA Writing Associate **Fall 2017 - Present**
North Adams, MA

- Collaborate with writers at any stage of the writing process: from understanding assignments and brainstorming ideas to planning, revising and polishing final drafts.

MCLA Individual Enrichment Program (IEP) -- Academic Tutor Counselor (Writing) **June 2015 - July 2015**
North Adams, MA

- Critiqued students' writing, facilitated study sessions in order to prepare students for College.

Development (MCLA Office of Institutional Advancement) -- Assistant **September 2015 - May 2016**
North Adams, MA

- Associative writing/research consultant for administrative documents under the Annual Giving Program Director

Hypnotic Hippo -- Writing Consultant **2015 - Present**

Supporting the dedicated effort to cover the latest hits and trends of the art world.

- Associative writing consultant with experience in music reviews, artist interviews, and press event coverage.
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Internships & Teaching Assistantships

Conversations on Race Capstone -- Teaching Assistantship **Spring 2018**
North Adams, MA

- Assist in designing course curriculum; develop toolkit with resources to aid students' understanding of course material and learning objectives; provide feedback on students' written work.
- Facilitate Workshops that invite students to learn about evolving conceptions of "race" and collaborate through interactive exercises/practices.

Mellon Foundation Grant at Mass. College of Liberal Arts -- Administrative Research Associate **Fall 2017 - 2018**
North Adams, MA

- Catalogue Berkshire County humanities resources
- Design humanities resource profiles and integrate resources into digital map software
- Collaborate with faculty team to plan/implement faculty/community workshops

Writing in the Arts -- Teaching Assistantship **Fall 2017**
North Adams, MA

- Build a culture of critique/peer review: inform students on respectful/appropriate techniques.
- Develop a digital portfolio of curricular resources to enhance students' understanding of course material.

SM[ART] COMMONS -- Web Designer & Editor **2016 - 2017**
North Adams, MA

Arts Management Blog dedicated to capturing the voices of emerging leaders in the arts.

- Develop a new platform using WordPress and designed the site to be more visually compelling.
- Edit and create content to be published; collaborate with students and faculty to submit content.

Publications and Research

Brainworks Berkshire Regional Arts Integration Network -- MCLA Summer Research Institute Summer 2017

North Adams, MA

Grant-funded research with Dr. Lisa Donovan to build regional capacity for engagement in the arts in Berkshire County.

- Research current literature on arts and education; create database of surrounding creative youth development.
- Capture/share findings in writing and through the use of graphic visualization; disseminate results to the field by participating in strategic plans to continue research and provide professional development to area educators.

Sounds and Tones Records: National Poetry Month Feature -- Performance April 6, 2017

North Adams, MA

- Invited to perform *Fresh Perspective(s)* at the MCLA Design Lab

Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) - Creative Writing Special Session April 21th, 2016

North Adams, MA

Nine MCLA writers came together to share their creative writing pieces in the spirit of invention and fellowship.

- *Fresh Perspective(s)* is constructed of five separate poems that can stand alone, but when they are put in conversation with one another and performed with instrumental music, they create a new, hybrid experience.

Spires Literary Magazine (Print) 2016

- *FRESH* (Poetry), *To My Poet* (Poetry); *Pensador* (Prose)

Radio Interview - Reginald Dwayne Betts Spring 2016

North Adams, MA

*Poet and memoirist, Betts' most recent publication is *Bastards of the Reagan Era: a collection of poems on the pitfalls of Urban America*.*

- Discussed Betts' most recent publication *Bastard of the Reagan Era* in light of his execution of the pitfalls of Urban America

Artist Interview - Shante' Cozier Fall 2016

North Adams, MA

Published creative writer and workshop facilitator for the New York Writers Coalition in Brooklyn.

- Discussed Cozier's 2015 award winning chapbook *Sometimes Angels* and her experiences with facilitating writers workshops.

Young Poets Society - Rye Magazine Premiere Issue (Print) 2009

- *Winter* (Poetry)

Volunteer Experience

FIGMENT Project - Writing/Editing Consultant October 2015 - April 30th, 2016

North Adams, MA

March 2017 - April 2017

International community based framework dedicated to an annual celebration of creative culture and participatory art in light of organized social engagement.

- Core Team Communications Assistant - Developed text for the fundraising campaign, press releases and social media campaigns. (2015 -2016)
 - Writing/Editing Consultant - Aided in fundraising efforts: edited sponsorship letters and solicitation emails to local business; developed text to publicly thank generous donors for their support. (2017)
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Community-Based Projects & Workshop Facilitation

Creativity Capsule (Cultivating the Commons)

Spring 2017

North Adams, MA

- Established a creative learning space that invites the public to 1) interact with creative and critical thinking materials, 2) respond to collaborative writing prompts that promote meaningful discussion with members in the community, and 3) establish connections regarding the power of language.

Make Poetry Happen (MPH)

Fall 2015

North Adams, MA

- Produced a MPH chalkboard installation to encourage students to create a collaborative poem and interact with the community through the power of language.

Teen Writers Workshop

Fall 2015

Drury High School, North Adams, MA

- Facilitated a writers workshop for high school students that explored how to construct and develop poetry.

Honors & Awards

- Awarded by MCLA English/Communications Department for Excellence in Language Studies (Spring 2017)
- Awarded for Academic Excellence by the MCLA Multicultural Society (Fall 2016)
- Awarded by MCLA English/Communications Department for Excellence in Creative Writing - Poetry (2015)
- Alpha Chi College Honor Society Member (Fall 2016 - Present)
- Student Ambassador of MCLA Alumni Association (2014 - Present)
- Awarded the 2014 Bard College Humanities Nomination (2014)
- Awarded the Elmira Key Scholarship by nomination of illustrious academic skills. (2014)