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Education **University of California – Davis** Davis, CA | Graduated June 2015
- Master of Arts in English – Creative Writing

Brown University Providence, RI | Graduated May 2011
- Bachelor of Arts in Physics

**Grants,
Awards &
Fellowships** **Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship** Bisceglie, Italy | Oct. 2016 – Jun. 2017
- Fulbright ETA to Puglia for the 2016-17 school year.
- Gave lessons for 8 distinct English classes at 2 public high schools on topics ranging from American history and culture, to immigration, to science & technology.
- Organized a multimedia pen-pal project between language students in Bisceglie and those studying Italian in my hometown of Harrison, NY. In total 8 language teachers, 17 classrooms and >300 students participated.

**Teaching
& Work
Experience** **Temple University Rome, Academic Support Center Coordinator**
Rome, Italy | Sept. 2018 – present
- Founded the Academic Support Center at Temple University Rome with the support of the Dean and other senior staff.
- Proposed and moderated the Teaching Workshop Series, a cross-disciplinary, hands-on professional development and networking program for TUR faculty.
- Collaborated with Outreach and Communications staff to produce co-curricular events (panels, author talks, etc.) on campus.
- Tutored students individually in the Academic Support Center.
- Coordinated additional faculty programming and consulted with individual faculty members re: education technology and teaching online, learning assessments, evaluation standards, etc.
- Oversaw the Adult Study Abroad Program.

Temple University Rome, Adjunct Faculty of English
Rome, Italy | Sept. 2018 – present
- Taught English 826: Creative Acts, an introductory level course in creative writing that fulfills a university Gen. Ed. requirement.
- Taught English 802: Analytical Reading and Writing, a 4-credit first year writing course required of all Temple University freshmen.
- Taught UNVS 1001: University Seminar, a 1-credit course required of all students in the Temple Rome Entry Year program.

Temple University Rome S.r.l., Commercial Programs Coordinator
Rome, Italy | Feb. 2018 – July 2020
- Supported the Dean/Executive Director in developing commercial programs based at Temple University's Campus in Rome, including Non-Credit Education programs, external program/event hosting, and merchandising.

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- Key new initiatives in Non-Credit Education included the addition of the Adult Scholars Program, Adult Study Abroad Program, and Evening & Weekend Classes.
- Introduced tiered service levels for our space rental program, with distinct services tailored for external study abroad programs, external conferences, and locally based partners.

Civitella Ranieri Foundation, Resident Intern Umbertide, Italy | Sep. – Nov. 2017

- Served as a bilingual link between our English-speaking Fellows and Italian-speaking staff.
- Copyedited and translated documents for use by our Board of Directors.
- My varied duties included: maintaining website, social media, and blog platforms, as well as records and email lists; producing print materials with desktop publishing software; set-up and MC for public events at the Castle; accompanying Fellows on organized excursions; assisting Fellows with any and all special requests, including travel reservations; cataloguing new donations to the Civitella Library.

UC Davis, Creative Writing Instructor Davis, CA | Oct. 2014 – Jun. 2015

- Taught three terms of English 5F, an introductory fiction writing workshop for university students.
- Designed own syllabus, materials and course reader.

UC Davis, EDU 98 Instructor Davis, CA | Oct. 2013 – Dec. 2014

- Co-taught two sections of EDU 98: American Culture & The University Experience, a course designed to support and increase retention among freshman international students.

Summer Teaching Experience

Spoletto Study Abroad, Creative Writing Instructor

Spoletto, Italy | Summers 2018-19

- Taught a 3-week intensive course (16 class hours / week) on short story writing.
- Spoletto Study Abroad is an American Pre-College program offering international high school students the opportunity to study and travel throughout Umbria and Tuscany. Students study Italian language, Art & Architecture, and choose a core artistic discipline between: Creative Writing, Screenwriting, Visual Art, Photography, Strings or Vocals.

UC Davis Extension, EST Instructor

Davis, CA | Summers 2014-15

- Taught multiple classes in the English for Science & Technology summer program, including Hot Topics in Science & Technology, and Introduction to Regional Business & Industry.
- Program served visiting international students ranging from undergraduates to established professionals, in widely varying stages of EFL education.

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- Freelance & Consultancies** **Temple University Rome, Copywriter/Editor + Communications Consultant**
Rome, Italy | May-June 2019
- Filtered and organized a database of nearly 8,000 e-mail contacts so that future mailings could be targeted with high resolution.
 - Set up audiences and associated data fields in Mail Chimp for both internal and external communications, and imported contacts appropriately.
 - Wrote, edited and designed initial mailings, in order to provide templates for future communications and fundraising campaigns.
 - Wrote and edited HTML copy for the Temple Rome website.
- Languages** **English – Native**
Italian – Fluent
- Nearly five years of living/working experience in Italy.
 - Six years of formal study.
- Projects & Publications** **Master’s Thesis Project** Davis, CA | filed June 2015
- *Ablutions* is a book-length collection of short stories.
- life, by geek** online | Sept. 2011 – present
- A personal blog to which I post articles on science, education, current events, etc.
- “Red Head,”** *Haggard & Halloo* online | May 6, 2012
- My short story “Red Head” was published in the web-based literary magazine *Haggard & Halloo*.
- Appoint-ments** **Creative Writing Faculty Committee, Graduate Rep.** Davis, CA | 2014-15
- Represented UC Davis creative writing graduate students at faculty meetings.
- Diana Lynn Bogart Writing Contest, Fiction Judge** Davis, CA | Spring 2014
- Served as one of two judges for an annual undergraduate writing contest.
 - Distributed ~\$2,000 in prize money to six winners.
- Pamela Maus Writing Contest, Fiction Judge** Davis, CA | Winter 2014-15
- Served as one of two judges for an annual undergraduate writing contest.
 - Distributed ~\$1,000 in prize money to five winners.
- Activities** **Volunteer at the Carver Center** Port Chester, NY | March – Aug. 2016
- The Carver Center is a community organization in Port Chester, a small suburb of NYC home to many working and immigrant families.
 - Tutored math, science and English to students in the Teen Center.
 - Led college admissions essay workshops during a summer college prep course.
- Stand-up Comedy** anywhere | ongoing
- Performed stand-up comedy at local shows and open mics.

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Brown Track & Field

Providence, RI | 2008 – 2011

- Competed in the High Jump for Brown University’s NCAA Division 1 track team.
- Captained the Jumps squad during my senior season.

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Providence, RI | 2008 – 2011

- Contributed articles and headlines to Brown University’s satirical newspaper.

Computer Skills

Programming

- Working familiarity with Java, Python, MatLab and functional programming languages.
- Relevant Coursework: CSCI 0170 – Integrated Introduction to Computer Science (Brown)

Web Design

- Working familiarity with HTML, Javascript, PHP, CSS, Django, Squarespace, and Wordpress platforms.
- Relevant Coursework: CSCI 1320 – Creating Modern Web Apps (Brown)

Software

- Highly proficient in Microsoft Office and Google applications.
- Working familiarity with desktop publishing, photo, and video editing software.
- Familiar with Windows, Mac and Linux-based operating systems.