

Albion James “AJ” Fitzgerald

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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

Teaching & Work Experience

Temple University Rome, Program Coordinator

Rome, Italy | Feb. 2018 – present

- Founded the Academic Support Center at Temple University Rome, and coordinated both student-facing and faculty-facing support services, resources, events, workshops, etc.
- Created the Teaching Workshop Series, a cross-disciplinary, hands-on professional development program for TUR faculty.
- Delivered additional faculty programming and consultations re: education technology and teaching online, learning assessments, evaluation standards, etc.
- Produced co-curricular events (panels, author talks, etc.) on campus alongside outreach and communications staff. Featured speakers include Julius “Dr. J.” Erving, Algerian-Italian author Amara Lakhous, and Pulitzer-Prize winning author Jhumpa Lahiri.
- Founded and oversaw all phases of the Adult Study Abroad Program, including design, recruitment, applications, pre-departure & orientation programming, budgeting, curriculum development, etc.
- Contributed to DEIA committee meetings and initiatives, including related grant applications, faculty development workshops, co-curricular programming, etc.
- Until 2020, developed and coordinated commercial programs at Temple University’s Campus in Rome, including external program/event hosting and merchandising.

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.

Spoletto Study Abroad, Creative Writing Instructor

Spoletto, Italy | Summers 2018-19

- Taught an intensive 3-week creative writing course (16 class hours / week) for high school students.

Civitella Ranieri Foundation, Resident Intern

Umbertide, Italy | Sept. – Nov. 2017

- Served as a bilingual liaison between English-speaking Fellows and Italian-speaking staff.
- Copyedited and translated documents for use by our Board of Directors.
- Additional 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.

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UC Davis, Graduate Student Instructor

Davis, CA | Sept. 2013 – Aug. 2015

- Taught three terms of English 5F, an introductory fiction writing workshop for university students.
- Co-taught two sections of EDU 98: American Culture & The University Experience, a course designed to support and increase retention among freshman international students.
- Taught multiple classes in the English for Science & Technology international summer program.
- Served as Teaching Assistant in the Comparative Literature Department for two terms.

Grants & Fellowships

Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program

Mexico | July 2023

- Participated in a 4-week Fulbright-Hays Seminar on the topic of “200 Years of US-Mexico Bilateral Relations.”
- Award amount: 13,000 USD

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship

Bisceglie, Italy | Oct. 2016 – Jun. 2017

- Fulbright ETA to Puglia, Italy for the 2016-17 school year.
- Award amount: 12,800 Euro

Professional Development

Fostering Diverse Abilities

Dynamo Academy (Italy) | 2022-23

- A 3-part, 12-hour DEIA workshop for American study abroad professionals in Italy.

Understanding & Supporting Diverse Learners

Landmark College | 2022

- A 3-credit, online graduate level course on pedagogical strategies for supporting neurodiverse students. Part of a 15-credit graduate certificate in Learning Differences & Neurodiversity.

Voice Thread Certified Educator

online | 2021

- A 2-week professional development course on teaching online with Voice Thread.

Asynchronous Online Teaching Institute

Temple University (online) | 2020

- A 4-week professional development course on online pedagogy.

Appointments

The Forum on Education Abroad, Working Group Member

2023-24

- Contributed to the working group “Supporting Adult Learners in Education Abroad.”

Temple University First Year Writing Program, ChatGPT Committee

2023

- Contributed to ChatGPT committee meetings regarding the impact of ChatGPT and similar technological developments on Temple University’s First Year Writing Program.

IDEAS Grant, Grant Reviewer

2023

- Reviewed Phase 1 Applications for the U.S. Department of State’s 2023 IDEAS Grant competition.

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Civitella Ranieri Fellowship, Official Nominator 2021 – present

- Nominated candidates for the Civitella Ranieri Fellowship in Writing. Candidates must be recommended by designated nominators before being considered for the prize.

Creative Writing Faculty Committee, Graduate Rep. Davis, CA | 2014-15

- Represented UC Davis creative writing graduate students at faculty meetings.

UC Davis Writing Contests, Fiction Judge Davis, CA | 2014-15

- Served as one of two judges for two annual undergraduate writing contests (Diana Lynn Bogart & Pamela Maus Contests).
- Distributed ~\$3,000 in prize money to eleven winners.

Languages

English – Native

Italian – Fluent

- Have lived/worked in Italy since 2016. Six years of formal study.

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, 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.
- Working familiarity with Windows, Mac and Linux-based operating systems.

Projects & Publications

“Simulation & Practice with Voice Thread,” Voice Thread Blog online | Jan. 2022

“What it was like to quarantine in Italy after arriving from the US,” The Local Italy online | Sept. 2020

Master’s Thesis Project Davis, CA | filed June 2015

- *Ablutions* is a book-length collection of short stories.

life, by geek online | 2011 - 2016

- A personal blog to which I posted 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*.

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Activities

Volunteer, Carver Center

Portchester, NY | 2016

- The Carver Center is a community organization in Port Chester, a small suburb of NYC home to many working class 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.

Brown Track & Field

Providence, RI | 2008 - 2011

- Competed in the High Jump for Brown University's NCAA Division 1 Track & Field team.
- Captained the Jumps Squad in my senior season.

The Brown Noser

Providence, RI | 2008 – 2011

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