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**Education:**

**Bachelor of Arts in English** May 2020

Concentration: Rhetoric & Professional Writing

Minor: Children’s Literature

Longwood University, Farmville, VA

Cormier Honors College

Study Abroad Participant (Cape Town, South Africa)

Current GPA: 3.951

**Research/Publications:**

“Who Watches the Curriculum?: *Watchmen* as Canonical Literature” 2017

* Studied the graphic novel *Watchmen* as a canonical text in summer research program
* Advocated for its inclusion in postsecondary English curricula
* Produced a 20+ page unpublished manuscript
* Appeared as a PowerPoint at Longwood’s all-digital research event, Spring Presentation of Undergraduate Research (Link: <https://www.slideshare.net/LU_OSR/who-watches-the-curriculum-watchmen-as-canonical-literature-by-karyn-keane>)

“Partial, Partisan, Contested: Public Memory at the National Museum of African American History and Culture” 2017

* Studied principles of public memory and their application in the National Museum of African American History and Culture
* Appeared in the Fall 2017 issue of *Queen City Writers* and presented at 2018 National Collegiate Honors Conference

“This Pussy Grabs Back: Body Rhetoric at the Women’s March on Washington” 2018

* Studied rhetorical principles and the concept of body rhetoric as it relates to feminism/the Women’s March
* Argued that body rhetoric was a prevalent force at the event
* Appeared in inaugural issue of *The Undergraduate Journal of Contemporary Issues and Media*

“Nasty Women: Grendel’s Mother and Wealhtheow as Equal Depictions of Femininity” 2018

* Studied Grendel’s mother and Wealhtheow as examples of powerful women in both peace and war
* Presented at the 2018 “Meeting in the Middle: The Undergraduate Medieval Conference of Longwood University”
* Appeared in the upcoming issue of *The Sigma Tau Delta Review*

“The Heart of the Heartland: Thriving Nonprofits in Downtown Farmville” 2018

* Contributing piece for the *Farmville-Downtown Partnership*
* Examines the importance and availability of nonprofits in downtown Farmville, Virginia

“Running in the Footsteps of History: Farmville Prepares for the Sixth Annual High Bridge Half-Marathon & 5K” 2018

* Contributing piece for the *Farmville-Downtown Partnership*
* Advertises upcoming local event and explains history of site

**Awards:**

* Longwood University Excellence in Research and Inquiry Award Spring 2019
* Longwood University Provost Scholarship Fall 2016-Present
* Longwood Emerging Citizen Leader Award Spring 2017
* Nell Anderson Sprague Freshman Composition Award Spring 2017
* Herbert R. Blackwell Scholarship Spring 2017
* Phi Kappa Phi Certificate of Merit Spring 2018
* Rosemary Sprague Quasi-Endowment Award Spring 2018
* Lillie Evelyn Goodrich Scholarship Spring 2018
* SNVC Undergraduate Scholarship Spring 2018

**Work Experience:**

Writing Center Consultant Fall 2018-Present

Longwood University Center for Academic Success, Farmville, VA

* Educating undergraduate and graduate students on ways to improve their writing
* Facilitating workshops about writing techniques and conventions
* Working with a variety of multimedia projects
* Working with students at various stages of the writing process

School Board Office Intern Spring 2019-Present

Prince Edward County Public Schools, Farmville, VA

* Assisted with office upkeep and organizational tasks
* Composed press releases for *Farmville Herald*
* Wrote newsletter articles in a timely and effective manner
* Compiled reports and data when needed

Lead Peer Mentor Spring 2018-Present

Longwood University Office of First Year Experience, Farmville, VA

* Guiding students through summer and fall orientation sessions
* Planning activities with interest-based group of students
* Educating students about personal and professional success
* Directing students to appropriate campus resources whenever necessary
* Leading small groups of first-time mentors and advising them on how to interact with students

Reader Spring 2018-Present

*The Omnipedia Review*, Longwood University Office of Student Research, Farmville, VA

* Reviewing written articles for Longwood’s review publication
* Scoring pieces according to a rubric
* Offer feedback on articles to aspiring authors in a timely and effective manner

Copy Editor Fall 2018-Present

*Incite*, Longwood University, Farmville, VA

* Reviewing submissions for Longwood’s undergraduate journal
* Offering feedback on copy matters
* Working with the conventions of various disciplines

Special Projects Intern August 2017-May 2018

Longwood University Office of Alumni & Career Services

* Assist in the planning of promotional events and projects
* Assemble materials for job fairs and other events
* Generating promotional materials such as emails and posters
* Run promotional tables on campus to promote events and projects

Peer Mentor (Longwood Seminar Version) August 2017-December 2017

Longwood University Office of First Year Experience

* Administered online modules for a freshmen summer course (1839 Experience)
* Guided freshmen through orientation activities
* Co-teach Longwood Seminar with faculty instructor
* Plan lessons and assignments for freshmen
* Answer questions for freshmen in a timely and effective manner

English and Spanish Tutor

Longwood University Athletics, Farmville, VA Fall 2018-Present

* Monitoring student study area to preserve an environment conducive to success
* Assisting student athletes with English and Spanish material
* Promoting effective study habits

**Work Experience, Continued:**

Bear Builder Spring 2017-Present

Build a Bear Workshop, Williamsburg, VA

* Assisted guests in selecting items for purchase
* Handled monetary transactions including cash, credit cards, and gift cards
* Informed guests of current promotions
* Managed inventory
* Assembled animals for purchase
* Assisted guests with in-store technology

**Activities:**

* College of Arts and Sciences Student Advisory Board March 2017-Present
  + Former Publicity Chair, Current Vice President
* Alpha Sigma Tau September 2018-Present
  + Current Director of Academic Success, Director of Ritual, Illuminate Facilitator, Nominations Committee Member, and Recruitment Committee Member
* Order of Omega Greek Honor Society
  + Current Hazing Prevention Week Co-Chair
* Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society Spring 2018-Present
  + Current Secretary
* National Society of Leadership and Success September 2016-Present
  + Former Vice President, Current General Member

**Volunteering:**

* FACES Food Pantry
  + Sorted and packed food for delivery to area homes
* Southside SPCA
  + Assisted in the socialization of cats and dogs
* Adopt-a-Highway
  + Cleaned trash and other debris from Back Hampden Sydney Road
* Women’s Wellness Initiative
  + Promoted Alpha Sigma Tau’s national philanthropy, raised awareness for domestic violence prevention
* Junior Marshal
  + Assisted with the 2019 Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies at Longwood University; helped with Senior Week Activities

**Skills:**

**Computer**: Social media, Microsoft Office suite

**Interpersonal**: Strong verbal and written communication

**Language**: Beginner-level Spanish