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Education

M.F.A., Creative Writing, The University of Kansas August 2023 - Current

B.A., English and Creative Writing, The University of Iowa August 2019 - May 2023

Honors and Awards

Summer 2022 – Acceptance: Summer Graduate Fiction Workshop
Iowa Writers' Workshop, University of Iowa

January 2022 - Top 10 Program Award
RA Conference, University of Northern Iowa

Fall 2019 – Fall 2023 – Dean's List

Publications and Invited Presentations

October 12, 2022 – “Mami's” Jacket” - *Objects of Affirmation
Multimedia Art Exhibition* – LGBTQ+ Archives of Iowa and Public Space One, Curator: Prof. Elizabeth Rodriguez Fielder

October 10, 2022 – “Love and Vice” - *Tru Coffee Reading Series #2
Invited Reading* – Tru Coffee & Threads, Organizer: Julián Bañuelos

June 2, 2022 – Summer Student Reading
Invited Reading - Summer Graduate Fiction Workshop, Prof. Lan Samantha Chang, University of Iowa

January 29th, 2022 – Program: “Inclusivity in Language - Improving Gender-based Language with Residents”
Educational Presentation - RA Conference, University of Northern Iowa

June 7, 2021 - “Jarod Valencia-Cheng” - *Writers of Color Reading Series
Interview, Reading* - *Writers of Color Reading Series* (podcast), Englert Theatre

May 1, 2021 - (Ch. 23 “I Woke Up”), *on coffee: boundless journal special addition
Publication (virtual)* - Boundless Project, University of Iowa

Relevant Work Experience

The University of Iowa

- March 2021 – May 2023 – Resident Assistant (RA), University Housing & Dining
 - Primarily manages a residential section and helps throughout within a 1,051-person residence hall, acting as a confidant and source of information about the residence hall's policies for the students living in said section
- September 2022 – May 2023 – Undergraduate Representative, IDEAS (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity Access, Social Justice) Committee, English Department

- Works with faculty, PhD, and graduate students to address concerns related to Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion (DEAI) in the University of Iowa's English Department
- November 2020 – May 2023 – Member, CUE (Change UIowa English) Committee
 - Advocates for initiatives that are anti-racist and inclusionary in nature in hopes of making the University of Iowa's English Department a comfortable setting for BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and other marginalized groups of students

Wright House of Fashion (Non-Profit Organization)

- November 2022 – March 2023 – Photographer, Designer
 - Provides educational workshops, photography services, and event planning skills to underprivileged people (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) and Iowa City-Cedar Rapids community in order to create access to the fashion industry and diversify it

Affiliations and Memberships

October 2022 - present – Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Alpha of Iowa Chapter

Leadership Roles

August 2019 - August 2022 – Competition Coordinator, Vice-President, President; Hawkeye Ballroom Dance Company (HBDC)

Skills and Interests

Languages (spoken)

- Spanish, Mandarin (Heritage speaker, beginner/intermediate fluency)
- Japanese (Beginner/intermediate fluency)

Skills

- Leadership
- Multimedia Art
- Photography (35mm film, digital)
- Dance
- Social Media
- Advocacy/Organizing
- Microsoft Office

Interests

- Creative Writing pedagogy
- DEAI (Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion)
- Mutual Aid
- Social Justice in Higher Education
- Fashion
- Teaching/Education