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Education

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

Work Experience

MCLA Writing Associate **Fall 2017**
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

- Teaching Assistant for the IEP College Writing I course.
- 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.

Phonathon (MCLA Alumni Association) -- Assistant **September 2014 - Present**
North Adams, MA

- Supporting Phonathon efforts to secure scholarship aid.
- Social media writing consultant, editor for "Thank You" cards.

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

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.
 - Identify articles to be posted, edit content and create written content to be published.
 - Collaboratively work with students and faculty to submit content.
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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)
- Volunteer Writing/Editing Consultant - Aided in fundraising efforts: edited sponsorship letters to local business and solicitation emails; developed text to publicly thank generous donors for their support.

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.

Certifications

Education / Tutoring

- Personal experience with ESL learners. (2017)
- Awarded by MCLA English/Communications Department for Excellence in Language Studies (2017)
- Trained and certified Writing Associate (2015 - Present)
- Organized and facilitated a teen writers’ workshop at Drury High School in North Adams, MA. (2015)

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.

Spires Literary Magazine (Print)

2016

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

Young Poets Society - Rye Magazine Premiere Issue (Print)

2009

- *Winter* (Poetry)

Undergraduate Research Conference - 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.

Radio Interview - Reginald Dwayne Betts

Spring 2016

North Adams, MA

Acclaimed published poet and memoirist.

- 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.