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EDUCATION

Master of Arts in English, Oakland University, Rochester, MI

Expected Graduation: 2025

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and English, Oakland University, Rochester, MI

2020

- Minor in French Language
- Honors College, thesis completion
- Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society
- Dean's List, 2016-2020

EXPERIENCE

News Producer, ABC12-WJRT, Flint, MI

Dec 2020 – Oct 2024

- Produced one-hour shows daily, seeking out, writing, and structuring written, video, and graphic elements
- Collaborated with news director and on-air talent to ensure proper airing of newscasts and live programs
- Managed shows from control booth, maintaining flow and visual elements while timing broadcasts
- Presented ideas for coverage, including the integration of content on-air, online, and through social media
- Edited and fact-checked anchor and reporter scripts to maintain news station integrity

Oakland University Writing Center

Sept 2016 – April 2020

Consultant Mentor (2017-2020)

- Assisted students with the writing process via brainstorming, reorganization, and grammar
- Advised campus writers on accepted formatting styles for academic writing (MLA, APA, AP Style, CMS)
- Collaborated with students from different educational backgrounds to develop critical thinking skills
- Facilitated academic integrity by guiding sanctioned writers through Cite Right, a plagiarism prevention program
- Contributed to Consult Right, a new consultant training program, before its enactment in September 2017

AP Style Editor (2018-2020)

- Served as lead editor for a WC collaboration with an OU School of Engineering publication
- Oversaw other consultants on AP Style editing and ensured edits and suggestions were properly communicated

Research Assistant (2018-2020)

- Pioneered and presented an archival project depicting the center's history through a timeline and data compilation
- Compiled data to justify the expansion of writing center services
- Created and archived a 25-year history of the Michigan Writing Centers Association's annual Ideas Exchange
- Presented at regional and international writing center conferences to share current research on OU interventions

Receptionist (2016-2017)

- Executed excellent customer service that created a friendly environment conducive to center success
- Communicated with clients to build rapport between students and writing center services

Embedded Writing Specialist, Oakland University Department of Writing and Rhetoric

Aug 2018 – Dec 2019

- Attended class session weekly to aid professor in student instruction in basic writing classes (coded WRT 1020)
- Presented MLA citation to students, facilitated peer editing, and enhanced students' writing foundational skills
- Served as liaison between the writing class and the OUWC by assisting students at writing center
- Strived to instill knowledge of writing, writing center support to lead students to success in first-year writing courses

Content Editor, Campus Editor, The Oakland Post

Dec 2018 – April 2020

- Edited stories in accordance with AP Style regulations and provided guidance to improve staff writing skills
- Managed reporter and contributor teams, providing progress reports to ensure writing development
- Wrote campus-oriented stories concerning news and event coverage, profiles, reviews, and opinion pieces
- Helped produce print edition of newspaper for distribution to 5,000 OU students and faculty each week
- Facilitated communication with university personnel and students to build a network of sources
- Co-piloted the newspaper through the coronavirus, writing news stories, and connecting with administration

OU Prison Arts Project Member, Thumb Correctional Facility, Lapeer, MI

Jan 2020 – March 2020

- Assisted in weekly creative writing workshop with 30 inmates, covering flash fiction, journalism, and poetry
- Led program's first journalism writing workshop, where members shared their own editorial pieces
- Piloted miniature workshop groups, reading, and offering constructive feedback of members' work
- Program was shut down early due to coronavirus concerns revoking visitor access to facility

Reporter, Oakland University News Bureau

Jan 2018 – April 2018

- Published eight stories covering topics ranging from entertainment to controversy
- Enacted and met reporting deadlines to guarantee dependability and publishing efficiency
- Arranged timely interviews with sources, including technicians and business owners
- Discussed projects in progress and utilized constructive feedback to improve my work

AWARDS

- Best Spot News Coverage, Michigan Associated Press Media Editors award 2021
Hogarth Avenue Explosion: Produced two hours of live coverage the morning after a deadly explosion in Flint

PROJECTS

Breaking the Silence of Gun Violence

Aug 2023 – Nov 2023

- Executive produced a 1.5-hour special broadcast on gun violence with a panel of 8 guests
- Collaborated with anchor to organize a live-to-tape town hall with an audience of local leaders and the community
- Crafted a compelling show with guided questions for participants, coupled with local stories and a Q&A session
- Designed graphic elements and edited video, compiling statistics to illustrate the problem
- View *Breaking the Silence of Gun Violence*: abc12.com/gunviolencetownhall

AP Style Writing Resources

Jan 2019 – Aug 2020

- Created a comprehensive, 40-page set of AP Style resources, coupled with Honors College written thesis
- Tested resources on 32 OU Introduction to Journalism students in the winter 2020 semester (pre-COVID-19)
- Used by OU Introduction to Journalism and Advanced Newswriting and Editing classes starting fall 2020
- Accessible on my website, with 150+ unique visitors in first month of classes: katievalley.com/ap-style-resources/
- View more about the creation of the resources: katievalley.com/creation-of-ap-style-writing-resources/

MiWCA Ideas Exchange Written History, OU Writing Center Archival Project

June 2018 – April 2020

- Scanned and archived 25 years of the Michigan Writing Centers Association Ideas Exchange
- Compiled the most notable events from 1994-2019 into a written history to best preserve conference records
- Wrote a history of the OU Writing Center containing usage data, staff records, and accomplishments
- Presented research at the 2018 MiWCA Ideas Exchange at the University of Michigan-Flint
- View more information about my archival work: katievalley.com/miwca-archival-project/

LEADERSHIP

President, Treasurer, Student Writers Group at OU, Oakland University

Sept 2017 – April 2020

- Served as chief decision-maker and sole compiler of the *Swallow the Moon* literary journal
- Edited 140 submissions from 50+ authors for the journal, reviewing organization, grammar, and syntax
- Published and distributed copies of the journal to the university student body
- Managed financial accounts to ensure proper management of organization activities

Vice President, Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, Oakland University

April 2018 – April 2020

- Assisted in event planning, member recruitment through class visits and flyer creation and distribution
- Hosted and sponsored events concerning appreciation of English literature and other related topics
- Recruited new members by visiting English classes, distributing flyers, and compiling informational group posts

Judiciary Committee Sub-Chair, Oakland University Student Congress

May 2018 – May 2019

- Discussed and implemented constitutional updates through weekly voting and group editing
- Contributed clarification and grammatical changes to style bylaws, following OUSC Code of Conduct
- Approved OUSC meeting absence requests in accordance with Judiciary Committee Code of Conduct

CREATIVE WRITING PUBLICATIONS

- *Swallow the Moon* literary journal: Published 11 poems and one French short story in 2017-2020 volumes
- *Nuestras Voces* journal: Awarded best French poetry submission, 2017

JOURNALISM PUBLICATIONS

- The Oakland Post: [OU researchers contribute to ending mudsnail invasions in Michigan waters](#)
- The Oakland Post: [Biology student once nicknamed 'Uppercase A' earns highest GPA in department](#)
- The Oakland Post: [Pescovitz offers campus to Beaumont to house COVID-19 patients, testing sites](#)
- OU News Bureau: [Business Cats take on Rust Belt Market](#)
- OU News Bureau: [Spay, neuter clinics tackle a problem](#)
- Link to other work samples: katievalley.com/other-work-samples/