TEXAS STATE VITA

I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Nicolas Rivera Teaching Assistant

B. Educational Background

M.F.A.	*2026*	*Texas State*	*Creative Writing*	*Thesis/Dissertation*
M.A.	*2022*	*Texas Tech*	*English*	*Thesis/Dissertation*
B.S.	*2020*	*Texas Tech*	*Agronomy*	*Thesis/Dissertation*

II. TEACHING

A. Courses Taught:
ENGL 1301 and 1302, First Year Writing — Texas Tech University
Literature and Composition and College Readiness — Upward Bound, Texas Tech University
ENG 1310, College Writing I — Texas State University

B. Courses Prepared and Curriculum Development:
ENGL 1301 and 1302, First Year Writing — Texas Tech University

III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

A. Works in Print (including works accepted, forthcoming, in press):

1. Conference Proceedings:

Rivera, N. (2021). Thank You for Your Service: A short story. [Reading] The 53rd Texas Tech Comparative Literature Symposium
Rivera, N., Mitchell, R., Redfearn, D., & Masterson, S., (2018). Effect of Switchgrass Row Spacing
on Inter-Seeded Legume Establishment. [Poster presentation]. Nebraska Summer Research Program Symposium
Rivera, N., Mitchell, R., Redfearn, D., Masterson, S., (2018). Effect of Switchgrass Row Spacing on
Inter-Seeded Legume Establishment. [Poster presentation]. ASA, CSSA, and CSA International Annual Meeting
Rivera, N., Laughery, J., (2023). Mapping the Conversation: A Roundtable Discussion Exploring the
Intersection of University Writing Centers and Teaching College Courses [Roundtable]. SCWCA

2. Short Stories:

Rivera, N. (2019). Greener Pastures. Harbinger: A Journal of Art and Literature, 2018-2019, 71–76.

Rivera, N. (2020). Last Meal. Harbinger: A Journal of Art and Literature, 2019-2020, 62-67.

Rivera, N. (2020). Lucky Charm. Harbinger: A Journal of Art and Literature, 2019-2020, 111-124.

Rivera, N. (2024). Public Transportation. Allium: A Journal of Poetry and Prose, Online Fall 2024 Issue.

River, N. (2025). Erotomania. Blood + Honey, Online December 2025 Issue

D. Scholarly / Creative Fellowships, Awards, Honors:

2020-2022 Teaching Assistantship, TTU College of Arts and Sciences
2016-2020 Terry Scholar, The Terry Foundation, Full Funding for Undergraduate Degree
2016-2020 Dean’s List, Texas Tech University
2023-2024 W. Morgan and Lou Claire Rose Scholarship
2023-2024 Dean's List, Texas State University