Makayla J. Putman

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EDUCATION

Texas State University, San Marcos, TX **May 2026**
Pursuing Master of Arts in Literature, GPA: **4.0**

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, TX **May 2024**
Bachelor of Arts in English, Summa Cum Laude, GPA: **4.0**

RECENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Texas State University, San Marcos, TX **August 2025-Present**
Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Crafted my own college writing syllabi as an instructor of record
- Collaborated with teaching assistants in Texas State's pedagogical community
- Instructed students in the basics of academic writing, research, and analysis
- Taught transferable skills, such as critical thinking and personal responsibility

Austin Community College, Austin, TX **July 2024-Present**
Embedded English Tutor

- Collaborated with assigned ACC instructors to provide focused tutoring to students
- Created lesson plans tailored to student needs for group tutoring sessions
- Tutored myriad students one-on-one in every stage of the writing process
- Coached students in writing confidence and self-encouragement techniques

Texas State University, San Marcos, TX **August 2024-August 2025**
Graduate Instructional Assistant

- Tutored students in course material with compassion and patience
- Met regularly with fellow instructional assistants and the lead professor
- Monitored student progress to ensure course pacing was adequate
- Graded essays and assignments in a timely manner

CERTIFICATIONS

College Reading and Learning Association
International Tutor Training Program Certification (ITTPC), Level 1

- This well-endorsed program trains tutors and consultants via educational meetings, tutoring experience, and mentor evaluation

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

"**'Is It Eách One?': Fire, Darkness, and the Liminal God in Hopkins's Sonnets**." Victorian Interdisciplinary Studies Association of the Western United States (VISAWUS) Conference, St. Louis, MO, October 2025.

"**Seeking Sameness and Empathy in *Villette*'s Psychological Transformations**." British Women Writers Conference (BWWC), Sioux Falls, SD, May 2025.

"**Community-Defined *Lewte* and Feminine Response in *The Canterbury Tales***." Texas Medieval Association (TEMA) Conference, Austin, TX, February 2025.

"**Strength of Femininity and Motherhood in the *Iliad***." University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Scholars' Day, Belton, TX, April 2024.

"**Diverting Dining: Wilde's *Earnest* Food Symbolism**." Sigma Tau Delta Centennial Convention, St. Louis, MO, April 2024.

"**Present in All Things: An Exploration of the Artist and Divinity**." Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Waco, TX, October 2022.

SELECTED POETRY

Under Pen Name, "Jo Pellinore"

A Bouquet of Vellum. Indie Earth Publishing, 2026. Manuscript in progress.

"Pomegranate Tears." *The Spell Jar: Hauntings of the Heart*, Indie Earth Publishing, 2025.

"Queen Moon." *The Spell Jar: Hauntings of the Heart*, Indie Earth Publishing, 2025.

"Reflecting Claret Shores." *The Spell Jar: Hauntings of the Heart*, Indie Earth Publishing, 2025.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Victorian Interdisciplinary Studies Association of the Western United States
- Keats-Shelley Association of America
- British Women Writers Association
- North American Society for the Study of Romanticism
- Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society