TEXAS STATE VITA

I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Name: Divine Byrd Title: Ms.

B. Educational Background

Degree	*Year*	*University*	*Major*	*Thesis/Dissertation*
M.F.A	Exp. 2027	Texas State University	Creative writing	
J.D.	2019	University of Virginia School of Law		
B.A.	2016	Houston Baptist University	History	

C. University Experience

Instructional Assistant, Texas State University M.F.A. Program, Aug 2025–Present

- Graded essays, exams, and creative assignments according to established rubrics, providing detailed feedback to support student improvement
- Provided one-on-one academic support and tutoring to students seeking additional help with course materials

D. Relevant Professional Experience

Assistant Managing Editor, Porter House Review, Apr 2024–Present

- Coordinated the submission review process for fiction, nonfiction, and poetry, serving as the primary point of contact for contributors throughout the editorial cycle
- Collaborated closely with the Managing Editor to curate each issue's thematic structure and finalize publication lineups

Assistant Fiction Editor, Porter House Review, May 2024–Apr 2025

- Selected short fiction submissions to create a cohesive, high-quality issue aligned with the journal's voice and editorial vision
- Provided developmental and line edits to accepted fiction pieces, working with the Fiction Editor and authors to refine narrative arc, character, and tone

Literary Programming Intern, Texas Book Festival, Aug 2025–Nov 2025

- Developed creative and engaging panels and descriptions for festival sessions
- Wrote, edited, and proofread content for festival publications, including the official website, program guides, and promotional materials

Administrative Assistant, Abode Press, May 2025–Present

- Researched monthly reports on grant and funding opportunities for a small press, cultivating industry awareness and resource identification skills essential for author support and literary career development
- Produced and distributed monthly press updates and managed website content to promote author achievements, press news, and events

Graduate Assistant, Texas State University M.F.A. Program, Aug 2024–May 2024

- Managed and monitored social media channels, responded to inquiries, engaged with prospective students, and maintained an active online presence to foster a sense of community

- Collaborated with the faculty to showcase academic milestones, upcoming events, and key program initiatives through creative campaigns

Reporter, US Renew Democracy News, Feb 2024–Jul 2024

- Developed and wrote stories covering a range of topics, including human rights, gender equality, and politics

E. Other Professional Credentials (licensure, certification, etc.)

- Barred in Pennsylvania and Washington D.C.