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Professional Summary

Professor of Instruction, writer, and educator who focuses on helping students find and develop their voice through writing, discussion, and real-world connection. I teach college writing, literature, and creative courses across both university and college-prep spaces, and I take pride in creating classrooms where students feel challenged, seen, and capable of growth. My work sits at the intersection of academic writing, creative expression, mentorship, and community engagement, and I intentionally build spaces where students from different backgrounds feel comfortable contributing, taking risks, and developing their voice.

Education

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing (Poetry)
Texas State University — 2022

Bachelor of Arts in English
Texas State University — 2018

Additional study at Texas Tech University (2014–2016)
Associate of Arts, Austin Community College (2014)

Courses Taught

First-Year Composition (ENGL 1310)
Composition II / Research Writing (ENGL 1320)
English III and IV (College Preparatory)
Poetry and Creative Writing
Songwriting and Digital Music Workshop

Professional Experience

English, Professor of Instruction

Texas State University — San Marcos & Round Rock, TX
Fall 2022–Present

I teach English 1310 and 1320 across in-person at both San Marcos and Round Rock Campuses, and asynchronous formats. I started as a Lecturer and stepped into my current role as Professor of Instruction in Fall 2024.

My classes are built around helping students understand that writing is something they can use, not just something they have to do. We work through argument, research, and structure, but we also spend time building confidence, voice, and clarity so students can stand behind what they're saying.

I've been recognized as a Top 10 Finalist for Online Teacher of the Year, which reflects the effort I've put into making asynchronous classes feel structured, present, and engaging. Outside the classroom, I've worked as a Writing Center consultant and served as both a Senior and Upper-Division Essay Judge, evaluating student writing across levels and disciplines.

English Teacher, Student Support Specialist, and Arts Instructor

Griffin School College Prep — Austin, TX
Fall 2022–Spring 2026

At Griffin, I taught English III and IV in a college-preparatory setting, building courses that balance literature, writing, and discussion in a way that pushes students to think critically and speak with intention. I regularly connect texts to music, culture, and real-world situations so students stay engaged and see the purpose behind the work.

I also taught within the Arts Department, leading classes in poetry, songwriting, and digital music. These classes gave students space to explore creativity while building confidence and discipline in their work.

As a Student Support Specialist, I worked closely with students through academic and personal challenges, helping them stay grounded and move forward. That meant showing up consistently, building trust, and helping students find ways to grow both inside and outside the classroom.

I contributed to the broader school community through the Admissions Committee, work as a Skill Department Co-Lead, attendance at the TAAPS Conference (Spring 2026), and by chaperoning student trips to Colorado and Spain.

Teaching Artist and Mentor

Austin Public Library Foundation (Badgerdog) — Austin, TX
June 2020–Present

Through Badgerdog, I teach creative writing to students ages 9–15, focusing on helping them get comfortable with their voice and take ownership of their writing. The goal is always to make writing feel real and personal, not forced.

I also serve as a mentor for the Austin Youth Poetry Laureate Program, working directly with young writers as they developed their work and confidence. In addition to mentorship, I led summer workshops for applicants to the program, helping students refine their writing, prepare submissions, and better understand how to present their voice.

Graduate Instructional Assistant

Texas State University — San Marcos, TX
2020–2021

Supported undergraduate literature courses through grading, feedback, and classroom support, while also taking on a more active role in student development. I regularly worked one-on-one with students to break down readings, strengthen their writing, and help them better understand expectations. I was recognized by both students and faculty for being approachable, attentive, and genuinely invested in student progress.

Creative Work and Community Engagement

I am currently developing a manuscript titled *Birth of a Gentleman*, which grew out of my graduate thesis. The project focuses on identity, growth, and becoming, and is structured as a sequence of poems that build on one another.

Outside of writing, I work as a local DJ, curating sets rooted in R&B, oldies, and storytelling through music. That work carries into my teaching, especially in courses where I connect rhythm, language, and voice.

I've also stayed connected to athletics and community through coaching football, drawing from my experience as a player at both the high school and collegiate level. In addition, I've participated in and supported local running events, including the Austin Half Marathon and 10K, as a way to stay engaged with the Austin community.

Skills

College Writing Instruction (ENGL 1310/1320)
Asynchronous and Online Teaching (Canvas)
Curriculum Design
Academic Writing and Research (MLA, IMRaD)
Creative Writing (Poetry, Songwriting)
Student Mentorship and Support
Discussion-Based Teaching
Digital Music and Sound
Public Speaking and Communication