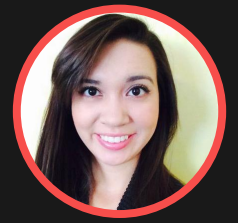


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Screenwriter / Creative Content Writer / Editor

Inspiring imagination and motivation for all ages is what I do best.



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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Editor in Chief / Social Media Manager** Foundation University

04/2020 - 10/2022 *Dumaguete City, Philippines*

*A private university that concentrates on cultivating creative thinking, innovative approaches, and excellence within its students.*

#### *Responsibilities*

- Crafted and edited articles for the quarterly magazine and university research news
- Extensive content and copy editing for both the university and its preparatory academy's eBook collection
- Composed eye-grabbing posts for social media and updates university pages (60,000+ views)

### **Online English Teacher**

DaDa ABC

02/2018 - 12/2021 *Shanghai, China*

*One of the world's leading online academies for students to learn a wide variety of subjects in the English language.*

#### *Achievements/Tasks*

- Taught over 3,000 classes that ranged in subject with approximately 700 students

### **Social Media Marketer / Editor / Assistant** Your Novel

01/2019 - 03/2019 *Raleigh, NC, USA*

*An independent publishing firm concentrating on personalized novels*

#### *Responsibilities*

- Created and edited enticing social media posts and blogs for a wide range of social media platforms
- Completed high-turnover orders, bookkeeping, and scheduling promotional interviews in timely fashion

### **Textbook Editor / English Tutor**

Oral English

02/2018 - 06/2018 *Paris, France*

*An independent publishing firm with a private, personalized tutoring program.*

#### *Responsibilities*

- Meticulously edited post-beginner textbooks
- Created individualized lessons and tutored students

### **English Teacher**

Francis Parker Collegiate

08/2016 - 08/2017 *Busan, South Korea*

*A prestigious private school for ages 4-12*

#### *Responsibilities*

- Taught a wide range of courses, including Phonics, Reading, Writing, Grammar, and Speech Performance
- Edited textbooks and workbooks for various curricula

## EDUCATION

### **Masters in Creative Writing** University of Kent

09/2017 - 08/2018

*Canterbury, Kent, UK*

#### *Academic Achievements*

- Global Skills Award
- Multiple Merits in Fiction

### **TEFL Teaching Certificate** International TEFL Academy

01/2015 - 03/2015

*Chicago, IL, USA*

### **BA in English Literature** University of San Diego

09/2009 - 01/2014

*San Diego, CA, USA*

#### *Academic Achievements*

- Minors in Biology and Media/Communications Studies
- Honors Program

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

### **Workshop Founder and Leader** Dumaguete Writers

04/2021 - 11/2022

*Dumaguete, Philippines*

#### *Tasks/Achievements*

- Conducted weekly creative writing exercises to promote growth in local writers and also provided constructive feedback on pieces brought in

### **Conference Coordinator** University of Kent MA Conference

02/2018 - 06/2018

*Paris, France*

#### *Responsibilities*

- Coordinated the Open Mic Night for the University of Kent's Paris MA Festival and emceed for MA Presentations

### **English Instructor**

Busan Children's Home Orphanage

01/2017 - 08/2017

*Busan, South Korea*

#### *Responsibilities*

- Created fun and engaging English lessons

### **Screenplay Reviewer/Proofreader** You Go Far Productions LTD

06/2014 - 01/2015

*London, UK*

#### *Responsibilities*

- Read full-length scripts and provided summaries, critical analyses, and recommendations

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### English Teacher

POLY Returnee Institute

06/2015 - 06/2016

Seoul, South Korea

A nationally recognized private academy for ages 5-13

#### Responsibilities

- My students maintained the highest scores in the school and won national oratory contests
- Taught a wide-range of courses, including Physics, Debate, English, Art, Cross-Cultural Studies, and Presentation Skills

## HONOR & AWARDS

### Special Jury Prize (11/2022)

Lutas Film Festival IX

- "Serial Influencer" was awarded for its original, comedic content

### Sundance Monthly Challenge Winner (07/2021)

Sundance Collaboration

- "Sing During the Storm" was selected for its exceptional plot originality and character development

### First-Time Filmmaker Session Finalist (11/2021)

Lift-Off Global Network Film Festival

- "Moon Eater" was placed first by popular vote in the penultimate round of short films

### Lutas Pitch Winner (09/2020)

Lutas Film Festival

- "Cotton Candy Dreams" screenplay was selected by a panel of industry leaders to receive a P20,000 production grant

### Top 10% of approximately 10,000 teachers (2018-2021)

DaDaABC

- Awarded based on dedicated and successful work performance for over 3,000 classes

### Second place in Au Chat Noir's Spoken Word (2018)

Au Chat Noir

- Slam poetry competition on the theme "Heart"

### First Place in "The Slam" and "The Cafe 3" (2017)

Eleto Chocolate

- Slam poetry competition on the theme "Science Fiction"

### "Best Teacher Award" at the Suji Campus (2016)

POLY Returnee Institute

- Awarded based on stellar work performance and student score results

### Departmental Honors in English (2014)

University of San Diego

- USD grade point average of 3.5 or higher in upper division courses within field of study (Major GPA earned: 3.7)

### Cum Laude (2014)

University of San Diego

- Special honors based upon USD GPA of 3.5 or higher (GPA earned: 3.5)

### Scholar Athlete Award for Women's Rowing (2010)

University of San Diego

- Awarded based on 3.5 or higher USD GPA and competed in at least 75% of the current NCAA spring races

### Trustee Scholarship (2009 - 2013)

University of San Diego

- Awarded for outstanding academic performance

## FILMS/SHOWS/CREATIVE PIECES

### Scūbs (12/2020 - Present)

- An in progress mockumentary series of ten episodes depicting the comical life behind a dive resort in the Philippines

### Pumped Up Kicks (06/2022 - Present)

- An in progress screenplay of a modernized "Romeo and Juliet" that revolves around mass shooting, racial, and immigration issues

### Spontak's Corner (04/2021 - Present)

- Inspired by the Dumaguete Writers Workshops, this is an in progress Spotify channel of over 150 short stories in audible form

### Serial Influencer (11/2022)

- A found footage style dark comedy in which a serial killer targets social influencer for their own social media channels; winner of the Special Jury Prize of the Lutas Film Festival IX

### Poetry in Motion II (09/2022)

- A written and directed performance art show at MUGNA Gallery in which four performers acted out four poems based on the showcased exhibition (ASANAMO by Babbu Wenceslao)

### Poetry in Motion I (07/2022)

- A written and directed performance art show at MUGNA Gallery in which four performers acted out four poems based on artwork around the world.

### Cotton Candy Dreams (09/2020 - 11/2021)

- Opened the 8th Lutas Film Festival for winning their pitch contest, this short film is the "Filipina Forrest Gump" of a girl searching for cotton candy

### Moon Eater (12/2020 - 08/2021)

- An underwater short horror film accepted into multiple international film festivals and was a semi-finalist in the Lift Off Global Film Festival

### Unlived Lives (09/2019)

- A one-act play dedicated to Philosophy Tube that depicts a hypothetical role-play between two lovers.

### Foreplay to Whole (05/2018 - 06/2018)

- A one-act play written and directed for Fourplay Theatre in Paris

### Crimson (02/2017)

- Romantic comedy screenplay under consideration with Sony Entertainment

### Griffins, Eagles, and Superheroes (05/2016 - 08/2017)

- Collection of children's beginner reader books dedicated to former kindergarten students

### Whims Collections (01/2015 - Present)

- Collections of poetry inspired by art museums throughout Asia, Africa, and Europe

## PUBLICATIONS

Online Access

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2018-Present

## SKILLS & ATTRIBUTES

Creative Content Writing

Project Management

Substantive Editing

Cross Cultural Communication

Public Speaking

Storyboard

Idea Synthesizer