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Writer / Producer / Editor

Carnegie Mellon University

BFA, Creative Writing | Present

Focus on literary and editorial practice, philosophy, dramatic literature, and the cultural influence of visual and written art forms.

University of South Florida

English | 2022–2024

Concentration in political journalism, nonfiction writing, and cultural studies, with selected invite-only seminars on Plato and cultural anthropology.

Dean's List, College of Arts and Sciences

Editorial & Publishing Leadership

The Oakland Review

Editor-in-Chief | 2025–Present

Editor | 2024–2025

- Lead editorial vision, selection, and production of the journal
- Oversee editors and manage submission review across genres
- Shape literary standards and guide final publication decisions

Carnegie Mellon University Press

Student Poetry Editor | Internship | 2024–2025

- Evaluated poetry submissions for publication
- Provided editorial feedback on style, structure, and poetic technique
- Participated in editorial meetings and publication planning

International Poetry Forum

Social Media and Outreach | Internship | Spring 2025

- Assisted in developing literary programming and visiting speaker events in partnership with Carnegie Arts & Lectures
- Liaised with poets and guest speakers, supporting content creation

Media Leadership

CMU Booked

Creator, Executive Producer, & Editor | 2024–Present

Host | 2024

- Lead production of Carnegie Mellon University's official book podcast
- Managed editorial planning, recording, and episode development

The Book Pod with Dylan Courtney

Creator, Executive Producer, Host, & Editor | 2023–2024

- Created and produced an independent book review podcast
- Conducted interviews with University of South Florida students on their favorite books and reading experiences

Live Event Moderation

Interviewer/Moderator | Fall 2025

Moderated an onstage interview with Ziwe during a Carnegie Mellon University celebrity guest event

Clubs and Activities

New Voters Project (USF PIRG chapter)

Voter Registration Team Member | 2022–2024

- Registered over 200 students to vote through voter registration drives and on-campus outreach initiatives

USF Creative Writers

Board Member, Committee Planning Team | 2023–2024

Planned Parenthood Generation Action

Social Media Chair | Spring 2024

- Managed social media content and digital outreach for campus advocacy initiatives

100% Renewable Energy Campaign (USF PIRG)

Campus Manager | Internship | Spring 2023

- Led campus outreach initiatives and organized tabling events
- Authored letters to the editor and assisted with campaign press advisories and press releases
- Developed and managed social media strategy to support sustainability-focused advocacy efforts

The Oracle (USF Student Newspaper)

Op-Ed staff writer | 2023–2024

Covered campus life and entertainment through editorial and cultural commentary

Skills

- Editorial evaluation and literary criticism
- Content development
- Interviewing and source development
- Podcast production and media coordination
- Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Photoshop, and InDesign
- News writing, anchoring, and segment production
- Social media content strategy and management
- Performance background: acting, dance, and music
- Creative direction and visual oversight