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**EDUCATION**

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**Doctor of Philosophy in English** **Expected Spring 2027**

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

**Master of Arts in English Literature** **Spring 2022**

University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA

Thesis: Ecocriticism in Young Adult Dystopian Literature: Revealing a Generation's Desire to Reconnect with Nature

**Bachelor of Science in Biology, Outdoor Conservation, and English** **Spring 2019**

Mount Mercy University, Cedar Rapids, IA

Thesis: Religious Roots in Medieval Misogyny: "The Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale"

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**AWARDS/HONORS**

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**Lulu "Merle" Johnson Fellowship** **Fall 2022**

University of Iowa

**Recipient of Frank and Otelia Kraft Scholarship** **Spring 2022**

University of Northern Iowa

**Sigma Tau Delta Member (English Honor Society)** **Inducted Spring 2021**

University of Northern Iowa

**Recipient of Language and Literature's Tuition Scholarship** **Fall 2021 – Spring 2022**

University of Northern Iowa

**Recipient of Language and Literature's Tuition Scholarship** **Fall 2020 – Spring 2021**

University of Northern Iowa

**Dean's List (GPA Requirement of 3.60)** **Fall 2017 and Fall 2018**

Mount Mercy University

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Teaching Assistant for Department of Languages and Literatures** **Spring 2022**

University of Northern Iowa

- Create meaningful assignments to help improve student writing
- Provided safe and engaging learning environment for classroom discussions

**Graduate Assistant for Department of Language and Literatures** **Fall 2020 – Spring 2022**

University of Northern Iowa

- Assist in updating James Hearst archive
- Conduct interviews with monthly speakers for Final Thursday Reading Series
- Draft press releases advertising monthly speakers for Final Thursday Reading Series
- Take notes during class discussions for Dr. Brooke Wonder's courses
- Assist in selection of semi-finalists for Kurt Vonnegut prize
- Tutor students in Culture and Intensive English Program in writing and listening/speaking

**Research Assistant for Dr. Wendy Hoofnagle** **Fall 2020**

University of Northern Iowa

- Research supporting evidence for project ("Death and Dreams in Anglo-Saxon Literature")
- Participate in weekly meetings to review evidence and determine project progress

## **AREAS OF ACADEMIC INTEREST**

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Contemporary American Literature  
Ecocriticism

Dystopian Literature  
Young Adult Literature

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Kelley, Gary. "An Interview with Gary Kelley." Interview by Alexis Williams. Final Thursday Press, 12 November 2021, <https://finalthursdaypress.blogspot.com/2021/11/an-interview-with-gary-kelley.html>.

Boelts, Maribeth. "An Interview with Maribeth Boelts." Interview by Alexis Williams. Final Thursday Press, 17 October 2021, <https://finalthursdaypress.blogspot.com/2021/10/an-interview-with-maribeth-boelts.html>.

Hoing, Dave and Hileman, Roger. "An Interview with Dave Hoing & Roger Hileman". Interview by Alexis Williams. Final Thursday Press, 26 September 2021, <https://finalthursdaypress.blogspot.com/2021/09/an-interview-with-dave-hoing-roger.html>.

Minervini, Alexis. "Where Do I See Myself in 10 Years? A Worldly Point of View." Editorial. Trees Forever Blog, 30 July 2018, <https://treesforever.secure.force.com/BlogArchive>.

Minervini, Alexis. "An Owl's Perspective: 'Hoo Should Give a Hoot? YOU.'" Editorial. Trees Forever Blog, 18 April 2018, <https://treesforever.secure.force.com/BlogArchive>.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATION**

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Modern Language Association