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EDUCATION

University of Chicago – Master of Arts, Social Sciences – Committee on Social Thought Class of 2025
Thesis: “Thinking with Oneself: Socrates’ Philosophical Conscience in the *Hippias Major*”

Ralston College – Master of Arts, Humanities Class of 2024
Thesis: “From Bard to Beckett: Poetic Truth as Participation in the World”

Soka University of America – Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts – Humanities Class of 2022
Senior Thesis: “Al-Ghazali and Collaborative Philosophical Inquiry: An Encounter”

LANGUAGES

Italian (Native) | **English** (Native) | **French** | **Spanish** | **Portuguese** | **Modern Greek** | **Ancient Greek** | **Latin**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Rhetoric Trainer October 2024 – present
The Classical Society (remote)

- Preparing and leading weekly 1-hour sessions on the art of rhetoric with 4-6 regular clients to bolster speaking skills
- Synthesizing intricate texts and concepts from the history of rhetoric to offer valuable, timely lessons to elite entrepreneurs

Arts and Culture Contributor June 2024 – present
The Epoch Times (remote)

- Producing weekly essays and book reviews reaching 40,000+ monthly readers, consistently meeting editorial deadlines
- Distilling complex texts into clear, narrative-driven analyses, increasing reader engagement and article shares
- Collaborating with editors through multiple revision cycles to strengthen argumentation, clarity, and accessibility

Bilingual Humanities Tutor and Essay Reviewer January 2022 – January 2024
PAPER (remote)

- Reviewed 25-50 student essays daily, providing line edits and critical feedback to improve clarity and argumentative rigor
- Guided 50+ rotating K-12 students per day through Socratic dialogue to refine analytical thinking and interpretive skills in Humanities and Social Science subjects

Research Assistant (to Professor Robert Elliott Allinson, Ph.D.) June 2019 – June 2022
Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo, CA

- Wrote abstracts, chapter synopses, bibliographies, and indices to prepare 16 articles and monographs for publication
- Proofread and edited 900+ pages of draft papers for publication in *Dialogue & Universalism* no. 2 & 3 (2021) and no. 1 (2022)

French Tutor September 2018 – May 2022
Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo, CA

- Provided written and oral tutoring for 20+ students per semester through targeted instruction in reading comprehension, translation, and literary analysis
- Led weekly roundtable discussions (in French) to enhance students’ learning and fluency

RESEARCH & WORK FELLOWSHIPS

National Humanities Leadership Council January 2022 – May 2022

- Contributed to discussions on Humanities education, accessibility, and digital scholarship with leading national scholars
- Completed writing project at crossroads of literature and philosophy to bridge public and academic worlds

Pacific Basin Research Center Junior Scholar January 2019 – May 2022

- Attended monthly workshops on politico-philosophical dynamics of Pacific Basin
- Presented senior thesis on Al-Ghazali and Philosophy for Children at CIES conference in Minneapolis, MN

Tilting Futures – Brazil Cohort

August 2017 – April 2018

- Participated in 7-day leadership training at Stanford University to hone communication, fundraising, and leadership skills
- Taught English and global culture through music and games to 23 foster children in Florianopolis, Brazil

RESEARCH GRANTS

Luis & Linda Nieves Grant (\$27,000; shared among 12 scholars)	2020
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- Led successful grant writing for 2-week team research project in São Paulo and Fortaleza, Brazil
- Investigated relationships between Imperial political philosophies, environment, and drought in the Brazilian Northeast

PUBLICATIONS

“Outcomes & Communication for Effective Reform.” <i>Future of Educational Research</i> 2(1): 6-15.	2024
“Roman Ruins.” <i>Voegelin View</i> .	2023
“In Search of a Creator: Infinity and Existence in the Kalam Cosmological Argument.” <i>Aporia</i> 32(1): 31-44.	2022
“Breathe.” <i>Venti: Air, Experience, and Aesthetics</i> .	2022

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Mens Sana in Corpore Sano: Contra Gnosticism via a Philosophy of Exercise” <i>Southern Humanities Conference</i>	2024
Invited talk. “On Honesty and Truthfulness: Nietzsche’s Free Spirits in the Service of Higher Aims.” <i>Undergraduate Philosophy Journal of Australasia</i>	2023
“The Paper Method in Practice: Harnessing Technology for an Emancipatory Education.” <i>Comparative and International Education Society</i>	2023
“Reimagining Education: Al-Ghazali and Philosophy for Children on the Future of Learning.” <i>Comparative and International Education Society</i>	2022
“Al-Ghazali and Philosophy for Children: Meaningful Parallels for a Meaningful Future.” <i>National Conference on Undergraduate Research</i>	2022
“On Virtue and the State: A Critical Evaluation of Adorno’s Aristotle Critique.” <i>SUNY Oneonta Undergraduate Philosophy Conference</i> . (Accepted but unable to attend.)	2022
“The 2020 Colonial Pipeline Spill: Accident or Moral Disaster?” <i>London School of Economics Undergraduate Political Review</i>	2022

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

Maroon Research Scholarship (University of Chicago)	2024-25
Full-tuition Scholarship (Ralston College)	2023-24
National Humanities Leadership Council	2022
Essay Contest Finalist. “The Shadows within Us.” <i>Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity</i> . (Faculty sponsor: Ian Read, PhD)	2022
Ikeda Scholarship (Soka University; full-tuition)	2019 – 2020
Excellence in Research Award (Soka University)	2019 – 2020
Brian McCloskey Memorial Scholarship (Soka University)	2019
Merit Scholarship (Soka University)	2019-2020-2021-2022
Pacific Basin Research Center Essay Contest Winner	2019