

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Language, Reading and Culture (in progress)
University of Arizona

Master of Arts in Children’s Literature 2013
Simmons College

Master of Science in Library & Information Science 2013
Simmons College

Bachelor of Arts Cum Laude in Creative Writing, Music, Spanish 2010
University of Arizona

NON-DEGREE EDUCATION

Film In Focus: Screenwriting 2015
College of San Mateo

Rutgers English Diversity Institute 2010
Rutgers University

Novel Writing; European Perspectives of American Literature 2010
Prague Summer Program, University of Michigan

Advanced Spanish 2009
Hillel Uruguay

Surrealist Poetry; Songwriting 2008
University of Arizona Poetry Center

WORK & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Volunteer Assistant Coach 1/2017 – present
Girls on the Run, Wright Elementary School, Tucson, AZ

Instructor of Record 8/2016 – present
TLS 285: Learning About Adolescence Through Literature
TLS 480: Children’s Literature in the Classroom
University of Arizona

Freelance Proofreader 10/2016 – present
Scholastic Audio

Coordinator, SLJ Teen Live (virtual library conference) summer 2016, 2017

School Library Journal

Adjunct Professor LI857: Advanced Programming for Youth Services LI832: Information Resources & Services for Young Adults Emporia State University	5/2016 – present
PJ Our Way Coordinator/PJ Library Outreach Coordinator Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona, Tucson, AZ	3/2016 – 4/2017
Group Fitness Instructor LA Fitness; Marcel's Total Fitness and Athletics; Jewish Community Center Tucson, AZ	8/2015 – present
Project Manager, Librarian Team Member, Social Media Team Member We Need Diverse Books	2/2015 – 9/2016
Library Services Specialist Castilleja School, Palo Alto, CA	8/2013 – 6/2015
Children's Room Volunteer Charlestown Public Library, Boston, MA	2/2013 – 7/2013
Library Intern Center on Media and Child Health, Boston, MA	7/2012 – 7/2013
Curriculum & Communications Student Assistant Simmons College GSLIS, Boston, MA	1/2012 – 10/2012
Summer Instructor Upward Bound, Pima Community College, Tucson, AZ	5/2011 – 7/2011
Volunteer Youth Mentor Owl & Panther Expressive Arts Program, Tucson, AZ	10/2010 – 5/2011
Discovery Guide Children's Museum Tucson, Tucson, AZ	8/2010 – 5/2011
Staff Development Coordinator; Shift Supervisor; Driver ASUA Safe Ride, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ	3/2008 – 7/2010
Pre-Adolescent Diversion Project Youth Facilitator Child & Family Resources, Tucson, AZ	1/2005 – 8/2011

COMMITTEE SERVICE

Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee	1/2016 – 1/2017
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Children's & Teens Committee, Tucson Festival of Books	8/2015 – present
YALSA Awards Nominating Committee	1/2015 – 12/2015
YALSA ALA Local Arrangements Committee, Chair	6/2014 – 6/2015
Bay Area Independent School Librarians Position Paper Committee	1/2015 – 6/2015
YALSAblog Advisory Board	3/2014 – 6/2015
2014 William Morris Award Committee	1/2013 – 1/2014
YALSA Youth Engagement Committee	10/2012 – 6/2014
YALSA/RUSA Young Adult Reference Services Committee	7/2012 – 6/2014

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators

Beta Phi Mu Honor Society

Children's Literature Association

Young Adult Library Services Association

American Library Association

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Mary F. and Maude Miller Scholarship	2016 – 2017
YALSA Writing Award for Best Peer-Reviewed Paper	2014
Massachusetts Black Librarians Network Scholarship	2012
ALA/YALSA Spectrum Scholar	2011 – 2012
Fellowship for the Advancement of Campus Engagement, Hillel	2009 – 2010

PRESENTATIONS

Moderator, children's and young adult literature panels Tucson Festival of Books	2017
"Diversity and Social Justice Activism in Children's Literature" Classroom presentation, University of Arizona	2016

Overview of social justice movements in children's literature Video recording for online class, University of Arizona	2016
Moderator, "Stranger Than Fiction: NF for Teens" (live streaming author panel) SLJ Teen Live	2016
Moderator, virtual roundtable on language and bilingualism in children's literature We Need Diverse Books	2016
Panelist, diversity in children's literature panel Tucson Festival of Books	2016
Moderator, children's and young adult literature panels Tucson Festival of Books	2016
Presentation on peer mentorship, presentation on student assistants in libraries, panel on gendered reader's advisory American Library Association National Conference	2015
Diversity and Social Justice Activism in Children's Literature Bay Area Independent School Librarians Spring Meeting	2015
"Stigmatizing Treatment of Mental Illness in Fiction" (virtual roundtable) Disability in Kidlit	2015
"Getting Beyond Diversity and Getting to the Story," "We're Not Going to Take It and Neither Should You: Why Book Bloggers DO Have the Power to Make Diverse Books Happen" KidLitCon	2014
"Media, Child Health, and Libraries" Long Island Library Conference	2013
"The Badging of Biracial Identity in YA Realism" YALSA YA Literature Symposium	2012
New Voices in Children's and Young Adult Literature Brookline Public Library	2012

BOOKS

As-yet-untitled book in the Jake Maddox JV Girls series Capstone/Stone Arch Publishing	forthcoming 2018
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ARTICLES, CHAPTERS, & REVIEWS

Invited, as-yet-untitled article on #ownvoices literature <i>School Library Journal</i>	in progress
Latina/os, Education, and Literature (essay) co-authored with Dr. Carol Brochin <i>The Oxford Encyclopedia of Latina/o Literature</i>	in progress
“The Weight of Being a Mirror” (chapter) <i>Topographies of Whiteness</i> , edited by Gina Schlesselman-Tarango Library Juice Press	forthcoming
Review of <i>OCD, the Dude, and Me</i> Disability In Kidlit	forthcoming
“There <i>Is</i> A Difference Between YA and Middle Grade, and It <i>Does</i> Matter” The Learned Fangirl	forthcoming
“Why <i>Bones</i> ’ Brilliant Women Deserve to Be Celebrated <i>Paste</i>	2017
“The Truth About Sensitivity Readers and ‘Free Speech’” The Establishment	2017
“Decolonizing Nostalgia: When Historical Fiction Betrays Readers of Color” (article) <i>The Horn Book Magazine</i>	2016
Regular contributor Barnes & Noble Teen Blog	2016 – present
Review of <i>Bleeding Violet</i> Disability in Kidlit	2016
“Tone Policing and Internalized Oppression in YA Fandom” (article) The Learned Fangirl	2016
“The Racism of Awards ‘Merit’” (article) The Establishment	2016
“A Highly Scientific Analysis of <i>Sabrina Goes to Rome</i> ” (review) Forever Young Adult	2016
“You Don’t Show the Sweet Without the Bitter” (op/ed) <i>School Library Journal</i>	2016
“Racism and Religious Hypocrisy on My Birthright Trip to Israel (essay)	2016

The Establishment	
“Netflix Fix: <i>Naomi & Ely’s No Kiss List</i> ” (article) Forever Young Adult	2015
Reviewer <i>The Horn Book Magazine</i> and <i>The Horn Book Guide</i>	2015 – present
Review of <i>Global Voices: Picture Books from Around the World</i> <i>Reference and User Services Quarterly</i>	2014
Review of <i>I Lived on Butterfly Hill</i> Latin@s in Kidlit	2014
“Where Are the People of Color in Dystopias?” (article) Lee & Low’s <i>The Open Book</i>	2014
“Hey, Would You Be My Dead Friend for Five Minutes?” (review) Forever Young Adult	2014
“So, What ARE You?” (essay) Forever Young Adult	2013
“Reality Check: Seeking Social Justice in a Library Career” (article) <i>Voice of Youth Advocates Magazine</i>	2013
“This, That, Both, Neither: The Badging of Biracial Identity in Young Adult Realism” (peer-reviewed paper) <i>The Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults</i>	2013
Regular contributor The Hub: Your Connection to Teen Collections	2013 – 2015
“Olivia” (short story) <i>Sucker Literary Magazine</i>	2012
Regular contributor YALSAblog	2011 – 2013
“The first time I knew I was black” (poem) <i>BRICKrhetoric</i>	2011
“Teens and Zines” (article) <i>Voice of Youth Advocates Magazine</i>	2007
“My Bennington Summer” (essay) <i>Voice of Youth Advocates Magazine</i>	2006

Regular reviewer
KidsReads, TeenReads, BookReporter

2004 – 2012

LANGUAGES

Spanish – high proficiency

Portuguese – intermediate proficiency

French - beginner