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**EDUCATION**

M.A. North Dakota State University, English Forthcoming 2019

B.S. North Dakota State University, English/Psychology *Summa cum laude* 2017

 History minor, University Honors Program

**PROFESSIONAL HISTORY**

Graduate Instructor North Dakota State University 2017-2019

Assistant Director of First-Year Writing North Dakota State University 2018-2019

**AWARDS**

2018 Pamela O’Connor Memorial Scholarship for excellence in writing, NDSU

2017 Nominated for the Mid-Atlantic Popular and American Culture Association’s Daniel Walden Prize, for the best paper by an emerging scholar in popular culture studies

2017 Recruitment Award, North Dakota State University English Department

2016 3rd Place, NDSU Explore, for “Pain Visible and Invisible: Empathy’s Impact on the Soldier’s Experience in Tim O’Brien’s *The Things They Carried*.”

**CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS**

2018 “The Fantasy of Virtuous Labor: The Accretion of Bodies and the ‘Grey Area’ in Venture Smith’s *Narrative*.” Midwest Modern Language Association’s Annual Conference. Kansas City, MO. 15-18 Nov. 2018.

2018 “A ‘Monster of Wickedness?’: Sexual Anxieties of the Eighteenth Century in *The Confessions of Patience Boston*.” Red River Graduate Student Conference. Fargo, ND. 6-7 April. 2018.

2017 “‘Free from Our Feasts and Banquets Bloody Knives’: Food, Consumption, and Power in Macbeth Adaptations of the 2000s.” Mid-Atlantic Popular and American Culture Association’s Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA. 9-11 Nov. 2017.

2016 “Pain Visible and Invisible: Empathy’s Impact on the Soldier’s Experience in Tim O’Brien’s *The Things They Carried*.” NDSU Explore, Annual Showcase. Fargo, ND. 1 Nov. 2016.

**COURSES**

**North Dakota State University, English Department** 2017-2019

College Composition II (2 sections; 22 students)

**SERVICE**

**To North Dakota State University**

2018-2019 Co-chair, Red River Graduate Student Conference

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2017-2018 Graduate Student Representative, Advisory Board for Student Affairs

**To North Dakota State University’s English Department**

2018-2019 Committee Member, First-Year Writing Committee

2018-2019 English Graduate Organization’s MA Vice President

Oct. 2018 Capstone Experience Spoke to incoming Capstone class

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**MEMBERSHIPS**

American Studies Association

Modern Language Association

**LANGUAGE**

Spanish