

Education

TE HERENGA WAKA - VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Wellington, NZ

Postgraduate Diploma of Indigenous Studies

2025

U.S. Fulbright Graduate Award

Academic Officer, Samoan Students' Association (VUSSA)

Member, Victoria University Postgraduate Students' Association (PGSA)

Member, Cook Islander Students' Association (VUWCIA)

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Iowa City, IA

Master of Library and Information Science

2024

Special Collections Certificate

Undergraduate to Graduate (U2G) Program

Leader, BIPOC Student Group

Social Chair, Library and Information Science Student Organization (LISSO)

Member, Beta Beta Theta chapter, International LIS Honors Society

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Iowa City, IA

Bachelor of Arts, English and Creative Writing

2023

Writing Certificate

Ambassador, Department of English

Fellow, Iowa Center for Undergraduate Research

Member, Alpha Tau Iota National English Honors Society

Member, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Commencement Speaker Committee

Dean's List Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2022

Experience

ALEXANDER TURNBULL LIBRARY - NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NEW ZEALAND

Wellington, NZ

Pacific Instruction & Outreach Intern

July 2025 – present

- Intern to Pacific Research Librarian and Pacific Curator, assisting with visiting classes, events and community outreach
- Assists National Library Public Engagement team with guided He Tohu exhibition tours and other visiting groups
- Leads all secondary and tertiary level outreach for the 2025 winter trimester
- Researches as replies to Pacific reference enquiries in a timely and considerate manner
- Writes blogs for ATL and National Library materials for Digital Pasifik

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES - UIOWA LIBRARIES

Iowa City, IA

Instruction & Reference Graduate Assistant

August 2023 – August 2024

- Assisted Public Services Librarian and Outreach Specialist Librarian in visiting classes and ongoing instruction and engagement projects
- Organized and facilitated undergraduate, graduate, or local classes visiting Special Collections and using Special Collections materials
- In the 2023-2024 academic year, instructed 43 classes, amounting to 870 total students
- Helped develop virtual instruction modules using digitally available materials
- Increased engagement and communicate the purpose, scope and accessibility of Special Collections department
- Staffed reading room desk and assists visiting patrons
- Researched and replied to reference requests in a considerate, effective manner

- Wrote blogs for Special Collections social media and instructional video essays for the YouTube "Nibbles of Knowledge" and "Playing in the Stacks" series
- Participated in other functional duties of the department

WILLIAM MORRIS ARCHIVE

Iowa City, IA

Assistant Archivist

January 2022 - August 2024

- Aided Project Manager and Director in archive site management and on active projects
- Managed digital acquisitions, cataloging into an Omeka database using Dublin Core metadata
- Led digitization of relevant physical materials, combining skills of pertinent machine operation, photo editing, file creation and conversion, and the careful creation of metadata
- Led the creation of the archive's site map and the featured exhibits "Map of Morris Manuscripts" and "Marginal Illuminations and Illustrations"
- Was awarded two ICRU research grants for the continuation of project-specific work for the archive

GRAPHIC DESIGN PRODUCTION STUDIO - UIOWA SCHOOL OF ART

Iowa City, IA

Monitor

August 2022 - May 2023

- Managed the organization of digitally submitted works and the delivery of high quality prints
- Trained to operate high-efficiency printers, scanners, and other related machinery including Epson SureColor P600, P7000, and P9000 high-efficiency printers, Epson V19 scanners, Ricoh Ri100 direct-to-garment printers, and Glowforge laser printers
- Served as a resource and instructional aid to a studio seating an average of 20 prospective art students

DEAN'S OFFICE - UIOWA COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

Iowa City, IA

Administrative Assistant

August 2022 - November 2022

- Served as assistant to the Administrative Services team
- Cultivated of an efficient workspace and fulfillment of departmental needs
- Organized and managed sensitive data input and was responsible for the retrieval and delivery of such information
- Was solely responsible for the digitization and organization of office files
- Managed the office's administrative team email, demonstrating mastery of written communication and the ability to ensure time-sensitive correspondence

IOWA YOUTH WRITING PROJECT

Iowa City, IA

Programming Intern, Site Coordinator

August 2020 - December 2021

- Created asynchronous online lessons for k-12 students interested in the many genres of creative writing, with an average annual digital classroom enrollment of 70-100 students
- Served on the team of site coordinators responsible for digital classroom instruction of Iowa City Community School District students involved in Hancher Auditorium's "Wellspring" exhibition
- As part of the "Wellspring" exhibition, instructed synchronous Zoom classrooms averaging 30 third-grade students across the ICCSD twice weekly for four weeks

Campus Involvement

Samoan Students' Association (VUSSA)

Wellington, NZ

Academic Officer (Ofisa A'ao'oga)

March 2025 – present

- Serves as one of three academic officers for Victoria University of Wellington's Samoan Students' Association
- Organizes events and programming for weekly academic hour, ranging from trivia and language-learning activities to Sāmoan cultural and historical lessons
- Aids in preparation for academic competitions as part of So'otaga, an annual competition between the Samoan Students' Associations of New Zealand's tertiary schools

LISSO

Social Chair

Iowa City, IA
August 2023 – May 2024

- Serves as executive board member of LISSO, the University of Iowa student chapter of the American Library Association
- Serves as representative for the Iowa Library Association student subdivision
- Encourages student involvement in ALA
- Organizes professional development opportunities through guest lectures and student activities, including a panel of librarians from each branch of the University of Iowa Libraries

Awards

Fulbright U.S. Graduate Award

Iowa City, IA
Spring 2024

- Awarded Fulbright U.S. Graduate Study/Research Award to Aotearoa/New Zealand, for the project, "Indigenous Information Management in Libraries"

Beta Beta Theta Scholarship

Iowa City, IA
Spring 2023

- Awarded scholarship based on ongoing academic achievement in the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Iowa and demonstration of professional promise

Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates Grant

Iowa City, IA
Summer 2022, Academic Year 2022-2023

- Two fellowship grants to fund work done for the William Morris Archive
 - ICRU grant funding the creation of the digital exhibition, "Morris's Marginal Illuminations and Illustrations"
 - ICRU grant to fund testing to improve the archive's interoperability and search capabilities

Professional Memberships & Activities

American Library Association Member

August 2022 - present

Asian Pacific American Library Association Member

August 2022 - present

Iowa Library Association Student Subdivision Member

August 2022 - August 2024

- Attended 2023 Iowa Library Association Conference, Dubuque, IA

Skills & Interests

Technical: HTML, CSS, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop, MS Office, Google Suite, Wix, Wordpress

Language: Sāmoan [Intermediate], Māori [Intermediate], French [Intermediate], Norwegian [Intermediate]

LIS: Omeka, Aeon, ArchivesSpace, PastPerfect, ALMA, MARCEdit, LibGuides, Zotero