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EDUCATION

University of North Texas **Expected May 2025**
M.A., Media Arts- Industry Track

Texas State University **December 2022**
B.A., English- Film Concentration, *Summa cum laude, Honors*

Thesis: “*Storytelling Through Visual Media: Analyzing Video Game Cutscenes Through a Filmic Lens (Square Enix Focus)*”

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Fandom, Participatory Culture, Media Franchising, Video Games, Storytelling

AWARDS AND HONORS

College of Liberal Arts Academic Excellence Award, Texas State University **2022**

IN-PROGRESS RESEARCH

“*Still Waiting for My Hogwarts Letter: Participatory Culture and Fandom of The Wizarding World of Harry Potter*”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Perspectives on Video Games, University of North Texas (Teaching Assistant to Prof. Stephen Mandiberg) **2023**

Responsible for assisting with grading for 100 students