COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

HSS Scholar

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DEPARTMENT: English
MAJOR: English

Educational Highlights: Throughout my time at the College of Charleston I maintained a 3.8 GPA or higher, receiving the 'Highly Distinguished' status each semester, and the honor of inclusion on the Dean's List for the 2007-2008 school year. I received nominations for several honor societies, and was awarded a partial scholarship for academic achievement by the Department of English. Another educational highlight was my nomination by the College of Charleston's Creative Writing Department for the AWP Intro Journals Project. I graduated *magna cum laude* in December 2008.

Research Focus or Project: Over the course of my collegiate career I was able to complete a great deal of research, the most detailed of which includes biographical research on E.E. Cummings, a study of suicide in the life and work of Ernest Hemingway, and a study and critique of Jean Luc Godard and the Nouvelle Vague film movement. My most earnest work, however, was in the area of creative writing. Here, I had the opportunity to get a feel for literary publishing in English professor and author Carol Ann Davis' *Crazyhorse* Literary Publishing Practicum. In addition, under the close guidance of English professors and authors Bret Lott and Tony Varallo, have been able to assemble a portfolio of more than 200 pages of short fiction, as well as 100 pages of a novel. I have also been and continue to be a contributing writer to College of Charleston Magazine.

Future Plans: I will begin work on my MFA in creative writing at Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia this fall. Afterward, I plan to write and possibly teach.

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