

## **BREEANNA HICKS**

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### **EDUCATION**

Master of Arts, Texas A&M University – Commerce – *August 2023 - Present*

- English Major, Emphasis in Literature and Composition

Bachelor of Arts, Texas A&M University – Commerce – *August 2019 - May 2023*

- English Major, Art Minor
- TAMUC Honors College

### **RESEARCH**

Interests

- Ecocriticism; Ecoliterature; American Literature; Environmental Literacy; Digital Humanities; Writing Theory; Children’s Literature; Illustration; Art History

Graduate Capstone Project - *August 2023-Present*

Undergraduate Honors Thesis - *August 2019-May 2023*

- “Children’s Illustrated Ecoliterature and State Park Interpretation”
- Worked with faculty to develop research topic and created original artworks for presentation
- TAMUC Annual Research Symposium Undergraduate Oral Presentation Category Winner

### **PRACTICA**

Honors College Graduate Teaching Assistant, Texas A&M University - Commerce – *August 2024-Present*

- Responsible for facilitating weekly class meetings, grading assignments and maintaining D2L class page.
- Other duties as assigned

Writing Center Assistant Director, Texas A&M University - Commerce – *August 2023-May 2024*

- Responsible for program planning, development, and implementation.
- Responsible for scheduling and presenting Writing Center Informational Class Visits and event presentations including campus outreach and resource communication
- Work with and speak to community and professional groups to coordinate, improve, and stimulate interest and support for the program
- Office activities and functions including scheduling, staff training, etc.

Writing Center Consultant, Texas A&M University - Commerce – *January 2023-August 2023*

- Conduct writing sessions with students, undergraduate and graduate, using best practices
- Assess writing strengths, challenges, and processes while focusing on honoring writer’s linguistic resources and goals
- Collaborate with colleagues on developing research and resources
- 2023 Texas A&M University – Commerce Social Change Conference – Attendee and Presenter

Supplemental Instructor/TA, Texas A&M University - Commerce - *August 2022-2023*

- Assist professor with class responsibilities: i.e. grading assignments, communication, content and material creation, class facilitation

- Serve as a Peer Mentor, responsibilities include: One-on-one meetings with freshman/first-year students, leading independent class sessions, knowledge of D2L and site operation

Writing Center Intern, Texas A&M University - Commerce – *August 2022-December 2022*

- Study of Writing Center theory and history
- Observe and perform tutoring sessions with students
- Reading of relevant content to create writings analyzing writing centers, their operations/practices, and methods of tutoring
- Completion of ENG 495: Writing Center and Practicum

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Tyler State Park Intern, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department – *May 2024-August 2024*

- Worked in areas such as natural and cultural resource management, facility, grounds, and equipment maintenance, interpretation and educational programming, customer service, fee collection, revenue control and fiscal accountability, and marketing and promotional programming.
- Gained experience in all aspects of park administration, operations, and management.
- Taught interpretive programming to visitors, interacted with a diverse public in various locations such as park headquarters and the park store, and shadowed the park manager in his day-to-day.

Seasonal Park Interpreter, Cooper Lake State Park - *July 2021-October 2021*

- Coordinated and planned educational Park programming
- Filed monthly reports to the regional office
- Created Interpretive materials and resources and presented educational programming to diverse audiences of Park visitors
- Created program database for Park Interpretation materials, ran Park social media platforms, and created advertising flyers for event promotion

Junior High One Act Play Director, North Hopkins ISD – *October 2019-February 2021*

- Directed yearly One Act Play competition group
- Scheduled practice times and meetings in accordance with performance and competition dates
- Created costumes, props, backgrounds and chose/edited scripts for performances

## **AWARDS/ HONORS/ SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Texas A&M University – Commerce Omicron Delta Kappa President – *Spring 2024-Present*
- Texas A&M University – Commerce Annual Research Symposium Graduate Oral Presentation Category Winner - *Spring 2024*
- Texas A&M University – Commerce CHSSA Dean Search, Student Committee – *Spring 2024*
- University of Texas – Austin NEW Leadership Texas Scholarship Recipient and Attendee – *Summer 2023*
- Texas A&M University – Commerce Omicron Delta Kappa Vice President – *Spring 2023*
- Texas A&M University – Commerce Phi Kappa Phi Inductee – *Spring 2023*
- Texas A&M University – Commerce Annual Research Symposium Undergraduate Oral Presentation Category Winner - *Spring 2023*
- Texas A&M University – Commerce TRIO McNair Scholar – *Fall 2022*

- Texas A&M University – Commerce Global Scholar Inductee and Scholarship Recipient – *Spring 2022*
- Texas A&M University – Commerce Residence Hall Beautification Project Selection – *Fall 2021*

#### PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES

- Texas A&M University – Commerce Annual Research Symposium, “So, you made it into Grad School: How Writing Centers can help Graduate Students Overcome Academic Identity Crisis and Serve them on a Genre-Specific Level”, Presenter and Graduate Oral Presentation Category Winner – *May 2024*
- South Central Writing Centers Association 2024 Conference, “So, you made it into Grad School: How Writing Centers can help Graduate Students Overcome Academic Identity Crisis and Serve them on a Genre-Specific Level”, Presenter. Fayetteville, Arkansas – *March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024*
- Omicron Delta Kappa 2024 National Leadership Conference, Attendee. Savannah, Georgia – *November, 2024*
- Texas A&M University – Commerce Annual Research Symposium, “Children’s Illustrated Ecoliterature and State Park Interpretation”, Presenter and Undergraduate Oral Presentation Category Winner – *May 2023*
- Texas A&M University-Commerce Annual Social Change Conference, “Connecting for Collective Action”, Presenter – *February 2023*

#### INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

*Reggio Emilia Early Childhood Education – March 2023*

Curriculum & Instruction, and Early Childhood Education

- Traveled to Italy to visit and tour primary school centers in various cities such as Florence, Bologna, and Reggio Emilia to interact with students and teachers to learn more about the Italian primary education system
- Visited the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre in Reggio Emilia and attended a lecture from one of the center directors followed by a Q&A about the Malaguzzi educational theory and the work performed by the Center for early childhood development and education
- Toured the two oldest universities in the world, The University of Padua and The University of Bologna to learn about the Italian college system and higher education