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PERSONAL PROFILE

I am a hardworking, diligent and self-motivated writer who has focused on developing a diverse range of knowledge and a creative mindset. My work has a specific focus on culture and social justice, but still remains very versatile. I interact and engage with my peers meaningfully and am a confident public speaker with a professional manner.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

University of Cape Town

BA Honours (Media Theory and Practice, First Class pass) 2022

Bachelor of Social Science (Politics, Sociology and Media &

Writing with Distinction) 2019-2021

St John's DSG

Grade 8 - Grade 12 2014-2018

Brescia House School

Grade R - Grade 7 2006-2013

EXPERIENCE

• Journalist

2023 Daily Maverick (Newsdesk Intern)

2022 What's On In Cape Town, The Daily Vox, The South African*

2021 Unpublished Zine*, Lifebox ZA*

2020 Varsity News*, HerCampus*

I have done freelance work and internships for various publications. Primarily, my topics of writing revolve around social justice, politics, feminism and popular culture. I am proficient on WordPress and am able to write to SEO guidelines. All published articles can be found on my portfolio site. (*freelance)

• Senior Editor

2020-2021 HerCampus UCT

I was responsible for curating the articles, editing, delegating certain editing tasks as well as leading the writing team.

• Screenwriting

2021 Queer Writer's Incubator

I participated in an Incubator for two months wherein I learned screenwriting and processes of film production. I also received mentorship to develop my own ideas. The space was focused on upskilling queer writers of color.

• Podcaster

2020-2021 Hectic Podcast

I co-hosted a podcast in which we spoke to the experience of young black femmes in South Africa. I gained social media, podcast editing and podcast hosting skills.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Allan Gray Fellow (2022)
- UCT Dean's List Merit List (2021)
- Runner-up Button Poetry's Video Contest (2020)
- Longlisted for Sol Plaatje European Union Poetry Award & Anthology (2020)