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EDUCATION

The University of North Texas, Denton, TX — May 2028

Master's of Science in Information Sciences — **UNT Presidential Graduate Scholarship**

- **Relevant Coursework:** Systems Design and Analysis, Website Content Development and Maintenance, Information Sciences Knowledge and Professions

The University of North Texas, Denton, TX — May 2026

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, Minor in Italian Studies — **Magna Cum Laude, President's List Spring & Fall 2025, Spring 2026**

- **Relevant Coursework:** Intermediate Italian I & II, Environmental Anthropology, Applied Anthropology,

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Study Abroad USAC – Viterbo, Italy — Fall 2024

- Resided in the medieval city of Viterbo while studying the Italian language from native speakers and taking courses over the Roman Civilization, Economic and Political Institutions of the EU, and Italy during the Renaissance. Outings included individual trips to Pompeii, Napoli, Orvieto, and Bagnoregio.
- Relevant Projects: Gender Equality in Etruria and its Regression into Roman Society, Monetary and Fiscal Policy within the European Union
- References: sara.bossi@usac.edu, luisa.quatrini@usac.edu

Conferences:

- **Texas Undergraduate Research Conference for Social Sciences (TURCSS)** – November 8th, 2025
  ◦ *Participated in the inaugural Texas Undergraduate Research Conference for Social Sciences and presented my Undergraduate Research Fellowship (URF) research project titled Sacred Spaces and the Political Forest at UNT.*
- **UNT Honors College Scholar's Day** – March 24th, 2026
  ◦ *Presented research project titled Sacred Spaces and the Political Forest at the UNT as a paper presentation, as part of my obligation to my Undergraduate Research Fellowship (URF) awarded to me by the Honor's College at the University of North Texas (UNT), and responded to questions from the panel and guests.*
- **Collaborative Futures: Anthropological Praxis and Community Engagement in an Uncertain World** – April 9th, 2026
  ◦ *Took part of the 25th anniversary celebration of the Applied Anthropology Master's program at the University of North Texas (UNT) by participating in a poster presentation, where I discussed my Undergraduate Research Fellowship titled Sacred Spaces and the Political Forest at UNT.*

Sacred Spaces and the Political Forest at UNT — Spring 2025 – Spring 2026

- In Spring 2025, I was awarded an Undergraduate Research Fellowship by the Honor's College at UNT, where I transformed my Environmental Anthropology Final titled Sacred Groves in North Texas into a year long project about the sacred spaces and political forest at the UNT Denton campus. This collaborative project with Dr. Jamie Johnson covered the rapid modification of UNT's Denton campus through the removal of trees and the implementation of new man-made structures in their place. I performed an intensive literature review, intercept interviews, and organized and reviewed data in order to present my final paper in the form of a presentation at Scholar's Day, March 2026.

UNT Anthropology Field Methods Panel: Disruption and Ethics via Participant Observation — Fall 2025

- UNT's Field Methods class assigned students the task of participant observation among a group. This project took the entire semester, and resulted in a panel presentation where each student was assigned to a group of four and instructed to find commonalities among projects in order to conduct a panel presentation for the rest of the class and take questions after presenting, requiring effective communication and teamwork.

UNT Beloved Object Project — Spring 2025

- As part of the graduate level Anthropology course titled Stuff and Things, students were assigned a final project in the form of a paper and presentation where we reflected on theories covered in class over the semester, material culture, and our most beloved object. I identified my favorite object, researched how it was manufactured and distributed, and introduced a new concept I termed "material horror" to identify the uneasiness around the object's content and manufacturing process. Theories involved in incorporated into this paper include Latour's *Actor Network Theory (ANT)* and Gell's *Technology of Enchantment.*

SKILLS

Information Science: HTML5, CSS, JavaScript, Systems Design, Systems Analysis, Library Sciences

Anthropology: Research, Data Analysis, Project Lead
Technical Skills: MS Office, C++, Java, Blender, Unity, Godot Programming

EXTRACURRICULAR

NASA L'SPACE Mission Concept Academy — Project Manager, Lead Geologist Jan 2022 – Apr 2022

- Co-led a team of 10 students to plan a lunar expedition based on the upcoming Artemis mission.
- Formulated the mission, focusing on lunar in-situ resource utilization, locating volatile deposits, and ideal habitation zones.
- Developed a Preliminary Design Review detailing the design purpose, creation process, and timeline of each assignment.
- Led geological analysis of the lunar landscape, identifying key sites for resource utilization, volatile deposits, and habitation zones, integrating scientific data into the mission's design.

Spring Game Jam at UTD — Project Manager, Sound Designer May 2023

- Led a team during a one-week Game Jam, coordinating tasks and goals to create a fully functional game on time.
- Designed and implemented sound effects and voices, enhancing the player experience and game atmosphere.
- Managed team communication, utilizing each member's strengths for a smooth workflow and polished final product.
- Delivered the completed game on time, earning positive feedback and team recognition.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Larry Lee Naylor Memorial Scholarship May 2025
University of North Texas Presidential Graduate Scholarship Spring 2026

EXPERIENCE

Lewisville Grand Theater – Theater Attendant March 2026 – Present

- Assist other staff by operating and maintaining theatrical equipment
- Make physical adaptations of space and setting up for events within and outside the theater,
- Perform clerical and event-related tasks
- Assist with front of house activities
- Run the front desk and assist visitors of the theater by answering questions, etc.

Denton Independent School District (Hawk Elementary School Campus) Spring 2026

- As part of the ANTH 4920 Internship in Anthropology course, I interned with Denton Independent School District by interning at the Hawk Elementary School library.
- I cataloged the current inventory, removed damaged books, created displays, organized new inventory, organized damaged/old inventory and prepared them for donation, and recommended reading-level appropriate books to the students based on their interests

University of North Texas – Anthropology Teaching Assistant Oct 2025 – Dec 2025

- I was a TA for the 12 week anthropology course over American Society and Culture in the US. Because of the fast-natured pace of this course, I maintained an organized and healthy workload while managing my own full-time course schedule. I worked professionally and collaboratively with the professor of the course as well as the other TAs.

Reagan Smith Energy Solutions – Archaeology Intern, Oklahoma City, OK May 2025 – Aug 2025

- Conducted detailed field documentation and artifact recording with high accuracy
- Managed and organized field data using standardized procedures and digital tools
- Collaborated with multidisciplinary teams on time-sensitive environmental surveys
- Maintained physical stamina and focus during extended fieldwork conditions
- Applied problem-solving and adaptability in unpredictable outdoor environments
- Followed compliance protocols and reporting standards in regulated settings
- Strengthened communication skills through team coordination and reporting

The Academy at Craig Ranch — Assistant Teacher, McKinney, TX Feb 2024 – May 2024

- Supported lead teachers in planning age-appropriate activities, enhancing child engagement and development.
- Assisted with daily routines, ensuring structure and consistency for a safe, nurturing environment.
- Maintained accurate records of attendance and milestones, contributing to personalized care plans.
- Monitored behavior and applied positive reinforcement, fostering a respectful and cohesive classroom.

Not Rocket Science Trivia — Trivia Host, Frisco TX Feb 2024 – May 2024

- Hosted weekly trivia events, engaging participants with creative questions, boosting attendance and customer engagement.
- Managed event logistics, ensuring smooth flow and an organized experience that encouraged repeat participation.
- Fostered a lively atmosphere with high energy, increasing customer satisfaction and building a loyal trivia following.
- Collaborated with bar staff on promotions and prizes, enhancing the event and driving higher sales on trivia nights.

CERTIFICATIONS

CITI Program – Social & Behavioral Research – Basic/Refresher Certificate 10/26/2025