
SUMMARY

English Language and Literature Assistant at the International University of Sarajevo. Fluent in English and Bosnian.

- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Teamwork
- Stellar research and organization
- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Ability to think critically and analytically
- Result-oriented

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

PhD in English Language and Literature **Current**
International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
GPA: 4.0/4.0

M.A. English Language and Literature **Sep 2022**
International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
GPA: 4.0/4.0

Dual Degree: Bachelor of Arts, Psychology & English Language and Literature **May 2020**
University of Dallas, Irving, TX
GPA: 3.9/4.0, Dean's List, Summa Cum Laude

Memberships: National Society of Leadership and Success

Awards/Honors:

- Van Kaam Award (given to the psychology student with the highest academic achievement of the graduating class)
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society
- Sigma Tau Delta (English honor society)

Psychology and English research:

- B.A. Psychology Thesis: "The Phenomenological Investigation of the Experience of Worldview Transformation" (qualitative research)
- Quantitative psychological research: "Exploring How Death Attitudes Relate to Religious Orientation and Denomination"
- B.A. English Thesis: "The Man's Preservation of Goodness and Purpose: An Analysis of Why the Man Does Not Kill the Boy in *The Road*"
- M.A. Thesis: "Suffering in *The Divine Comedy*"

RESEARCH & CONFERENCES

Spiritual Psychology and Counseling **2025**
Scholarly paper: Islamic Psychological Therapy Interventions Applied by Mental Health Practitioners: A Qualitative Study

The European Journal of Humour Research **2024**
Scholarly paper: Creative writing in the hands of artificial intelligence: The analysis of humour in Bard-generated texts

4th Youth Conference on Language, Literature and Education, Sarajevo, B&H **2024**
Scholarly Paper: "The Novelization of Gardner's 1989 Batman: A Comparison with the Original 1989 Movie by Tim Burton"

3rd Youth Conference on Language, Literature and Education, Sarajevo, B&H **2023**
Scholarly Paper: "Holden's Struggle for Identity: The Conflict Between Adulthood and Childhood Innocence"

Southwestern Psychological Association Conference, Frisco, TX **2021**
Research Presentation: "Exploring How Death Attitudes Relate to Religious Orientation and Denomination" (Accepted)

University of Dallas Journal of Science, Dallas, TX **2018-2019**
Papers published:

- "What is Psychopathy?"
- "Media Influences on the Perception of Mass Shooting and Serious Mental Illness"

Sigma Tau Delta 2019 International Convention, St. Louis, MO **2019**
Short Story: "Do Not Say They Are Dead"

MEMNTO Conference (Medievalists & Early Modernists of North Texas and Oklahoma), Fort Worth, Texas **2018**
Scholarly paper: "The Function of Religion in the Creation of Philosophical Thought"

WORK EXPERIENCE

ELIT100 and ELIT200 Course Instructor, Sarajevo

Sep 2022 – Current

- Taught the courses ELIT100 (Academic English and Effective Communication) and ELIT200 (Critical Reading and Writing) to freshmen students at IUS
- Developed, adapted, and planned lectures, exams, assignments, presentations, and teaching materials to foster academic growth in areas related to academic writing and effective communication such as essay structure, research techniques, citation styles, grammar, public speaking, group discussions, and presentations
- Conducted evaluations and provided feedback on student papers, assignments, and presentations in a timely manner
- Initiated a collaboration with colleagues on the improvement of the syllabi for future semesters due to newfound issues related to the academic environment

Math and English Tutor and Caregiver, Frisco, TX

Aug 2020 - July 2021

- Taught 5-year-old how to read at a first-grade level and engaged her in a variety of educational activities to improve her understanding of writing, science, and math
- Taught 7-year-old math and reading for an entire academic year during which she achieved stellar grades
- Created and led a variety of creative and educational activities for personal development

University of Dallas Business Office, Administrative Assistant, Irving, TX

Sep 2019 - May 2020

- Proofread, processed, and inputted confidential tuition billing statements in accordance with departmental procedures
- Answered phone calls, answered common questions, and escalated calls to appropriate parties

Islamic Relief Volunteer, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

June 2019 - Aug 2019

- Organized outdoor/indoor activities for orphans ages 6-19 including horseback riding, psychological workshops, and educational games that reduce addiction risk
- Assisted in leading and planning out psychological workshops concerning communication, conflict, and emotional intelligence for teens ages 15-19

Wentworth Management Services, Human Resources Intern, Frisco, Texas

Dec 2018 - Jan 2019

- Researched professional development opportunities for staff regarding personal health and wellness and made recommendations for guest speakers in areas ranging from conflict resolution to nutrition and meditation
- Created contact profiles and inputted data for current and potential business partners
- Proofread company memos and guides in preparation for sendoff to employees and entered data into relevant databases

WRITING/EDITING EXPERIENCE

Content Writer for Alviral, Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mar 2022 - Sep 2022

- Wrote 26 creative/educational articles for PupVine.com with A++ Clearscope ratings using different SEO strategies
- Completed training with different team members regarding the enhancement of articles for more website visits

University of Dallas *University Scholar*, Irving, TX

Editor-in-chief

Sep 2019 - May 2020

- Led meetings, set deadlines, and collaborated with other editors regarding all submissions in order to edit, choose, and publish scientific, scholarly, creative, and artistic work
- Facilitated discussion regarding the relevance and importance of submission in the context of literature and previous submissions with other editors and faculty advisor
- Marketed the journal through means of flyers, the library digital portal, and by persuading professors to encourage submission of highest academic work in classes
- Recruited new and qualified layout, artistic, scholarly, creative, and scientific editors who were top in their classes

English Editor

Sep 2018 - May 2019

- Edited creative works for the university's scholarly liberal arts journal managed by members of Phi Beta Kappa
- Collaborated with other editors regarding the editing process, scheduling appointments, managing submissions, and making decisions about acceptable submissions through critical discussions
- Voted in as editor-in-chief for the 2019/2020 academic year

University of Dallas *Journal of Science*, Psychology Editor & Writer, Irving, TX

Sep 2018 - May 2020

- Chose and edited scientific submissions in the field of psychology for the *UDJS* with a team of editors from different scientific fields including biology, physics, chemistry, biochemistry, and computer science
- Published two psychology articles including the most relevant research of today (media influences, mass shooting, mental illness, psychopathy)