Writing Center Bios

Shauna Anderson

Major: Linguistics

Minor: Cognitive Science

Born into a book-loving family in Greenville, NY, Shauna studies linguistics in order to pursue her passion to teach English as a second language. While studying at a previous college, she worked as a writing tutor for over two years and helped students in various academic disciplines with their questions about citations, grammar, organization, brainstorming, and the process of effectively communicating ideas. Since she frequently visited the Writing Center in her previous college to strengthen her own writing skills, she is aware of the challenges of both tutee and tutor. Always excited to answer questions and share her love of writing, she hopes to help each individual student achieve his or her unique writing goals.

Carol Bautista

Majors: Public Justice & Spanish

Carol is from a Dominican family and resides in Washington Heights, NY. Her plan is to go to law school and become an immigration lawyer. Her interests are running, dancing, reading novels and writing short stories. As a writing tutor she wants to assist others to unlock their highest writing potential which will place them in a better position to be successful students.

Ryann Crofoot

Majors: English & Communication

Minor: Creative Writing

Ryann was born and raised in Oswego County and loves reading and writing. Becoming an author and poet has been her dream for years, and Ryann believes that writing is not only the key to communicating with people on a professional level, but also on a personal level. She loves seeing students grow and develop their writing skills so they can be successful in any area they reach for.

Gabriella Donadio

Major: Business Administration

Gabriella Donadio is a senior business administration student from Syracuse, NY. In her free time she enjoys reading, writing, and painting. As a business student, she has become well-versed in writing business, economic, and law-oriented reports. As a tutor, Gabriella would like to ease the transition for students between general education assignments to assignments requiring technical writing skills. Gabriella hopes to improve students' performance both academically and professionally to give them the skills needed to succeed in their future careers.

Danielle Ellis
Danielle is a transfer student from Corning Community College, where she got her associate degree in general studies with a human services concentration. Now majoring in human development and public Justice, Danielle intends on transferring to NTID (National Technical Institute for the Deaf) to study interpreting. She is a CRLA certified tutor with three years of experience and focuses on using all different types of learning styles when tutoring to ensure all of her peers can understand what it is she is trying to help them learn. She hopes to ensure that tutees who come to her for tutoring services feel welcome, not judged, and can leave feeling satisfied with all of the work they accomplish.

Shanna J. Fuld

Majors: Broadcasting & Spanish

Minor: Creative Writing

Shanna is a senior. She writes for the Oswegonian. She copy edited her sophomore year and was the Opinion editor her junior year. She was born and raised in Queens, but she is a Brooklyn girl at heart. She loves to ride bikes, although she often gets into accidents. She also enjoys swimming, rowing boats and writing poetry. During summer 2014 she interned at the television station NY1, running all over NYC working on stories and writing scripts for air. During summer 2015 she was a paid reporter for a Queens’ newspaper.

Hallie Gaffney

Majors: Anthropology & Zoology

Hallie is from a small town in Oswego County and is in her final year at SUNY Oswego. She has a strong background in writing in the biological sciences, but has shown strong success in other fields of writing. She is a member of the Honors Program and is president of the Anthropology Club. Upon graduation, she hopes to pursue her master's degree in physical anthropology and earn a Ph.D. in forensic osteology. Her goal as a writing tutor is to have all tutees feel comfortable in her presence and for them to experience a newfound confidence in their writing.

Julia Graham

Majors: TESOL & Linguistics

Julia is from Syracuse, NY. After receiving her degree, she hopes to travel the world and teach English in many foreign countries. Julia plans on studying abroad in France during the summer of 2016. While Julia is able to assist any student in need of tutoring, she especially enjoys working with the international students due to the nature of her field of study. She hopes to help her fellow students strengthen and feel confident in their writing.

Collin Henderson

Major: Creative Writing

Minor: Business
Collin moved to Baldwinsville, NY when he was four years old and graduated from CW Baker High School in 2012. He has been reading since he was 6 and began writing at the age of 10. He hopes to use these years of experience to assist students in writing their papers for classes of every variety. His own writing projects have been featured several times in the Great Lake Review, starting when he was a second semester freshman. He hopes to become an editor or publisher when he finishes his degree at SUNY Oswego.

Bre Iannotti

Major: Biology (Pre-Health)
Minor: Health Science

Bre specializes in scientific writing and has a strong background regarding other intensive writing courses. She is also a precalculus tutor. She was born and raised in Saratoga Springs, NY. She enjoys pizza, shopping, napping, and the TV series Breaking Bad. After graduating from SUNY Oswego, she plans to attend graduate school in North Carolina to receive her master’s degree and pursue a career as an occupational therapist.

Ashley Kirkland

Major: Human Development
Minor: African American Studies

Ashley was born and raised in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. She loves to read and write and dreams of becoming an established poet and guidance counselor. As a writing tutor she wants to guide tutees to tap into their highest writing capabilities. She wants to allow their creative potentials to be the forefront of their writing while staying on the given task. She wants her tutees to feel comfortable as she builds their confidence as writers. Ultimately she knows how it feels to be confused or need help, so whether the issue is big or small, she wants to be that source of help for her tutees.

Lindsey Moses

Major: English

Lindsey Moses is a senior. At her former college, Lindsey served as a staff writer for the school newspaper, where she regularly contributed articles to the Opinion section. In addition, she worked as a Writing Fellow, where she was able to utilize her writing skills through face-to-face conferences with peers. Lindsey is currently a member of Alpha Sigma Eta, Oswego's chapter of the International English Honor Society, and she also serves as an editor for The Great Lake Review magazine. In her spare time, Lindsey enjoys reading, writing, traveling, listening to music, and attending concerts. Her main goal as a tutor is to foster writing within the SUNY Oswego community, ultimately helping fellow students focus, develop, and organize their writing.

Kate Piazza

Major: M.S. Chemistry
Kate Piazza is originally from Syracuse, NY. She received her Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Le Moyne College in 2013. For one year, she worked as a volunteer with the Jesuit Volunteer Corp serving as a math and science instructor at a Montessori School in Baltimore, Maryland. She is currently working to receive her master’s degree in chemistry from SUNY Oswego. She has no immediate plans upon her graduation in May. She enjoys being outside, listening to music, playing guitar, cooking, and reading.

**Jessica Randall**

**Major:** English  

**Minors:** Art & Linguistics

Jessica Randall is a senior. As a future educator, Jessica aims to bridge the gap between art, culture, and language. She hopes to pursue a career teaching English as a second language abroad. As a CRLA certified tutor with more than five years of experience, Jessica brings a level of understanding and compassion to sessions which she uses to assist students from all backgrounds in feeling comfortable and capable of advancing their strengths and pursuing their goals. Although each session is individual, Jessica prides herself in her willingness to go above and beyond for every student.

**Courtney Schlesinger**

**Majors:** TESOL & English  

**Minor:** Linguistics

Born and raised on Long Island, Courtney graduated from Massapequa High School where she tutored writing. Along with working in the Writing Center, Courtney tutors in linguistics and grammar. She has been working for the Writing Center since fall 2014. She loves everything about writing and one day hopes to become either a high school teacher in an English or ESL classroom or a publisher. Courtney hopes that her tutoring will help others realize how enjoyable and stress-relieving writing can be.

**Steven Smith**

Steven Smith is a writing specialist at SUNY Oswego. He has been employed at SUNY Oswego since 1986. He teaches composition classes, helps coordinate the Writing Center, and tutors writing. He received his BA in English/Writing Arts from SUNY Oswego in 1982 and his MA in English/Creative Writing from Binghamton University in 1984. He enjoys reading and writing poetry. Other interests include writing humor, watching historical documentaries, and exercising. He knows strong writing skills are essential to communicate in today’s workplace. He finds genuine reward when he has helped students through any challenges or stages of the writing process.

**Christine Talone**

**Major:** English

Christine Talone is an English major. She is from Bloomfield, New York and graduated from Bloomfield High School in 2013. Formerly a student at SUNY Oneonta, she transferred to Oswego in spring 2014 for its great writing programs, hockey teams, and lake. During her time as a writing tutor, she hopes to foster self-expression and literary citizenship among her peers, as well as develop her own writing skills through
interactions with other writers. After finishing her degree at SUNY Oswego, she hopes to pursue graduate studies in literature.

Sarah Turner

Majors: English & Creative Writing

Sarah is an editorial assistant for the Oswego Alumni Magazine and enjoys writing and reading in her spare time. She also loves to work with children, and aspires to enter the field of teaching and/or copy editing. This past summer, she worked at a science camp for young aspiring veterinarians and taught lessons in biology. Her ambition and passion for helping others has brought her to the Writing Center in hopes that she can meet other students on campus, while also bringing out their best writing possible!

Jessica Washak

Majors: Creative Writing & Gender and Women’s Studies

Jessica is a proud native of Western New York, despite the fact that she often forgets what the sun looks like in the winter months. She loves the outdoors, crafting, and watching movies. Although a lot of her time is centered on reading and writing literature, her second degree in gender studies has given her experience writing in many different disciplines—the social sciences, history, and philosophy, to name a few. After graduating in the spring of 2016, she hopes to continue her schooling and go on to be a college professor.