

Matt Wright

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SUMMARY

I'm a recent MFA & MA graduate, self-published author with English-teaching, novel-writing, media-writing, screenwriting, and editing experience. I've also collaborated in teams on screenwriting projects.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

Aug. 2020 – July 2021 **Western Colorado University | Publishing MA**

- Thesis Project: Reissue of *From the Earth to the Moon and Round the Moon* by Jules Verne | Advised by Kevin J. Anderson, MA

July 2018 – July 2020 **Western Colorado University | Genre Fiction MFA**

- Out-of-Concentration Course: Screenwriting Genre
- Thesis: *Breaking Colossus* | SF/Space Opera Novel | Advised by Dr. Candace Nadon, PhD

Aug. 2013 – May 2017 **Dixie State University | English BA, Creative Writing Emphasis**

- Thesis: "Out of the Nursery and into Mordor: Making a Case for the Fantasy Genre as Literature" | Advised by Dr. Ami Comeford, PhD

PUBLIC READINGS

July 2020 **MFA Thesis Reading: *Breaking Colossus* | Western Colorado University**

April 2017 **Senior Thesis Public Lecture: "Out of the Nursery and into Mordor: Making a Case for the Fantasy Genre as Literature" | Dixie State University, St. George, UT**

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

July 2020 **MFA Craft Talk: "The Relationship Equation" | Western Colorado University**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & DEVELOPMENT

Sept. 2021 – Feb. 2022 **Online Course | David Farland's Epic Novel Writing Workshop**

Mar. 2021 **Online Course | Mark Dawson's Self-Publishing Formula**

Sept. 2020 **Online Course | Shonda Rhimes's Masterclass**

Feb. 2019 - Present **Superstars Writing Seminars | Alumni | Gunnison, CO**

June 2017 **Uncle Orson's Writing Class | Provo, UT**

April 2017 **Online Course | David Farland's Story Puzzle & Writing Mastery**

Nov. 2017 **David Farland's Adv. Intensive Writing Workshop | St. George, UT**

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Aug. 2021 – Present **Dixie State University | Part-Time English Instructor**

- I develop an instructional plan for the English courses I teach.
- Plan lessons and assignments.

- Assess students' progress by grading assignments, papers, exams, and other work.
- Advise students about which courses to take and how to achieve their goals.

July 2020 – Present BOLDRUSH! | Intellectual Property Designer

- Completing any contract writing projects given to me

Dec 2020 – Mar. 2021 Dirty Work Media LLC | Screenwriter Intern

- I developed and researched ideas for original documentary episodes.
- Crafted probing questions for contributors to the documentary.
- Drew up paper edits for interviews to be used in the documentary editing process.

Sept. 2020 – Dec. 2020 Income School | Content Creator

- Produce publishable, SEO-ready copy in the form of blog posts on diverse topics for websites.

July 2013 – Sept. 2020 CCSi | Researcher & Volunteer Editor

- I developed, edited, and revised materials such instructions for employees and management.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Oct. 2021 Fury Fall: Sun Maker Book Two | Author

- Self-published space opera/fantasy novel in series.

Oct. 2021 Ruin Star: Sun Maker Book One | Author

- Self-published space opera/fantasy novel in series.

Aug. 2020 – Jul. 2021 Western Colorado University | Editor

- Editor for fantasy/sci-fi anthology *Unmasked: Stories of Risk and Revelation*.

Oct. 2020 University of Chicago | Contributing Writer

- I wrote two original 3,000-word documents for the Exoterra Imagination Lab RPG.

Jan. 2017 – May 2017 Dixie State University | Fiction Editor

- Edited fiction short stories for DSU's literary journal, *The Southern Quill* Iss. 57.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

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| ▪ Microsoft Office | ▪ Scrivener | ▪ Google Docs |
| ▪ WordPress | ▪ Final Draft 11 | ▪ 80 WPM |

PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

Nov. 2016 – Present International English Honor Society | Member

LANGUAGES

Spanish | Conversational, Reading & Writing Knowledge

VOLUNTEER WORK

Oct. 2008 – Nov. 2010 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints | Missionary

- Community service every week.
- Leadership and zone leader over 14 missionaries.
- Weekly proselytizing in English and Spanish.
- Teaching free community ESL classes.