

# Derek Sikkema

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## **Work Experience**

English Dept Office Assistant | Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA | September 2016 - Present

General office assistance for the Santa Clara University English department.

Tasks include but are not limited to: Schedule meetings, Create schedule cards for all English dept staff, Make scans, copies, and printouts, Organize documents, Create posters, Make maintenance calls, Take messages for the main office administrator and other professors, Miscellaneous tasks

Research Aid, English | Professor Aparajita Nanda, Santa Clara University | February 2016 - Present

Gather articles and books regarding various topics particularly black science fiction: Octavia, Butler, Hinduism, and their crossovers. Make preliminary readings of the material to decide what is most relevant for Professor Nanda. Perform brief readings of Professor Nanda's essays and other work, translating her source citation into MLA and Chicago format. Create a list of questions for interviews and combed books in detail for any material relevant to her research.

## **Community Activities**

Teatro Catalina | Villa Catalina, Chinandega, Nicaragua | Advisor Claire Calalo | March 17 - 24, 2018

Create and lead workshops designed to develop voice, dance, and storytelling ability to people of all ages. Put on a half an hour show of devised theatre to the community at the end of the week.

GED Skills Tutor | Santa Clara Adult Education | Jan 2017 - Mar 2017

Tutor adults of all ages, at least 18 years old, in math, reading, and writing in preparation for taking the GED test. Worked two hours per week at the Santa Clara Adult Education center.

Peer Educator, Intro to Formal Logic | Professor Kulp, Santa Clara University | Jan 2017 - Mar 2017

Provide tutorials and additional assistance to students enrolled in Introduction to Formal Logic. Held an hour of tutorial time each week plus scheduled additional time to help prior to exams.

## **Education**

Bachelor of Arts (BA) | Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA

*Double Major - English and Theater Arts | Honors Student | Dean's List | Provost Scholar*

*Phi Beta Kappa (admitted Junior year) | Sigma Tau Delta (English) | Alpha Psi Omega (Theatre)*

## **About Me**

*Self-Published Novelist - "Ruined America", a 4 book series, published dates 2012 - 2019*

*Provost Research Fellowship Recipient - Funding for completion of 4th Ruined America Novel*

*Intercollegiate National Ethics Bowl - Placed 4th, highest California University finisher, March 2016*