

# Derek Sikkema

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## **Education**

Bachelor of Arts (BA) | Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA | Projected Completion: June 2019  
*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)*

## **Self-Published Novels**

*Ruined America: The Cathedral of Bones* | Published 2019 | Available in Paperback and Kindle  
*Ruined America: The Rise of the Hybrid Army* | Published 2017 | Available in Paperback and Kindle  
*Ruined America: The Dead of Night* | Published 2015 | Available in Paperback and Kindle  
*Ruined America: The Exodus of Richard Braxton* | Published 2012 | Available in Paperback and Kindle

## **Stage Plays**

*Chairs* | Stage Reading Santa Clara University Black Box | Director Freya Helton | June 5, 2018  
A man or woman wakes to find that his or her society thinks that chairs are staging a revolution.  
Written as part of "the New Playwrights' Festival" produced by Professor Brian Thorstenson  
*Godless* | Stage Reading Santa Clara University Black Box | June 2, 2019  
A traumatized and broken mother must find a way to love again when her daughter starts dating a Neo-Nazi. Written as part of "The New Playwrights' Festival" produced by Professor Brian Thorstenson.  
*A Life Without Air* | Zoom Reading on Youtube | June 9, 2020  
In the distant future, a prison warden on a Martian colony comes upon a mysterious stranger without a helmet or protective suit. Upon interrogation, he slowly realizes why she has come.

## **Other Short Stories and Play Scripts**

Additional short stories and play scripts can be found on my website at <http://dereksikkema.com>  
*The Cloudwatcher*, given an honorable mention by the *L. Ron Hubbard Writers of the Future* award.  
Contact for publication rights.  
*The River of Blood*, given an honorable mention by the *L. Ron Hubbard Writers of the Future* award.  
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## **Work Related Experience**

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. Read and edit Professor Nanda's essays.

## **Fellowships**

*Provost Research Fellowship Recipient* | Nominated by Professor Claudia McIsaac | Summer 2018  
Funding for writing and initial edits of 4th *Ruined America* Novel. Final book in the series

## **About Me**

Actor - Internship with Silicon Valley Shakespeare Company, Saratoga, CA, Summer 2018  
*Intercollegiate National Ethics Bowl* - Placed 4th, highest California University finisher, March 2016  
Backpacked Europe | Rafted the Grand Canyon | Scuba Dove the Great Barrier Reef  
Six Years Game / Dungeon Master | Fourteen Years World of Warcraft Player