

# Derek Sikkema

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## **Work Experience**

- Technical Writer | Tyler Stafford, BBCS Inc., Bonney Lake, WA | February 2024 – Present  
Creation and maintenance of user documentation for the two main products sold by BBCS: ForLife and Forcyte. Both are software designed to assist blood banks with product distribution, client communication, and organization of information.
- Mental Health Technician | Erica Polidori, Thira Health, Bellevue, WA | October 2022 – December 2023  
Support the mental health of patients in partial hospitalization and residential treatment by retrieving support tools (ice packs, fidget toys, etc.), supervising group sessions, and providing Skills Coachings for emotionally dysregulated patients who need additional help.
- Tutor | Grade Potential Tutoring, Seattle, WA | Aug. 2022 – September 2023  
Focus on teaching English and writing but with work in all core subjects, including math from 6th to 10th grade, science from physics to biology, and history. Past clients include Stanislav Telehlov (206-643-9076), Lynn Couch (425-747-6206), and Thira Health: Comprehensive Mental Health Treatment (Supervisor Erica Polidori, 425-448-8808).
- Actor, Hawkins Lab Employee | Fever Entertainment, Seattle, WA | May 2023 – September 2023  
Perform for 20 to 28 hours a week in an immersive experience based on the *Stranger Things* franchise. Guide groups of up to thirty through the experience, ensuring the highest possible level of comfort and excitement among the guests. Memorize twenty pages of lines.
- English Dept Office Assistant | Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA | September 2016 – June 2019  
General office assistance for the Santa Clara University English department.  
Tasks include but are not limited to scheduling meetings; creating schedule cards for all English dept staff; making scans, copies, and printouts; organizing documents; data entry using Microsoft excel and word; making maintenance calls; taking messages for the main office.

## **Education**

- Master of Fine Arts (MFA) | FSU/Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training  
*Acting*
- 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)*

## **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.

## **About Me**

- Gamer* – computer gamer of several years, Dungeon Master of 14 years  
*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