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FREELANCE EDITOR, WRITER, & VIRTUAL ASSISTANT specializing in gaming and subculture writing, personal narrative, non-fiction, web copy, procedural writing, and project-based administrative assistance. Creating engaging, organized, and concise content for a variety of clients.

## *Key skills include:*

- Idea and thesis development
  - Structural, line, and copy editing
  - Proofreading
  - Clear interpersonal communication
  - Skilled in teaching and demonstrating tabletop games
  - Meticulous attention to detail
  - WordPress and InDesign
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Love Thy Nerd**, Ventura, CA *March 2018–Present*

### **Co-Founder and Chief Resource Director**

- Contributes to and oversees all stages of written content creation: pitch and thesis development, writing, editing, and publishing in WordPress
- Collaborates with Chief Content Director to manage editorial calendar and project flow
- Oversees a team of 7 editors and 70+ writers to ensure consistently high-quality content
- Travels to 3–5 gaming conventions a year
- Develops curriculum, articles, email newsletters, and downloadable resources
- Coordinates internal administrative workflows

**LifeWay Christian Publications**, Nashville, TN *June 2019–Present*

### **Freelance Editor, Writer and Proofreader, *Explore the Bible: Students***

- Contributes to various publications as production editor, writer, and proofreader

**Joy of Living Bible Studies**, Ventura, CA *November 2018–September 2019*

### **Media Consultant and Administrative Assistant**

- Wrote, compiled, and edited documents including blog posts, newsletters, commentary, study questions, and office procedures
- Designed and managed all aspects of the Joy of Living Blog

**Genesis Programs**, Ventura, CA *August 2015–September 2018*

### **Office Manager** (April 2017–September 2018)

- Provided support for website management, billing, reports, and insurance verification
- Improved business efficiency and procedures, including overdue payment tracking

### **Administrative Assistant/Receptionist** (August 2015–April 2017)

## VOLUNTEER & RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Playtesting & Game Development** *February 2019–Present*  
*Battle Wizards*, Michael Riddle (November 2019)  
*The Deadlies*, Paul Saxberg (May 2019)  
*Candyland Throne*, April-Lyn Caouette (February 2019)
- Gamechurch**, Ventura, CA *October 2013–February 2018*  
**Writer** (2013–2018) and **Associate Editor** (2017–2018)
  - Wrote and edited thoughtful reflections on video games and gaming culture
  - Conducted and transcribed interviews with game industry professionals
- Ventura County Strategy Boardgamers**, Ventura, CA *December 2015–Present*  
**Event Organizer and Host**
- Test Reader** *May 2014 and July 2018*  
*The Girl with the Ghosts*, Luke T. Harrington (July 2018)  
*Ophelia, Alive*, Luke T. Harrington (May 2014)
  - Published April 2016
- Game Demo Facilitator and Gamemaster** *December 2018–Present*
  - Demonstrated and taught games to new players at conventions and private events
  - Worked with Roxley Game Laboratory, Indie Games on Demand, Indie Game Alliance, and Board Crunch
  - Titles include *Dice Throne*; *Dice Throne Adventures*; *Steampunk Rally*; *Spirit Island*; *Arkham Horror (3rd Edition)*; *Before There Were Stars*; *Win, Lose, or Banana*; *Puerto Rico*; *Tokyo Highway*; and *The Quiet Year*
- Annual Tabletop Gaming Stats** (January–November 2019)
  - Plays: ~ 240 (avg. 5 per week)
  - Unique games played: ~ 120
  - New games: ~ 80
  - Unpublished prototypes played: 9
  - Attended or hosted 1–2 gaming meetups per week (on average)
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## EDUCATION

- Colgate University**, Hamilton, NY *August 1999–May 2003*
  - Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy & Religion, Cum Laude
  - Awarded Robinson Prize for Best Essay in Philosophy & Religion, 2003

## WRITING & EDITING SAMPLES

### Writing

“[How POG Throne Helped Me Rediscover the Joy of Chucking Things at Other Things.](#)” Love Thy Nerd. December 21, 2018.

“[Quarterbacking Sucks! Five Cooperative Games that Don't.](#)” Love Thy Nerd. September 4, 2018

“[Testing the Boundaries of Cyberspace in Hypnospace Outlaw.](#)” Love Thy Nerd. April 8, 2019.

### Editing

Horca, Jeshua. “[Level Up Your Game Night with These Tips for Teaching Board Games.](#)” Love Thy Nerd. June 6, 2019.

Motley, Daniel. “[Vaporwave: Longing for a Better World.](#)” Love Thy Nerd. April 9, 2019

Romig, Randy. “[Kaiju vs. Me: How Giant Japanese Monsters Stole My Heart.](#)” Love Thy Nerd. May 30, 2019

Turnipseed, Madeline. “[8 Questions You Should Ask Before Starting a Game Night.](#)” Love Thy Nerd. February 12, 2019