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## EDUCATION

- McGill University, Master of Arts in English, *expected June 2025*, GPA 4.0/4.0  
MA Thesis: “Moving Waters: Hydrosocial Relations in Contemporary North American Poetry”  
Supervisor: Dr. Eli MacLaren
  - Courses Taken: “Genres of Contemporary American Historical Fiction”; “Interdisciplinary Approaches to Improvisation: Theories, Aesthetics, Politics”; “Milton’s Poetics of Liberty”; “Romanticism, Labour, and Longing”; “Scale and the Environmental Humanities” (inter-university transfer)
  - Courses Audited: “Energy” (Art History & Communication Studies Department)
- Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts, May 2015  
Summa Cum Laude in English, French Studies Minor with Distinction in All Subjects, GPA 4.0/4.3  
Undergraduate Thesis: “Sympathy; Or, Community and its Constituents: A Comparative Study of Media and Signification in *Frankenstein* and *Presumption*”

## GRANTS & AWARDS

- Fonds de recherche du Québec Société et Culture Scholarship for return to research at the Master’s level, \$20,000 CAD – awarded April 2024
- Glorianna Martineau Fellowship, \$1,000 CAD – awarded March 2024 for conference travel
- McGill International Research Master’s Award, \$17,000 CAD – awarded September 2023

## RECOGNITION & HONORS

- Phi Beta Kappa Society - Top 10%, College of Arts & Sciences, Cornell University - January 2015
- Quill & Dagger Senior Honor Society, Cornell University - selected by students and alumni based on leadership, service, & character, May 2014
- Red Key Student Athlete Society - selected by students and coaches based on character & community service, February 2013
- Cornell 400 Club - recognized as a student-athlete with a 4.00 GPA, February 2012

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Teaching Assistant for FSCI 198, “Climate Crisis and Climate Actions”
  - McGill University Office of Science Education – Winter 2025
  - Collaboratively taught, interdisciplinary course including lectures and weekly seminar style workshops. As a TA, I facilitate a weekly workshop with a fellow TA from a science discipline and provide feedback and evaluation for students’ work.
- Teaching Assistant for ENVR 400, “Environmental Thought”
  - McGill University Bieler School of Environment – Fall 2023, Winter 2024, Fall 2024
  - Teaching Assistant for 55-75 students depending on enrollment. The course involves a mix of lectures and seminar discussion, with a series of writing assignments culminating in a final research paper. As a TA, I graded written assignments and oral presentations, worked with students on their project ideation and general writing skills, hosted office hours, guest lectured, and facilitated seminars when needed.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

- [Accepted] “Holding Actions in the Floodplain: Direct Climate Action’s Liquid Aesthetics.”
  - Accepted as part of the panel “Ethics and Aesthetics of Direct Climate Action.” ACLA Annual Meeting. Online Format, May 29-June 1, 2025.
- “Agriculture as Art: Tending the Earth in Climate Change.”
  - Improvising Care Conference, a partnership between the International Institute for Critical Studies in Improvisation, the Laboratory of Urban Culture, Toolkit Of Care, and Arts in the Margins  
McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, October 5-9, 2024
- “Formalizing Systems: Literary Form and the More than Human in *Ceremony* and *The Ministry for the Future*.”

- “Systems Thinking and/in Literature” Panel, ACCUTE Annual Conference at the FSSH Congress McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, June 12-15, 2024
  - *Panel Canceled*
- “Improvising Rivers: Transforming Space through Nonhuman Performance”
  - Metamorphosis: McGill University English Graduate Student Association Annual Conference McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, April 6-7 2024
- “Rivers in Resistance: River Poetics and Performance in and beyond the Poetry of Natalie Diaz.”
  - Narratives of Water: Flows, Routes, Crises in the Atlantic World University of Turin, Turin, Italy, March 21-22, 2024

## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES

- *Carbon Democracy* Interdisciplinary Reading Group, McGill University, set to commence January 2025
  - Lead organizer of an energy humanities reading group. Organization required inter-department networking and the acquisition of funding. The group is partially funded by the McGill University Postgraduate Student Society Grants Program and the Sustainability Projects Fund.
- Poetry Matters, McGill University Department of English, 2024-2025
  - Participant in Poetry Matters initiative alongside faculty, students, and poets. I assist with developing events and workshops, including a lecture on ethical criticism and a public-facing workshop and panel on poetry, climate crisis, and constraint. Duties involve developing compelling events around critical themes, networking with scholars and academics, and acquiring funding.

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE & UNIVERSITY INVOLVEMENT

- Faculty of Arts Council Graduate Student Representative, 2024-2025
- Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee Graduate Student Representative, 2024-2025
- English Graduate Student Association Executive Committee 2023-2025
  - Professional Development Committee 2024-2025: co-organized the PRAXIS workshop series consisting of faculty workshops tailored to professional development topics including conference papers, academic job applications, and bringing interdisciplinarity to one’s work; worked with fellow committee members to tailor events suited to graduate students’ professional development and community building
  - Conference Committee 2023-2024: co-organized the 2024 English Graduate Conference, “Metamorphosis”
- *Caret Journal* Peer Reviewer, September 2023 - present
- Association of Graduate Students Employed at McGill, September 2023 - present
  - Departmental Delegate for Bieler School of Environment, September 2023-present

## PUBLICATIONS - REVIEWS

de Rham, Georgiana. “Weathering the Storms of History: on *In Inheritance of Drowning* by Dorsía Smith Silva.” *Jacket2*, 4 February 2025. <https://jacket2.org/reviews/weathering-storms-history>.

de Rham, Georgiana. “Excavating intimacies: a review of Siwar Massanat’s *cue*.” *Jacket2*, 23 October 2024, <https://jacket2.org/reviews/excavating-intimacies>.

## PUBLICATIONS - CREATIVE

[Peer reviewed, forthcoming] de Rham, Georgiana. “Onion Earth.” *Caret Journal*, issue 5, Spring 2024.

de Rham, Georgiana. *The Watermelon Story*. Carolyn Dreyer. Onion River Press, 2023, <https://www.onionriverpress.com/books/p/9781957184258>.

de Rham, Georgiana. “The Wedding Party.” *The Nasiona*, Summer 2021 Edition, Being Mixed-Race Series, 10 Aug. 2021, <https://www.thenasiona.com/2021/08/10/the-wedding-party/>.

## PUBLICATIONS – JOURNALISM

de Rham, Georgiana. “Phnom Penh Sandwich Station Offers a Taste of Southeast Asia in White River Junction.” *Seven Days Vermont*, 29 August 2023, <https://www.sevendaysvt.com/food-drink/phnom-penh-sandwich-station-offers-a-taste-of-southeast-asia-in-white-river-junction-38992792>.

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de Rham, Georgiana. “Amateurs Like Us: Popp Helps Two-Legged and Four-Legged Patients.” *The Chronicle of the Horse*, 17 July 2018, <https://www.chronofhorse.com/article/amateurs-like-us-popp-helps-two-legged-and-four-legged-patients>.

de Rham, Georgiana. “Zane Josta Has Gone From Latvia To Ohlala.” *The Chronicle of the Horse*, 26 March 2018, <https://www.chronofhorse.com/article/groom-spotlight-zane-josta-from-latvia-to-ohlala>.

de Rham, Georgiana. “Groom Spotlight: Stef Goldenberg Gets Joy From Giving Horses The Best.” *The Chronicle of the Horse*, 5 Sept. 2017, <https://www.chronofhorse.com/article/groom-spotlight-stef-goldenberg-gets-joy-from-giving-horses-the-best>.

de Rham, Georgiana. “One To Watch: Emma Butchard Is Doing The Work To Succeed At Grand Prix Show Jumping.” *The Chronicle of the Horse*, 23 June 2017, <https://www.chronofhorse.com/article/one-to-watch-emma-butchard-is-doing-the-work-to-succeed-at-grand-prix-show-jumping>.

de Rham, Georgiana. “Groom Spotlight: To Rene Tovar, All Horses Are Created Equal.” *The Chronicle of the Horse*, 18 April 2017, <https://www.chronofhorse.com/article/groom-spotlight-to-rene-tovar-all-horses-are-created-equal>.

de Rham, Georgiana. “Groom Spotlight: Teaghan James Works Hard and Lives Life To The Fullest.” *The Chronicle of the Horse*, 21 March 2017, <https://www.chronofhorse.com/article/groom-spotlight-teaghan-james-works-hard-and-lives-life-to-the-fullest>.

de Rham, Georgiana. “Groom Spotlight: Kate McManis Likes Being Her Horses’ ‘Herd.’” *The Chronicle of the Horse*, 27 Feb. 2017, <https://www.chronofhorse.com/article/groom-spotlight-kate-mcmanis-likes-being-her-horses-herd>.

## NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Seven Days Vermont; Burlington, VT**

#### **Freelance Food Writer, June 2023 - August 2023**

- Freelance writer covering local food establishments

### **Red Wagon Plants; Hinesburg, VT**

#### **Wholesale, Deliveries, and Sales, April 2023 - June 2023**

- Work with Wholesale team to deliver, merchandise, and inventory plant starts at retail accounts throughout Vermont during peak greenhouse season
- Greenhouse work as needed, including plant care, greenhouse maintenance, and general farm operations
- Customer service and education as needed

### **Intervale Food Hub; Burlington, VT**

#### **Operations Associate, January 2022 - March 2023**

- Collaborate with Operations Team to receive, pack, and deliver local produce, perishables, and dry goods to homes and businesses throughout Burlington, South Burlington, and Winooski
- Participate in monthly business strategy meetings and all staff DEI work as part of a social enterprise within a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization

### **City Market Onion River Co-Op; Burlington, VT**

#### **Produce Buyer, February 2021 - January 2022**

- Responsible for inventory management, farmer and distributor relationship building, and buying fruits and vegetables for the South End City Market's Produce Department.
- Advocate for the local food system, through customer education as well as in-house advocacy to prioritize local and seasonal food

**Philo Ridge Farm & Livestock; Charlotte, VT**

**Produce Coordinator, February 2020 - October 2020**

- Assisted in the establishment of the online store and outdoor farmstand to meet all Covid-19 challenges and CDC regulations while continuing to offer fresh vegetables to the community
- Produced content for farm's newsletter and website, provided customer education
- Participated in organizing and leading charitable initiatives: food donations to frontline health care workers, donations to Black Lives Matter protesters, donations to the NAACP, and company-wide anti-racism work via the Food Solutions New England 21 Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge

**Philo Ridge Farm & Livestock; Charlotte, VT**

**Events Manager, May 2019 - February 2020**

- Organized and executed private and public on-farm events; coordinated operations between food and beverage, livestock and market garden departments to ensure well-organized and successful events; built relationships with local organizations to host collaborative and educational events for the community
- Wrote copy and content for the farm's newsletter and advertisements in the local paper; managed the farm's Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter; updated and edited the farm's website to promote farm events; represented Philo Ridge on NBC 5 News and the WCAX program, *Across the Fence*

**Glenview Stables; Wellington, FL**

**Assistant Rider, January 2017 - April 2019**

- Riding and jumping show jumpers and hunters for sport and sale, teaching and competing
- Assistance in stable with horse care and employee management, general paperwork and record keeping

**The Chronicle of the Horse; Middleburg, VA**

**Freelance Writer, February 2017 - July 2018**

- Freelance columnist for "Groom Spotlight" and "One To Watch" columns. Pitched, researched, and wrote human interest pieces for the magazine's online publication.

**Ilan Ferder Stables; Wellington, FL**

**Exercise Rider, Social Media Coordinator, October 2017 - December 2017**

- Assistant to the main stable manager with organization of the daily schedule, horse and employee management, riding and exercising horses

**John Madden Sales, Inc.; Cazenovia, NY**

**Professional Show Groom, May 2015 - August 2017**

- Riding, grooming, management, and some teaching experience
- Daily record keeping and horse recording, general paperwork

**OTHER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

- Vermont Chicory Week Steering Committee (2023)
- Vermont Chicory Week contributing author (2022)
- New Leaders Council - Vermont Chapter, accepted to 2022 cohort (2022)
- Feeding Chittenden, Burlington, Vermont (2020-2022)
- Climate Art Exhibit contributing artist, Richmond, Vermont (2021)
- The Farm at VYCC, Bolton, Vermont (2020)

