

# MORGAN MERRIAM

Curriculum Vitae

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## CAREER SUMMARY

A motivated journalism graduate with a passion for storytelling, literature, and the editing process. With two years of experience as an editor and published writer, is comfortable giving and receiving critical feedback, working with live sources, as well as building out characters and scenes for readers in an approachable way. Eager to expand upon past experience and grow as a writer.

## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism  
3.87 GPA, Graduated June 2025  
Public Relations Track with a Concentration in Sociology  
Western Washington University - Bellingham, WA, U.S.

## Relevant Coursework

Feature Writing, Global Literatures, Newswriting, Periodical Staff (Klipsun), Newspaper Staff (The Front), Reporting, Media & Professional Practice, Intro to Cinema w/ Lab, Advanced Public Relations Writing Techniques, Field Internship, Public Relations Research and Campaigns, Editing

## KEY QUALIFICATIONS

- Strong English grammar skills
- Editing and writing under deadline
- Comfortable in an array of writing structures/formatting
- Proofreading and fact checking
- Interpretive research
- Fluent in Associated Press Style, APA Style
- Comfortable applying Chicago and MLA Styles
- Provision of critical feedback
- Strong interpersonal communication
- Project management
- Proficient in Google Workspace Applications and Microsoft Office 365
- Adobe InDesign, Canva, MailChimp, Wix
- Attention to detail
- Resource orchestration and management
- Interviewing

- Understanding of basic design principles
- Social media management

## **PROFESSIONAL HISTORY**

### **Social Media Editor**, April 2025-June 2025

The Front, Western Washington University - Bellingham, WA

- Designed and executed social media strategy
- Created posts aligning with content produced by Front reporters using Canva
- Enhanced preexisting social media templates for a fresh and cohesive online branding

### **Editorial/Public Relations Intern**, January 2025-April 2025

Bellingham Alive - Bellingham, WA

- Crafted compelling copy and visuals for newsletters and e-blasts with MailChimp
- Wrote and fact-checked articles to encapsulate publication's overall voice and speak to their target audience
- Managed social media calendar and engagement

### **Editor-In-Chief**, September 2024-December 2024

The Front, Western Washington University - Bellingham, WA

- Collaborated in the hiring process of newsroom staff and created onboarding materials
- Set agendas for and led semi-weekly meetings
- Edited between five and 15 stories each week
- Represented The Front in community conversations and in public-facing platforms
- Supervised rebranding and new product launches to boost engagement
- Wrote breaking news stories to ensure the safety and peace of mind of the community
- Contributed to a publication audit for financial tracking purposes

### **Managing Editor**, June 2024-September 2024

The Front, Western Washington University - Bellingham, WA

- Set agendas for and led bi-weekly meetings
- Edited evergreen stories for staggered release to maintain a consistent flow of content
- Collaborated in an update/reorganization for publication's website
- Wrote and edited stories that would contribute to new 'For Freshmen' tab in order to boost engagement among an incoming wave of potential readers

### **Public Relations Representative**, March 2024-June 2024

The Front, Western Washington University - Bellingham, WA

- Revised and updated internal documents
- Reorganized the publication's internal document drive, creating new guides and documentation where needed for the benefit of reporters and editing staff
- Coordinated with faculty and staff to improve ethical guidelines

**Campus News/Life Editor**, September 2023-March 2024

The Front, Western Washington University - Bellingham, WA

- Led beat team meetings twice weekly for reporters
- Assessed and assigned story pitches for reporting staff
- Edited and provided feedback for reporting staff stories under deadline
- Collaborated with other editors to produce fresh and quality stories that serve our community

**Managing Editor**, June 2023-August 2023

The Front, Western Washington University - Bellingham, WA

- Collaborated in the hiring process of newsroom staff
- Coordinated with writers and editors to ensure a smooth editing process
- Edited between two and five stories each week
- Reorganized publication's internal document drive and legacy email

**ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Server/Bartender**, January 2026-Present

Toast & Jam - Clallam Bay, WA

- Responsible for the opening and closure of restaurant
- Greets and serves customers as to ensure a quality dining experience
- Crafts specialty cocktails, alongside sauces, juices and mixers kept behind bar
- Balances hosting, serving, bartending, and dishwashing in a timely manner

**Server**, October 2025-March 2026

Pacific Pizza - Forks, WA

- Worked under pressure and coordinated with co-workers to efficiently serve the customers
- Delivered quality food and alcohol service in a timely manner
- Managed incoming calls and directed orders to kitchen
- Handled customer payments in cash, check, and card

**Nanny**, August 2025-October 2025

Contract - Woodinville, WA

- Supervised and cared for two children
- Engagement in age-appropriate activities (play, crafts, reading, outdoor time)
- Assistance with required and extra curricular work

**Barista**, July 2023-November 2023

Crusin Coffee - Bellingham, WA

- Participated in custom beverage preparation, money handling and inventory management
- Prioritization of customer service excellence
- Acted as 'Person in Charge,' responsible for other staff as well as register/change bank balances

## **Athletic Coach, June 2022-August 2022**

Skyhawks - Bothell, WA

- Was responsible for the care of 20 to 60 children (ages 4 to 12)
- Taught sports and life skills to campers (soccer, baseball, and tennis)
- Created curriculum plans in coordination with other coaches

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Merriam, M. (2025, July 7). *An education in flight with the PT Aero Museum: Port Townsend Aero Museum*. Bellingham Alive.

<https://bellinghamalive.com/lifestyle/an-education-in-flight-with-the-pt-aero-museum-port-townsend-aero-museum/>

Merriam, M., & Morton, W. (2025, June 26). *Sweet relief: Local ice cream spots*. Bellingham Alive. <https://bellinghamalive.com/dine/sweet-relief-local-ice-cream-spots/>

Merriam, M. (2025, June 12). *The Mixing Tin: Tom Collins*. Bellingham Alive.

<https://bellinghamalive.com/dine/the-mixing-tin-tom-collins/>

Merriam, M., Cadran, S., & Quinton, H. (2025, June 5). *Community Campaign. Let's Get Real: A Campaign Proposal for Whatcom Environmental Council*.

[https://www.canva.com/design/DAGoBTyNnjI/GPFMCMGH3NVD4CXHJmpfQ/view?utm\\_content=DAGoBTyNnjI&utm\\_campaign=designshare&utm\\_medium=link2&utm\\_source=uniqueLinks&utm\\_id=h6cf2db53a1](https://www.canva.com/design/DAGoBTyNnjI/GPFMCMGH3NVD4CXHJmpfQ/view?utm_content=DAGoBTyNnjI&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniqueLinks&utm_id=h6cf2db53a1)

Merriam, M. (2025, June 2). *That's Theatre, Darling*. Bellingham Alive.

<https://bellinghamalive.com/lifestyle/thats-theatre-darling/>

Merriam, M. (2025, May 8). *"Meant to Be": Melissa Hatcher of Adored Boutique*. Bellingham Alive.

<https://bellinghamalive.com/lifestyle/meant-to-be-melissa-hatcher-of-adored-boutique/>

Merriam, M. (2025, April 12). *The best years of your life*. Klipsun Magazine.

<https://www.klipsunmagazine.com/spring-2025-reflection/the-best-years-of-your-life>

Merriam, M. (2024, October 15). *Brief: WWU's dean of libraries arrested*. The Front.

<https://www.thefrontonline.com/article/2024/10/danneker-arrest>

Merriam, M., & Tessem, M. (2024, September 13). *Late-night bites in Bellingham*. The Front.

<https://www.thefrontonline.com/article/2024/09/late-night-bites-in-bellingham>

Merriam, M. (2024, September 10). *Bellingham's best coffee shops for studying*. The Front.

<https://www.thefrontonline.com/article/2024/09/bellingham-s-best-coffee-shops-for-studying>

- Merriam, M. (2024, July 17). *Brief: University police officer's employment terminated following alleged assault*. The Front. <https://www.thefrontonline.com/article/2024/07/brief-university-police-officer-s-employment-terminated-following-alleged-assault>
- Merriam, M. (2024, April 8). *Why our childhood keepsakes still mean the world to us*. The Front. <https://www.thefrontonline.com/article/2024/04/childhood-keepsakes>
- Merriam, M. (2024, April 12). *Let's talk about sex, baby*. Klipsun Magazine. <https://www.klipsunmagazine.com/spring-2024-connection/lets-talk-about-sex-baby>
- Merriam, M. (2023, June 5). *WWU professors establish campus community with Heterodox Academy*. The Front. <https://www.thefrontonline.com/article/2023/06/heterodox-academy>
- Merriam, M. (2023, May 28). *WWU advances toward completely smoke-free campus*. The Front. <https://www.thefrontonline.com/article/2023/05/smoke-free-campus>
- Merriam, M. (2023, May 11). *WWU Women of Color Empowerment Dinner held after three years*. The Front. <https://www.thefrontonline.com/article/2023/05/empowerment-dinner>
- Merriam, M. (2023, May 7). *Blue Resource Center takes a look back at successful Undocu-month celebrations*. The Front. <https://www.thefrontonline.com/article/2023/05/undocu-month>
- Merriam, M. (2023, April 28). *Brief: Annual ESC night market has been canceled*. The Front. <https://www.thefrontonline.com/article/2023/04/night-market>
- Merriam, M. (2023, April 23). *Sustainability centered in upcoming students for Zero waste clothing swap*. The Front. <https://www.thefrontonline.com/article/2023/04/clothing-swap>
- Merriam, M. (2023, April 18). *Western's Queer Eco Justice Club re-emerges after recent inactivity*. The Front. <https://www.thefrontonline.com/article/2023/04/queer-eco-justice>

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Merriam, M. (2025). *A #BookTok Controversy: The Impact of Romance Novels on Young Girls*. Western Washington University, Bellingham.
- Applied narrative analysis and social learning theory to determine whether romance novels popularized by #BookTok have the potential to negatively affect young female readers.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

June 2025  
Awarded by Western Washington University

Cum Laude Honors, i.e. graduating within the 92nd through 96th percentiles in your college

June 2025, March 2025, December 2024, June 2024, January 2024, July 2023

Awarded by Western Washington University

WWU's President List, i.e. 90th percentile for your class

April 2025

Awarded by WWU Journalism Department

Attendance of the 2025 Seattle Times Best of the PNW College Symposium, one of four WWU students selected

March 2024

Awarded by Klipsun publication staff

Cleanest Copy Award

June 2023

Awarded by The Front publication staff

Constant Communication Award