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# HIBA TAHIR

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## EDUCATION

**MFA IN POETRY • 2022 • UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS**  
Chester and Freda S. Johnson  
Fellow (2018) + Carolyn  
Walton Cole Endowment  
Recipient (2018)

**B.A. ENGLISH AND NEWS  
EDITORIAL JOURNALISM •  
2018 • UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI**  
Summa Cum Laude + Honors  
Thesis

## SKILLS

Social Media  
Photography  
Photo and video editing  
MS Office + Adobe Suites  
Wordpress.com

## AWARDS/HONORS

**Chester & Freda S. Johnson  
Fellowship (2018)**  
**Carolyn Walton Cole  
Endowment Fund in  
Creative Writing (2018)**  
**Top News Editorial Student  
Award (2018)**  
**Kappa Tau Alpha Top  
Scholar Award (2018)**  
**O.L. & Marie Sims  
Presidential Scholar (2014-  
2018)**  
**Eva & Frank Mackaman  
Scholar  
(2016-2017)**

## EXPERIENCE

### EDITOR • UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS HONORS COLLEGE • MAY 2020-PRESENT

I post, monitor, and engage with followers on Honors College social media; submit material to the Honors College blog; contribute to A+, the Honors College Magazine; coordinate the production and distribution of emails to the mailing list, and assist with other aspects of communication.

### EDITORIAL INTERN • TIN HOUSE • DECEMBER 2019-MAY 2020

I read and provided written feedback on agented manuscript submissions and took part in weekly editorial meetings with Tin House editor Masie Cochran.

### GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT • UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS • AUGUST 2018- MAY 2020

I taught two sections a semester of English 101 or English 102.

### SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR • OPEN MOUTH READING SERIES • MAY 2019-PRESENT

I oversee social media content for this community-based reading series that brings renowned poets to Northwest Arkansas and hosts monthly readings and workshops as well as an annual poetry festival. I also photograph events.

### SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR • THE ARKANSAS INTERNATIONAL • JANUARY 2019-PRESENT

I oversee social media content for the University of Arkansas MFA's student-run and award-winning literary journal. Also, I photograph events.

### PODCAST HOST + WRITER • SPINE MAGAZINE • JANUARY 2017- PRESENT

I regularly interview authors and book designers to write book-themed articles. I also interview authors for the Spine authors podcast.

### EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • THE CATALYST • JANUARY-MAY 2018

I coordinated various activities related to the production of the 2018 edition of USM's online undergraduate research journal, including recruiting submissions and satisfying reviewers' concerns regarding content.

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT • DAVID MCRANEY • AUGUST 2017-MAY 2018

I helped internationally bestselling author David McRaney find various documents, articles, podcasts, and books and fact-check and create summaries for them. I also assisted him in the production of his podcast and live shows.

### MANAGING EDITOR • THE STUDENT PRINTZ • AUGUST 2017-MARCH 2018

I oversaw newspaper production, wrote and edited articles, and contributed a weekly humor column. **Recognition:** *Best Feature Story at MS Press Association, Best Opinion/Editorial Writer from the Southeast Journalism Conference, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Current Events at the Southeast Journalism Conference On-Site Competition, 3<sup>rd</sup> in College Personal Columns at the Louisiana/Mississippi Associated Press, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in General News Story at the MS Press Association.*