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An artist, humanities scholar, builder, and freelance lyricist bringing classical liberal arts insight to storytelling, business leadership, experiential design, experimental research, youth education consulting, creative directing, and off-grid construction design.

EDUCATION

New Century Conservatory – Piano Performance

2016 - *Dr. Fei Xu, AZ*

Bachelor of Arts – Political Science & German Studies

2021 - *Brigham Young
University, Provo, UT*

Master of Arts – Humanities

2024 - *Ralston College,
Savannah, GA (full tuition
scholarship recipient)*

Honors & Achievements

- Graduate Fellowship Recipient, Ralston College 2024-25
- Humanities Center Social Justice Creative Arts Contest, 1st Prize (watercolor painting), BYU 2021
- German Proficiency Exam ACTFL Advanced High, 2021
- Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy (CSED) 2019-21
- New American University Scholarship Recipient, Arizona State University 2016-17
- Steinway Avanti Piano Competition, 2nd Prize 2016;
Arizona Musicfest Piano Competition, 2nd Prize 2016;
Arizona Young Artist Piano Competition, 2nd Prize 2015

Relevant Papers, Conferences, & Creative Projects

“Before the Sunrise Can Sing” and “Little Colorado” original choral compositions (lyricist)

Lux Mea Art Salon, October 2025

Apples in the Hands of an Angry Goddess: Why Paris Should Have Chosen Hera and So Should You

Fellowship Lecture at Ralston College, May 2025

The Andromachean Archetype: Forgotten Patterns of Feminine Identity

Student and Alumni Symposium, Ralston College, May 2025

Katabasis is Key: The Ageless Secret to Platonic Pedagogy in George MacDonald’s The Golden Key

Southeast Conference for Christianity and Literature (SCCL), Covenant College, October 2024

Torn Between Hera, Aphrodite, and Athena: The Tripartite Fault-lines of the Feminine Whole

MA Thesis, presented at the Ralston College Student and Alumni Conference, May 2024

Of Monsters, Mariolatry, and Mediatrices: The Dualistic “Love and Terror” of the Medieval Sexual Identity

Medieval Term Paper, Ralston College, March 2024

The Polarization of Mormon Women in the Trump Era: Why Arizona LDS Women Swung Blue in 2020

Original survey analysis, BYU Sigma submission, LDS Political Engagement, 2021

Picture Perfect Polarization: The Impact of Media Images on Political Polarization and Bias

Fulton Mentored Research Conference, 2021

The Bane of the Übermensch: How the Plague of the Modern Ascetic Priest Destroyed Traditional Heroism

Seminar on Marx, Nietzsche, Freud, BYU, 2020

Nietzsche and the Archetypal Christ: The Reconciliation of the Rational Mind

Western Political Heritage, BYU, 2017

WORK EXPERIENCE

Founder of The Philosophia Method — *Philosophia Method, LLC*, 2024-present

Founded an educational consulting company centered on restoring Platonic *philosophia*, love of wisdom, for youth, young adults, and their families in the alternative educational sphere. Work entails curriculum personalization, one-on-one coaching or tutoring, teaching good study and tech habits, and cultivating a substantial educational philosophy in each student. Currently building a team of high-performing, classical liberal-arts-minded coaches, building educational materials, and creating transformational summer retreats for youth.

Managing Director and Co-Founder — *Project Edify, LLC*, 2020-23, AZ, UT, CO, CA, ID, NM

Curated transformational retreats for young adults as co-founder and managing director of Project Edify. Organized and led 4-day conferences across the western US for groups of 25-30 participants, including seminars, outdoor excursions, intuitive art experiences, mindfulness exercises, and a wide range of group activities designed to inspire peers to answer the call to their life's purpose.

Assistant General Contractor — *Tarantula Ranch Construction*, 2021-23, 25, Apache & Navajo Counties, AZ

Assisted in the completion of multiple home remodels and additions in rural Arizona, with projects both on- and off-grid. Managed project quotes and contracts, worked directly with clients and contracted workers in project design and problem-solving, and applied skills from foundation engineering, concrete, and framing, to electric, plumbing, solar, roofing, and other interior work. Proficient in electrical work, framing, insulation, flooring, painting, drywall, tile, and trim work.

Private German Language Tutor — 2019-21, Provo, UT

Provided immersive weekly tutoring and conversation sessions in German language and grammar for beginner students at BYU. Designed and customized lesson plans to meet individual student needs and learning goals. Assisted students one-on-one in improving their speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in German.

Senior Research Assistant and Data Analyst — Dr. David B Magleby, *American University* and *Brigham Young University*, 2019-21

Led a team of undergraduate data researchers and academic writers in assisting political science professors with multiple publications, including books, textbooks, articles, and conference presentations. Performed advanced statistical analysis tasks using software such as STATA, Excel, Google Sheets, and R. Offered ghostwriting, editing, literature reviews, engaging data visualization, academic writing revisions, and critical feedback in weekly written reports. Specialized in the analysis of Independent partisan behavior and the creation of new high school government textbook editions.

Political Inquiry Teaching Assistant — *Brigham Young University*, 2016-17

Taught weekly classes to 20 students on introductory statistics, research methodology, and academic writing. Mentored students one-on-one in a lab setting in research design, providing personalized editing suggestions. Graded 20-40 academic papers weekly for grammar, style, and content.