

# Sam Franzini – Writer, Journalist, Researcher

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## **Freelance Writer** (*April 2022 - Present*)

I am a staff writer for *The Line of Best Fit*, *Northern Transmissions*, *Spectrum Culture*, *OurCulture Mag*, and *Atwood Magazine*, where I contribute album reviews, book reviews, artist profiles, and author interviews. From these outlets, I have achieved over 140 bylines. Formed relationships with record labels and book publishers who regularly reach out for coverage consideration in the process. My journalism has been featured in *NYLON Magazine*, *Office Mag*, *Shondaland*, and my comedy articles have appeared in *Points In Case* and *Flexx Mag*.

## **Server/Barista – The Coupe** (*Aug. 2022 - Present*)

At my neighborhood staple restaurant The Coupe, I have worked for over a year as a server and barista, relying on previous customer service skills from other jobs. Often, because of my seniority, I suggest new ideas and suggestions regarding service in order to better operate, and have become a trusted and reliable worker. Customer interactions are often my favorite part of my job, as well as forming a warm and calm working environment with my fellow staff members.

## **Editorial Assistant – Flaunt Magazine** (*Oct. 2021 - June 2023*)

As an editorial intern, I contributed articles about fashion, beauty, events, music, books, and culture for digital and print release. Fact-checked and transcribed multiple articles for the print edition. Pitched, interviewed, and wrote more than 80 articles during my time. In June 2022, I was promoted to Editorial Assistant and wrote exclusively for the print edition.

## **Staff Writer – The Daily Nexus** (*Jan. 2020 - June 2022*)

At my college's newspaper, I wrote articles for the entertainment ("Artsweek") and satire ("Nexustentialism") sections. For Artsweek, I would review albums, books, and TV shows, and started a monthly column where I interviewed and highlighted three authors. I managed the Nexustentialism Instagram account as their social media manager, where I would create near-daily posts about campus life and headlines pulled from our print edition, amassing 1.5k followers in the process. 60 articles have been published, with about 20 appearing in the print edition.

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### Education

## **University of California, Santa Barbara Honors Program**

August 2018 - June 2022

Bachelor of Science in Psychological & Brain Sciences

Professional Writing minor with an emphasis in journalism

GPA: 3.83; Dean's List for five quarters

### Interviewing

As a freelance journalist who writes content from their own ideas, I am always in search of the next great book, album, or rising star to highlight. I reach out to publicists and publishers, forming connections in the process, to see possible coverage opportunities. I have planned and conceptualized interviews with celebrity novelists such as Dolly Alderton, Nathan Hill, Jennifer Egan, Meg Mason, Sarah Rose Etter, Julia Armfield and Jean Hanff Korelitz, celebrated musicians such as Self Esteem, Jockstrap, Miss Grit and Gareth Donkin, and other subjects such as movie stars Luis Gerardo Méndez and Minha Kim, activist Sabrina Greenlee, architecture firms FLUGT and Rósliny, amongst many others. It's a joy to find the next thing I'll be obsessed with to share with readers, and researching more about a subject's history to write a piece is what keeps me going.

### References

*Northern Transmissions* Editor-in-Chief Charles Brownstein ([charles@northerntransmissions.com](mailto:charles@northerntransmissions.com))

*OurCulture Mag* Editor-in-Chief Modestas Mankus ([info@ourculturemag.com](mailto:info@ourculturemag.com))