

# COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES  
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

*HSS Scholar*

## Thomas Werner

MAJOR: COMMUNICATION

MINOR: SPANISH

### Educational Highlights:

- The Tree of Life* opera where we explained evolution using music from *Carmen* and I drew cartoons on the chalkboard for my honors geology class.
- Re-creating and adapting the Greek play *Agamemnon* into a video inspired by *The Office* for my honors western civilization class.
- A publication in the University of Alabama's literary journal for an essay I wrote about people I met on public transportation.
- Summer internships as a music reporter for *Creative Loafing Charlotte* and a web editorial job for *Bon Appetit*.
- Launching an all-print feature magazine with cartoons, poems, and fashion photography for my student media class.
- Traveling to Argentina for study abroad.
- A final feature on farm-to-fork for magazine writing.



**Research Focus or Project:** I worked with Dr. Ruth-McSwain on a project for a Bachelor's Essay about the ways the corporate culture at McDonald's has changed since everyone has become a foodie. It asks "if the all-American meal isn't the cheeseburger, then what is?"

**Future Plans:** I'd like to work with food media in New York City as an account coordinator for a public relations firm specializing in restaurants. I really enjoy publishing, as well.

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