

MICHELLE ROLL

B.F.A. Creative Writing

Minors:

Communication Studies,
French, University Honors

Mentor: Jim Blaylock, M.A.

## Beckman 206

## The Art of Memoir

Memoir is a literary genre that has grown significantly both in popularity and in scrutiny in recent years. The line between recounting fact and creative storytelling is often blurred, and is only fueled by society's growing desire for the dysfunctional and the fantastic. By looking at what defines a memoir, what it takes to write a memoir, and using my personal experience in trying my own hand at writing memoir, I explored what issues make this genre so difficult to grapple with.