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### EDUCATION

- 2020 – **University of Rochester**, Rochester, New York  
M.A. History (2021); Ph.D. History (*in progress; anticipated May 2026*)  
*Fields*: Environmental History, Modern Germany, Public History  
*Advisor*: Thomas Fleischman  
*Dissertation*: “The Forest of Tomorrow: An Environmental History of the Harz Mountains”
- 2017 – 2019 **University of Massachusetts – Lowell**, Lowell, Massachusetts  
B.A. History, *magna cum laude*  
European studies program at Freie-Universität, Berlin, Germany, Spring 2018  
*Minors*: Environmental Studies, German Studies  
*Honors Thesis*: “John D. Rockefeller and Acadia National Park: Consequences of National Parks in the East”
- 2015 – 2017 **Assumption College**, Worcester, Massachusetts  
B.A. History and Secondary Education (*transferred with 60 credits*)

### ARTICLES

*Non-Peer-reviewed*

“Borkenkäfer und Fichtenwald im Harz,” *Archive im Sachsen Anhalt*, Fall 2025 (*in print*)

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022 – **University of Rochester**  
HIS.191 – America’s Best Idea? History of National Parks in the U.S. and Beyond, Fall 2024 (Instructor of Record)  
HIS.154 – World History through Soccer, Fall 2022 (Teaching Assistant)  
HIS.126 – Hitler’s Germany, Spring 2022 (Teaching Assistant)

### RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017 – 2021 Park Ranger, Acadia National Park, National Park Service, Bar Harbor, Maine  
2016 Park Ranger, Lowell National Historical Park, National Park Service, Lowell, Massachusetts  
2015 Assistant Museum Teacher, Tsongas Industrial History Center, Lowell, Massachusetts

2015 Cultural Resource/Education Intern, Lowell National Historical Park, National Park Service, Lowell, Massachusetts

### **PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES**

- “The Nature of Die Wende: Neoliberalism Desires and Nature Protection in the Harz Mountains,” New York State Association of European Historians Annual Conference, Albany, New York, October 10-11, 2025.
- “Is a National Park Appropriate? International Conservation Standards in the Harz Mountains since 1989,” 13th Biannual European Society for Environmental History Conference, Uppsala, Sweden, August 18-22, 2025.
- “Nature in Reunified Germany: Consuming and Protecting the German Landscape in the Harz Mountains,” German Studies Association Annual Conference. Atlanta, Georgia, September 26-29, 2024.
- “From *Kulturlandschaft* to *Wildnis*: Nature Protection, Forestry, and Tourism in the Harz Mountains,” Colloquium, Institut für Historische Landesforschung. Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, May 29, 2024.
- “Listening to the Bark Beetle: Tourism, Climate Change, and Fieldwork in the Harz National Park,” American Society of Environmental History Annual Conference. Denver, Colorado, April 4-7, 2024.
- “From Acadia to the Harz: Subalpine Restoration as a Potential Turning Point in Nature Conservation,” Poster Presentation, 12<sup>th</sup> Biannual European Society for Environmental History Conference. Bern, Switzerland, August 22-26, 2023.
- “*Freie Republik Wendland*: Rethinking Space and Place in the German Anti-nuclear Movement,” American Society of Environmental History Annual Conference. Boston, Massachusetts, March 22-26, 2023.
- “Let’s Close Our Parks: A History of Overcrowding in America’s National Parks,” Paper Presentation, UMass Lowell Research Symposium. Lowell, Massachusetts, May 9, 2019.
- “Let’s Close Our Parks: A History of Overcrowding in America’s National Parks,” Poster Presentation, American Society of Environmental History Annual Conference. Columbus, Ohio, April 10-14, 2019.
- “Climate Change in the Humanities,” UMass Lowell History Club. Lowell, Massachusetts, March 23, 2019.
- “Digital Humanities: Digitally Connecting the Public and Historians,” Paper Presentation, Assumption College Research Symposium. Worcester, Massachusetts. April 25, 2017.

### **FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2025 – 2027 Meliora Digital & Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship, University of Rochester
- 2023 – 2024 One-Year Research Fellowship, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

**AWARDS AND GRANTS**

|            |                                                                                                                                            |
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| 2024, 2025 | Wilson Havelock Coates Book Award, University of Rochester                                                                                 |
| 2024       | Sanford Elwitt Memorial Prize, University of Rochester                                                                                     |
| 2024       | Supplemental Professional Development Funding Award, Office of Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs (GEPA), University of Rochester |
| 2023       | Lina and A. William Salomone Prize, University of Rochester                                                                                |
| 2022       | Bruce F. Pauley Fellowship, University of Rochester                                                                                        |
| 2019       | UMass Lowell Honors College Travel Grant, UMass Lowell                                                                                     |
| 2018, 2019 | O'Mallie Family History Endowment Scholarship, UMass Lowell                                                                                |
| 2018       | Honors College \$1000/100 Hours Fellowship, "Overcrowding in America's National Parks," UMass Lowell                                       |
| 2017       | Honors College \$1000/100 Hours Fellowship, "Greek and French-Canadian Immigration to Lowell," UMass Lowell                                |

**PUBLIC & DIGITAL HISTORY PROJECTS**

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| 2021 | Co-creator, "From Erie Canal to Inner Loop: A Spatial History of Downtown Rochester, New York," ( <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yck4refd">tinyurl.com/yck4refd</a> )    |
| 2017 | Transcriber, <i>Isaiah Thomas Broadside Ballads Project</i> , American Antiquarian Society ( <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p8cty4p">https://tinyurl.com/2p8cty4p</a> ) |
| 2017 | Guest Writer & Curator, <i>Adverts 250 Project</i> , ( <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p8czvpv">tinyurl.com/2p8czvpv</a> )                                               |
| 2017 | Guest Curator, <i>Slave Adverts 250 Project</i> , ( <a href="https://tinyurl.com/mr2ps7ay">tinyurl.com/mr2ps7ay</a> )                                                  |

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION & COMMUNITY**

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|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2024        | <i>University Host</i> , University of Rochester Alumni Travel Club                                                                                                      |
| 2022 – 2023 | <i>Graduate Student Representative</i> , History Department Meetings, University of Rochester                                                                            |
| 2020 – 2022 | <i>Member</i> , Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, History Department, University of Rochester                                                                  |
| 2020        | <i>Guest Lecture</i> , "History of America's National Parks," invited lecturer for American Studies course, Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), Rochester, New York |

**SKILLS & LANGUAGES**

German: *Proficient*

Geographical Information Systems (ArcGIS)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATIONS**

American Society for Environmental History

European Society for Environmental History

German Studies Association