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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*)

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022 – **University of Rochester**
HIS.154 – World History through Soccer, Fall 2022 (Teaching Assistant)
HIS.126 – Hitler’s Germany, Spring 2022 (Teaching Assistant)

CONFERENCES

Presentations

- “From Acadia to the Harz: Subalpine Restoration as a Potential Turning Point in Nature Conservation,” Poster Presentation, 12th 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.
- “Digital Humanities: Digitally Connecting the Public and Historians,” Paper Presentation, Assumption College Research Symposium. Worcester, Massachusetts. April 25, 2017.

Panels

- “Climate Change in the Humanities,” UMass Lowell History Club. Lowell, Massachusetts, March 23, 2019.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

- 2023 – 2024 One-Year Research Fellowship, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- 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

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

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS

- 2018 “Industrializing Massachusetts,” American Studies Seminar, American Antiquarian Society (*declined*)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION & COMMUNITY

- 2022 – *Graduate Student Representative*, History Department Meetings, University of Rochester
2020 – 2022 *Member*, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, History Department, University of Rochester
2020 *Guest Lecture*, “History of America’s National Parks,” invited lecturer for American Studies course, Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), Rochester, New York
2019 *Contest Judge*, National History Day, New Hampshire Daughters of the American Revolution High School Writing Contest

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

- German: *Reading Proficiency*
Geographical Information Systems (ArcGIS)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATIONS

- American Historical Association
American Society for Environmental History
European Society for Environmental History
German Studies Association