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CURRICULUM VITAE

Education

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.

Ph.D. Student, History, 2015-

Advisor: Peter Alegi

The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.

B.A. in History and Religious Studies (double major), Phi Beta Kappa

Thesis: "When George Washington's Ghost Turned Handsprings: South African Conflict and American Identity, 1895-1905"

Advisor: Robert Trent Vinson

Work Experience

Intern, Michigan State University Libraries, 2017-

Collaborated with library staff and one other postgraduate intern to design and carry out a survey of academic journals published on the African continent, most of which are unavailable in commercial journal databases. Designed training modules and assisted with writing grant proposals connected to this project.

Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University, 2015-

Assisted professors and managed all grading for courses in African history, American diplomatic history, American leisure history, and the global history of genocide.

Independently led 3 to 4 weekly discussion sections with 20-25 undergraduates each and worked collaboratively with professors and other T.A.s to plan activities for these sections. Also assisted with grading and instruction for two online courses in the global history of soccer.

Abraham Project Intern, The Children's Center of Winston-Salem, 2014-2015

Served as a member of the Abraham Project, an Episcopal (Anglican) church-affiliated program in Winston-Salem, N.C. Lived in an intentional Christian community connected to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, committed to a life of simplicity, service, and daily prayer. Worked 35 hours a week at The Children's Center, a public school for infants up to fifth grade living with severe physical and cognitive disabilities. Assisted teachers and assistants in feeding, supervising, and enriching students.

Counselor, Phoebe Needles Center, 2014

Worked as a summer residential camp counselor at Phoebe Needles, the retreat center of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. Planned activities

collaboratively as part of an international staff. Facilitated programs for children between fourth and twelfth grade in activities as diverse as rock climbing, caving, art, dramatic play, deck construction, field games, archery, fishing, and high ropes activities.

Awards & Scholarships **Jeff Rooney Paper Prize**, 2017

For the best history seminar paper of the academic year, "No Laughing Matter? Humor and the Performance of South Africa"

U.S. Dept. of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, 2015-2017

To support Zulu language study at Michigan State University

William Elbert Fraley Award, 2014

For an undergraduate history thesis achieving Highest Honors

William and Mary Alumni Association Student Academic Prize in History, 2014

For overall academic achievement in the History Department

Publications

"No laughing matter? Humor and the performance of South Africa," *South African Theatre Journal* (forthcoming, April 2018).

"Reluctant Americans: The Amish as Ultra-White Immigrants," *William and Mary Comparative Humanities Undergraduate Journal* 3 (2014): 40-48.

"The Most Famous White Woman in South Africa: Reconciliation, Identity, and the Comic Vision in a Post-Apartheid Age," *William and Mary Comparative Humanities Undergraduate Journal* 3 (2014): 19-31.

Languages

Zulu (advanced); **Afrikaans** (intermediate), German, Latin, Arabic (basic)

References

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