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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Expected **Ph.D. in History** | University of Illinois | Champaign-Urbana, IL
Dissertation: "All We Want to Do is Love: LGBT Youth Organizing and Sexual Self-Determination in the United States, 1970-1995."
Examined Fields: United States History, 1776 to present; United States and the World; Women, Gender, and Sexuality.
- 2015 **M.A. in History** | Western Michigan University | Kalamazoo, MI
Thesis: "Fighting for Inclusion - The Origins of Gay Liberation at the University of Michigan." **Committee:** Dr. Wilson Warren, Dr. Edwin Martini, and Dr. Susan Freeman. Winner of the Department of History 2015 Robert Russell Writing Award.
- 2012 **B.S. in History** | Central Michigan University | Mount Pleasant, MI
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Scholar
McNair Thesis: "Beings of the Air: Concepts of Daemons in Ancient Rome."

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

LGBTQ Youth Organizing
LGBTQ rights, activism, and liberation
Post-1865 U.S. Social History

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2020 National Humanities Center, Ph.D. Student Winter Residency, "How to Creation Meaningful Online Learning Communities"
- 2019 ONE Archives Foundation LGBTQ Research Fellowship
- 2019 College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching by a Graduate Teaching Assistant (UIUC)
- 2019 John G. and Evelyn Hartman Heiligenstein Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (UIUC)
- 2018 Don Kelly Research Collection Fellowship (Texas A&M)
- 2018 Bordin-Gillette Fellowship, Bentley Historical Library (University of Michigan)
- 2018 The Elmer L. Anderson Research Scholarship (University of Minnesota)

2018	The Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture Research Travel Grant (Duke University)
2018	The Virginia Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Travel Grant (Purdue University)
2016	Summer Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship (UIUC)
2015	Department of History Fellowship (UIUC)
2015	Department of History 2015 Robert Russell Writing Award (WMU)
2014	College of Arts & Sciences Graduate Make a Difference Award (WMU)
2014	Graduate College Research and Travel Grant (WMU)
2014	History Department Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Award (WMU)
2014	A. Robert Kleiner Memorial Scholarship (WMU-AAUP)
2011	Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program (CMU)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2021	Graduate Teaching Assistant , Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. <i>Constructing Race in America</i> .
Winter 2020	e-Learning Consultant to the Director of the Humanities Research Institute and the Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
Fall 2020	Instructor of Record , Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. <i>Reacting to the Past, "Riots, Revolutions, and Revolts."</i> Ranked as Excellent Instructor by the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning. Mentor , Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. <i>Undergraduate Research Independent Study</i> .
Spring 2019	Graduate Teaching Assistant , Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. <i>Black Music</i> . Ranked as Excellent Instructor by the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.
Fall 2018	Instructor of Record , Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. <i>Introduction to Historical Interpretation – A Queer United States</i> . Ranked as Excellent Instructor by the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.
Spring 2018	Instructor of Record , Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. <i>History Now – LGBT Civil Rights, from the Streets to the Supreme Court</i> .
Fall 2017	Instructor of Record , Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. <i>Reacting to the Past, "Riots, Revolutions, and</i>

Revolts.” Ranked as Excellent & Outstanding Instructor by the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.

- Spring 2016 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. *US History Since 1877*. Ranked as Excellent & Outstanding Instructor by the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.
- Fall 2015 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. *US History to 1877*. List of Teachers “Ranked as Excellent” by their Students, additional honor of being selected as “Outstanding.”
- Spring 2015 **Adjunct Instructor**, Department of Gender and Women’s Studies, Western Michigan University. *Introduction to LGBT Studies*.
- Spring 2014 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, Western Michigan University. *Popular Art and Architecture in the United States*.
- Fall 2014 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, Western Michigan University. *History & Cinema*.
- Fall 2013 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, Western Michigan University. *WWII in United States and Japanese History*.
- Fall 2012 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, Western Michigan University. *U.S. History 1867 to present*.
- 2010-2013 **Writing Center Consultant**, Central Michigan University.

INVITED LECTURES

- Spring 2014 “Popular Art & Architecture, Protest Art of the AIDS Epidemic,” Western Michigan University (April 15).
- Fall 2013 LGBT Studies, “AIDS activism, and ACT UP,” Western Michigan University (November 7).
- Fall 2013 Native American History, “Wounded Knee in 1973,” Western Michigan University (November).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 **Queer History Conference**, San Francisco State University. Paper titled "Excluded from the Action: Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth and Ann Arbor's Radical Left in the 1970s." June 18.
- 2018 **Midwestern History Association**, Grand Valley State University. Paper titled "Gaying *FPS: A Magazine of Youth Liberation*." June 6.
- 2016 **Mid-America American Studies Conference**, University of Kansas. Paper titled "Fighting for Inclusion: The Ann Arbor Gay Liberation Front versus the University of Michigan." March 5.
- 2014 **International Graduate Historical Studies Conference**, Central Michigan University. Paper titled "Gay Is Good: Cultural Framing Theory and the Gay Liberation Movement." Honorable Mention, Best Paper in Gender & Women's Studies. March 28.
- 2014 **Graduate Humanities Conference**, Western Michigan University. Presentation on Gay Radicalism at the University of Michigan. Runner-up, Best Paper Competition. February 14.
- 2012 **Student Research & Creative Endeavors Exhibition**, Central Michigan University. Poster presentation, "Beings of the Air: Concepts of Daemons in Ancient Rome." April 18.
- 2012 **Borders, Boundaries, and Beyond Graduate Conference**, Central Michigan University. Paper and panel on "The First Abolitionist? Gregory of Nyssa on Ancient Roman Slavery." Awarded Best Undergraduate Paper. April 13.
- 2011 **McNair Fall Research Symposium**, Central Michigan University. Paper on "Beings of the Air: Concepts of Daemons in Ancient Rome." September 30.
- 2010 **Michigan Writers Association Fall Ideas Exchange**. Research and development of "The Problem (with) Words: Examining Culturally Charged Diction in Student Writing." October 16.

SERVICE

- 2020 Teaching Awards Committee (UIUC)
- 2020 Scorer, Advanced Placement United State History Exam
- 2020 Presenter, "Creating an LGBT Inclusive Classroom," New Teaching Assistant Training, (UIUC)
- 2017 Panelist, "Setting Section Tone and Leading Discussion: Strategies for First Day and First Three Weeks," New Teaching Assistant Training

	(UIUC)
2016	Graduate Chair, Committee to Redesign Graduate Handbook (UIUC)
2016	Officer-at-Large, Graduate Employees' Organization (UIUC)
2015	Steward, Graduate Employees' Organization (UIUC)
2015	Diversity Committee (UIUC)
2014	President, Teaching Assistants Union (WMU)
2014	Western Michigan University Academic Integrity Committee (WMU)
2013	Communications Officer, Teaching Assistants Union (WMU)
2013-2015	Board Member, West Michigan Federation of College Educators
2013	Graduate Representative, Department Faculty Meetings (WMU)
2013	Field Director, Kevin Wordleman for Kalamazoo County Commissioner
2012-2014	Fundraising Chair, History Graduate Student Organization (WMU)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2011-current	American Historical Association
2012-current	Organization of American Historians
2013-current	The Radical Historians' Organization
2013-current	The Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History

LANGUAGES

French	Reading competency
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