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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (August 2021-May 2027).

- Dissertation: “The Visible State: U.S. Diplomatic Agents and Information in Europe and the Federal Territories, 1789-1800.”
- Dissertation Committee: Dr. Christa Dierksheide; Dr. S. Max Edelson; Dr. Alan Taylor.
- Comprehensive Exam (June 2023) Fields: Early American History, 1588-1815; Nineteenth-Century United States, 1815-1877; American State & Society.

M.A. History, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (August 2021-May 2023).

- Thesis: “‘The English Papers bring their Lies very fresh’: Thomas Jefferson, Information Warfare, and the Early American State in the Atlantic World, 1783-1793.”

B.A. History, *summa cum laude* with departmental honors, Oakland University, Rochester, MI, (September 2018-April 2020).

PUBLICATIONS

“Thomas Jefferson’s Information War and the Early American State in Europe, 1784-1793,” *Journal of the Early Republic* 45 (2025) (conditionally accepted, awaiting publication).

“Espionage in the American Revolution,” *Encyclopedia Virginia* (forthcoming early 2025).

“Thomas Jefferson: American Bibliophile,” Oakland University, September 2019, <https://library.oakland.edu/collections/special/exhibits/Jefferson/index.html>.

PRESENTATIONS

Forum, “The Visible State: U.S. Diplomatic Agents and Information in Europe and the Federal Territories, 1789-1800,” Batten and First Union Domestic Fellow’s Forum, Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, Charlottesville, VA, August 20, 2024.

Paper, “‘The English Papers bring their Lies very fresh’: Thomas Jefferson, Information Warfare, and the Early American State in Europe, 1783-1793,” Communication and Power in Early America, The Institute for Thomas Paine Studies, Iona University, New Rochelle, NY, October 6, 2023.

Paper, “Instructing the Nation: The Utilitarianism of Early American Literature,” Annual American Studies Conference, Oakland University, Rochester, MI, March 2020 (accepted but canceled due to COVID-19).

Paper, “The Politics of Power and Precedent: John Adams, George Washington, and the First Federal Congress,” Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Rochester, MI, March 2020 (accepted but canceled due to COVID-19).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

HIST 2212: Maps in World History (Graduate Teaching Assistant under S. Max Edelson, Fall 2023).

HIUS 2051: War and the Making of America to 1900 (Graduate Teaching Assistant under Elizabeth Varon, Spring 2023).

HIUS 2001: American History to 1865 (Graduate Teaching Assistant under Alan Taylor, Fall 2022).

ACADEMIC HONORS/AWARDS

Age of Jefferson Fellowship, Jefferson Scholars Foundation, University of Virginia, 2025.

Batten and First Union Domestic Fellowship, Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, 2024-25.

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2024-25.

Albert Gallatin Research Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2024-25.

Research Travel Grant, Corcoran Department of History, Summer 2024.

Junior Fellowship, University of Virginia Society of Fellows, 2023-24.

- Nominated by Senior Fellow, Dr. Alan Taylor.

Conference Travel Grant, Corcoran Department of History, October 2023.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Judge Captain, Virginia National History Day State Competition, Virginia Museum of History and Culture, Richmond, VA, April 2024.

Judge, Virginia National History Day Regional Competition, Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA, March 2024.

Peer Reviewer for *Essays in History*, December 2023.

Judge Captain, Virginia National History Day State Competition, Virginia Museum of History and Culture, Richmond, VA, April 2022.

Judge Captain, Virginia National History Day Regional Competition, Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA, February 2022.

Judge, Michigan National History Day Regional Competition, Oakland University, March 2020.

Archival Intern, Oakland University Archives and Special Collections, July-August 2019.

Museum Guide, Waterford Historical Society, Waterford, MI, 2018-present.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Historical Association, 2017-present.

Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, 2018-present.

Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society, 2019.

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, 2018-present.

Waterford Historical Society, board member at-large, 2018.

LANGUAGES

Fluency in English.

Working Proficiency in German.