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EDUCATION

MA, Public History, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro AR, Fall 2019

Dissertation Title: "A Tale of Two Culpers: Social Context of Revolutionary Espionage"

BSE Social Science, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro AR, Fall 2017 -Arkansas

Teaching License, Social Studies, 7th-12th, received January 2018, renewed January 2023

WORK HISTORY

Academic Experience

- Field 1- Fall 2015, U.S. History, 7th-11th grade, Cross County High School
- Field 2- Fall 2016, World History, 10th-12th grade, Nettleton High School
- Teaching Internship, 9-11th grade, Bay High School, Bay AR, Fall 2017
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Arkansas State University, Fall 2018-Spring 2019
- Arkansas State University, United States History to 1876, Spring 2021
- A-State Online, World History to 1550, Fall 2021-Fall 2022
- A-State Online, World History Since 1550, Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Work Experience

- Administrative Specialist III, A-State Department of History: January 2023-present
- Graduate Assistant, History Department, Front Office, Spring 2017-Fall 2019
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Methods and Materials for Social Studies Educators, Digital Technology for Social Studies Educators, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

HONORS AND AWARDS

- *2018 BSE Social Science Departmental Award*, Spring 2018
Nominations made by Dr. Kelly Buford, Director of the BSE Social Science Program
Awarded to the student who completed best achievements in the program (e.g. internship evaluations, GPA)
- *Accelerated Master's Program*, Arkansas State University, Spring 2017 Awarded to graduates who have shown a strong GPA, and are allowed to take graduate-level classes toward their MA, while completing their BA or BSE.

- *Chancellor's List*, Arkansas State University, Fall 2013-2017
Given to undergraduate students who achieve a semester GPA of 3.8 or higher.
- *Best Graduate Paper*, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Spring 2019

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Enlightenment and the Whiskey Rebellion: Mottos of the Revolution, Challenges of the New Republic," Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Arkansas State University, Feb 2019

PUBLICATIONS:

Book Reviews:

Review of Cynthia Kierner's *The Tory's Wife: A Woman and Her Family in Revolutionary America* (University of Virginia Press, 2023), *Journal of the American Revolution*, September 25, 2023.

Review of Timothy Compeau's *Dishonored Americans: The Political Death of Loyalists in Revolutionary America* (University of Virginia Press, 2023), *Journal of the American Revolution*, expected in 2024

Articles:

"Japanese Views of War in Manga: Cold War Context of *Spy x Family*," *Historifans*, expected 2024

Blogs:

"The Rise of Dementia in a Post-Covid World: Meme's Story," *Medium.com*, 12-part series

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **History Day 2018**
Volunteer Exhibit Judge, Arkansas State University, March 2018

- **Graduate Student Council, Arkansas State University**
Communications Chair & History Department Representative
Jan. 2019-Dec. 2019

- **Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Harding University**
Volunteer Editor/Assistance, A-State Graduate Students
Feb. 2022

- **Alzheimer's Association**
Walk to End Alzheimer's, Sponsorship chair, 2022
Walk to End Alzheimer's Volunteer, 2023

- **City of Trumann, AR Beautification Committee**
Trumann, Arkansas Christmas Festivals, Dec 2022 & Dec 2023
Volunteer Donor and Elf

- **A-State Staff Senate**
P.R.O.P.S. Subcommittee Member
July 2023-present