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PROFILE

Historian with a passion for public outreach, digital storytelling, and compelling visualizations. Areas of expertise include environmental history, urban history, and mapping. Skills include quantitative (Excel, SPSS, statistical analysis) and qualitative (literature reviews, oral interviews, bibliographical research) research, fluent German and French (read, written, and spoken), and GIS software applications.

EDUCATION

PhD, History 2017

University of British Columbia

Dissertation: "A Wetland Town on the Edge of the Schwarzwald-Baar District: a Social and Environmental History of Donaueschingen and the Danube River, 1867-1926"

- Incorporated multiple GIS maps and photo essays as unique examples of research and storytelling methods into two peer-reviewed journal articles, 10 conference papers, and a blog that catalogues my dissertation process.

MA, History 2011

University of Calgary

Co-created Community Service Learning (CSL) curriculum for 300-level historiography and environmental history courses which resulted in a total enrollment of 1000 students

BA (Honors), History 2005

University of Manitoba

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Project Coordinator 2016 - Present

A Network of History Researchers and Educators

- Facilitated a team of 24 environmental history professors, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students working at different institutions across Canada to develop public history projects, workshops and conferences.
- Secured over \$20 000 in grant-based funding to support the "Now and Then" initiative creating opportunities for high school students to reflect on and build their understanding of historical consciousness and public impact
- Designed content and resources (slide deck, handout and promotional video) for the "How to Talk History" workshop and facilitated training for workshop presenters. To date, this workshop has been delivered 17 times at 9 different universities across Canada.
- Currently working in collaboration with an interdisciplinary team of computer scientists, geographers and historians to develop a historical mapping software application.

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Program Assistant 2015- 2016

National History Association Summer School for Graduate Students

- Lobbied for the creation of a program assistant position to update the curriculum of the summer school program with the goal of better integrating the skillsets required to conduct effective historical research
- Conducted a graduate-student needs assessment through a purpose-built website, which resulted in data gathered from almost 800 distinct users
- Designed two educational streams “Focus on Technology” and “Focus on Diversity” to run concurrently during the summer school, with workshops and sessions including introductions to GIS and mapping software, presentations on digital archiving and preservation, building trust in marginalized communities, and self-disclosure in the classroom.

Instructor 2015

History 3105: The Evolution of the German City in the 20th Century

Department of History, University of British Columbia

- Designed and taught an advanced-undergraduate level course to 45 students, using an interdisciplinary lens and readings from history, geography, and urban studies
- Supported student learning by designing instructional resources including a glossary of key theoretical terms, a guide to academic writing expectations, and grading rubrics.

GIS Contractor 2014

- Created two GIS maps for a book on Eastern Canada edited by Harry Singh and Neil Simmonds.

Teaching Assistant 2012-2015

Department of History, University of British Columbia

- Acted as a teaching assistant for 6 sections of 4 different classes including introductory European history, historical methods, and urban history
- Provided written and oral feedback on a range of student work including research essays, literature reviews, and reflections on learning

Graduate Research Assistant 2010-2011

University of Calgary, Department of History

- Supported the editing and indexing of a book length manuscript on queer culture in Berlin
- Verified over 200 citations and formatting in accordance with press style, creating minimal need for revisions and expediting the publication process

MAJOR AWARDS

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	\$50,000	2017
Alberta Graduate Scholarship	\$15,000	2011
Lions Society of British Columbia Graduate Scholarship	\$15,000	2011