

Elissa Branum

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2020- **Ph.D. student in History • Rutgers University**
Major field: United States History; Minor field: Latinx History; Advisor: Jennifer Mittelstadt
- 2019 **M.Sc., Gender History • University of Glasgow**
Thesis: “Does Jesus Control Your Love Life: An Oral History of Elisabeth Elliot’s Role in US Purity Culture, c. 1970-2010”
- 2017 **B.A., History • John Brown University, *summa cum laude***
Senior Honors Thesis: “The Landscape of Late Victorian Literature: Moral Self-Licensing in Stevenson and Doyle”
- 2015 **Research Semester Abroad, History and English • Oxford University, Wycliffe Hall**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021-22 **Research Assistant**, Rachel Devlin, Rutgers University • New Brunswick, NJ
- Conducted research in online and physical archives to provide support from Professor Devlin’s Baylor *amicus curiae* brief
- 2021-22 **Teaching Assistant**, Roman Empire, Rutgers University • New Brunswick, NJ
- Provided writing feedback and delivered guest lecture, “The Legacy of the Roman Empire: Religious Violence & United States Evangelicals”
- 2018-19 **Tutor**, Widening Participation Program, University of Glasgow • Glasgow, Scotland
- Taught application skills and higher education success to low-income high schoolers
- 2017 **Hershey’s Lab Educator**, Scott Family Amazeum • Bentonville, Arkansas
- Developed curriculum for facilitating curiosity in self-guided science lab
- 2016-17 **Enrollment Office Assistant**, John Brown University • Siloam Springs, Arkansas
- Connected students with resources in financial aid and admissions; operated Goldmine information system for data analysis of student applications.
- 2016 **Co-lecturer and TA**, Western Civilization, John Brown University • Siloam Springs, Arkansas
- Designed and implemented curriculum, delivered ten lectures, and guided student discussions during mentorship by faculty member

ARCHIVAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022 **Harding University, AR State Archives, & John Brown University**, Visiting Researcher
- 2021 **Philander Smith College Archives**, Visiting Researcher
- 2021 **Ouachita Baptist College Archives**, Visiting Researcher
- 2019 **Billy Graham Center Archives**, Wheaton College, Visiting Researcher
- 2015 **Bodleian Library**, University of Oxford, Visiting Researcher

PUBLICATIONS

- Sarah Coffman and Elissa Branum, “The Underbelly of History Training: Digital Methods, Ethics, and Oral History,” blog post for History@Work, *National Council on Public History*, 2022.
<https://ncph.org/history-at-work/underbelly-of-history-training/>

Elissa Branum and Sarah Coffman, "Labor History as Living History at Rutgers," blog post for "The Living History of Our Union," *Rutgers AAUP*, 2021. <https://rutgersaaup.org/the-living-history-of-our-union/>

"Catherine Tegahkouita," *American Religious History: Belief and Society through Time* (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2020).

"Central Africa," *Gender and Identity Worldwide* (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2020)

"Hispanic Christianity," *American Religious History: Belief and Society through Time* (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2020)

"Feminist Theology," *American Religious History: Belief and Society through Time* (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2020)

"Joseph John Gurney," *American Religious History: Belief and Society through Time* (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2020)

HONORS AND AWARDS

2019	Post-Graduate Taught M.Sc. with Distinction, University of Glasgow
2017	Highest Ranking Graduate: Humanities and Social Sciences Department, John Brown University
2017	Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges
2017	Presidential Honors, Senior Thesis in English
2016	Best Undergraduate Paper, C.S. Lewis & the Inklings Conference

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

2021	"Does Jesus Control Your Love Life? An Oral History of Elisabeth Elliot's Role in U.S. Purity Culture, c. 1970 - 2010," Crisis in History, History in Crisis, The Graduate Center, CUNY, April 9
2019	"'Are we in a bargaining position?': Patriarchal Bargains, Elisabeth Elliot, and Purity Culture," Scottish Association for the Study of America Annual Conference, University of Edinburgh, March 2
2017	"Elizabeth Barton and the Manipulation of the Female Saint's Voice," National Conference on Undergraduate Research, University of Memphis, April 6-7
2017	"The Landscape of Late Victorian Literature: Sensational Journalism, Insanity Trials, and The Ripper Crimes," National Conference on Undergraduate Research, University of Memphis, April 6-7
2016	"Elizabeth Barton and the Manipulation of the Female Saint's Voice," Conference on Faith and History, Regent University, October 19-22
2016	"'A More Faithful Sketch': Mary Wollstonecraft's Self-Representation in Her Novels," National Conference on Undergraduate Research, University of North Carolina, April 7-9
2016	"Fear and Female Characterization in <i>That Hideous Strength</i> and <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> ," C.S. Lewis & the Inklings Conference, John Brown University, March 31-April 2

LANGUAGES

French • Can read with dictionary

Spanish • Can read with dictionary

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2021-22	Susman Conference Chair , History Department • Rutgers University
2021-22	Treasurer , Graduate History Association • Rutgers University
2018-19	Assistant Recruiter , Student Christian Movement • University of Glasgow
2019	Student Welcome Committee Leader , St. Mary's Episcopal Church • Glasgow, UK
2018	English as Second Language Tutor , Ozark Literacy Council • Fayetteville, Arkansas
2016-17	Executive Council President , Honors Scholars Program • John Brown University
2014-17	Head of Volunteer Recruitment , New Life Ranch • Colcord, Oklahoma