**Education**

Present Loyola University Chicago

M.A. in Digital Humanities

Digital Studies Fellow

April, 2016 University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg

B.A. Double Major in English Literature & Social Sciences

Certificate in Digital Studies

summa cum laude

December, 2011 Community College of Allegheny County

A.A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences

**Technical Skills**

*Languages and Scripts*

* XML (with extensive TEI experience)
* XPath
* XQuery
* XSLT
* Schematron
* Relax NG schemas
* Regular Expressions
* HTML
* Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)
* Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG)
* JavaScript

*Software and Online Services*

* Git – command line, GUIs, GitHub <https://github.com/RJP43>
* File Transfer Protocol (FTP) clients
* Wikispaces (user id: rjp43)
* Zotero - <https://www.zotero.org/rjp43>
* Omeka
* Proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint
* oXygen XML editor
* TimeMapper and Timeline JS
* Cytoscape and Kumu (platforms for creating network visualizations)

**Research Experience**

September, 2014 – Present **Project Director and Senior Editor**,

The Restoration of Nell Nelson Project

[http://nelson.newtfire.org](http://nelson.newtfire.org/)

May, 2014 – April, 2017 **Editor**,

The Digital Mitford Project

[http://digitalmitford.org](http://digitalmitford.org/)

April, 2016 **English Literature Thesis**,

“Deconstructing The Jungle: Meat-Packing, Socialism, and Women” (<http://bit.ly/Parker_EngCapstone>)

August, 2014 – April, 2016 **Research Assistant**,

Supervised by Dr. Elisa Beshero-Bondar of Pitt-Greensburg in organizing digital photographs of manuscript texts, contributing to project prosopography, and initiating the transcription and XML encoding of Mary Russell Mitford's daily journal dated 1819 to 1823.

December, 2015 **A Comprehensive History of a Single Word: *Cheap***

An in-depth investigation of the etymology and usage history of the word cheap. Created as the final research project for the Pitt-Greensburg History of the English Language Course taught by Dr. Greenfield. This project employs text mining and distant reading methodologies.

<http://bit.ly/HistoryOfCheap>

April, 2014 **History Thesis**,

“‘City Slave Girls’ of Chicago: The Fundamental and Forgotten Exposé of Nell Nelson” (<http://bit.ly/Parker_HistCapstone>)

**Teaching Experience**

September, 2016 – April, 2017 **Co-Instructor, Digital Humanities Courses**

As a part of employment with the Center for the Digital Text at Pitt-Greensburg, co-taught the 2016 Coding and Digital Archives course and the 2017 Coding and Data Visualization course with Dr. Elisa Beshero-Bondar. Student-project mentorship on the Lope de Vega Project (<http://lope.newtfire.org>), the Graveyard Project ([http://graveyard.newtfire.org](http://graveyard.newtfire.org/)), the Eldritch project (<http://eldritch.newtfire.org>), the Hamilton project (<http://hamilton.newtfire.org>), and the News Analysis project (<http://newsAnalysis.newtfire.org>).

June 25-27, 2016 **Teaching Assistant,** **Digital Mitford Coding School**

Assisted Dr. Elisa Beshero-Bondar in teaching basic XML, TEI paleography, Regular Expressions, XPath, Schematron, and XSLT at an accelerated pace. (Twitter: #digimit16)

September, 2015 – April, 2016 **Teaching Assistant, Digital Humanities Courses**

Assistant to Dr. Elisa Beshero-Bondar and Professor Greg Bondar in teaching, grading, and developing course materials for the 2015 Coding and Digital Archives course and the 2016 Coding and Data Visualization course at Pitt-Greensburg. Student-project mentorship on the Emily Dickinson project (<http://dickinson16.newtfire.org>) and the Decameron project ([http://decameron.newtfire.org](http://decameron.newtfire.org/)).

May 27-31, 2015 **Assistant, Digital Mitford Editors' Workshop**

June 2-4, 2014 Assisted Dr. Elisa Beshero-Bondar by running the Google Hangout connecting international editors and aided Digital Mitford editors in learning project specific XML.

**Digital Course Materials Developed**

Git/GitHub Tutorial - <http://newtfire.org/dh/explainGitShell.html>

Git GUI/GitHub Tutorial (co-developed) - <http://dh.obdurodon.org/github.xhtml>

Git Shell Exercise - <http://www.newtfire.org/dh/GitExercise1.html>

Git Shell Exercise - <http://www.newtfire.org/dh/GitExercise2.html>

HTML/CSS Exercise - <http://newtfire.org/dh/HTMLExercise1.html>

HTML/CSS Exercise - <http://newtfire.org/dh/HTMLExercise2.html>

Schematron Exercise (co-developed) - <http://newtfire.org/dh/SchematronExercise1.html>

XSLT Exercise - <http://newtfire.org/dh/XSLTExercise4.html>

XSLT Exercise - <http://newtfire.org/dh/XSLTExercise2_CDV.html>

**Work Experience**

May, 2017 – Present **Project Manager – Digitizing Whiskey Archive and Artifact Collection**

Scottdale, Pennsylvania Trains archiving staff and volunteers of the West Overton Village & Museums in paleography, digital curation, processing metadata, and creating online Omeka collections. <https://wovdighistory.psc.edu/>

December, 2016 – present **Freelance Consultant**

Mentors Robert Foley with the newly established Black Rock Historical Society. Assists with encoding and data processing of Thomas Bartram’s merchant account log manuscripts from the early 19th century. Creates Black Rock History website content.

<http://www.blackrockhistory.net/>

August, 2016 – April, 2017 **Technical Assistant, The Center for the Digital Text**

Greensburg, PA Built digital projects at Pitt-Greensburg, delivered digital studies courses and workshops, supported student and faculty digital ventures. Required extensive coding, querying, and visualization development using the XML family of languages.

August 2010 – August, 2016 **Childcare Provider**

Pittsburgh, PA Worked for three multi-children families over the years (ages: 4-14 years). Required: creativity, responsibility, time management, problem solving, patience, and quality communication skills.

November, 2010 - February, 2013 **P.O.S. Specialist & Orientation Facilitator, Kohl's Dept. Store**

Monroeville, PA Operated Point of Sale and Customer Service registers, supervised Point of Sale personnel, and administered orientation classes.

**Publications**

April, 2017 **"A GitHub 'Garage' for a Digital Humanities Course"**

Book chapter co-authored with Dr. Beshero-Bondar in *New Directions for Computing Education: Embedding Computing Across Disciplines* edited by Samuel B. Fee, Amanda Holland-Minkley, and Tom Lombardi. The chapter discusses the unique class model developed for the corresponding Digital Humanities courses at Pitt-Greensburg, which incorporate an extensive use of Git collaborative version control software) and GitHub.

<https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007%2F978-3-319-54226-3_15>

**Papers, Presentations, & Conferences**

March 29 – April 1, 2017 **Sigma Tau Delta 2017 International Convention**

Louisville, KY Paper: “Deconstructing *The Jungle*: Meat-Packing, Socialism, and Women” <http://bit.ly/DeconTheJunglePaper>

Roundtable: “Digitally Raising the Dead: <code type=’Gothic’/>”

<http://bit.ly/DH_gothic> Roundtable: “Transgression and Fame in *Almost Famous Women*” <http://bit.ly/AlmostFamousWomen>

March 23 & May 9, 2017 **Digital Tactics: Enhancing the Traditional Classroom**

Greensburg, PA Digital pedagogy workshop presented to faculty and students of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg.

<http://bit.ly/DigitalTactics>

January 5-8, 2017 **American Historical Association Annual Meeting**

Denver, CO AHA17 Digital Projects Lightning Round – Nell Nelson Project

<http://bit.ly/2i5yJL7>Twitter: #aha17

July 24-29, 2016 **ILiADS 2016: Institute for Liberal Arts Digital Scholarship**

Hamilton, NY The Restoration of Nell Nelson’s ‘City Slave Girls’

Proposal: <http://bit.ly/ILiADSproposal>

Impromptu pop-up presentation on Git/GitHub collaboration

Interview: <http://bit.ly/ILiADSinterview> Twitter: #iliads16

June 22-24, 2016 **Keystone DH 2016**

Pittsburgh, PA “Git Started” - <http://bit.ly/GitStartedPresentation>

Nell Nelson Project Showcase - <http://bit.ly/NelsonKeystoneProp>

Twitter: #keydh

March 2-5, 2016 **Sigma Tau Delta 2016 International Convention**

Minneapolis, MN Paper: “Cultural Hybridity in Rowlandson’s Captivity Narrative”

<http://bit.ly/Parker_Rowlandson>

Roundtable: “Let’s Code <Humanities type=’Digital’/>”

<http://bit.ly/LetsCodeRoundtable>

November 6-8, 2015 **UNRH: Undergraduate Network for Research in Humanities**

Davidson, NC Nell Nelson Project Showcase - <http://bit.ly/UNRHproposal>

Twitter: #unrh15

March 18-21, 2015 **Sigma Tau Delta 2015 International Convention**

Albuquerque, NM Roundtable: Learn Text Encoding! <digital type= "Humanities"/>

<http://bit.ly/TextEncodingProposal>

Roundtable: Minority Feminisms and Fiction Post-1970

<http://bit.ly/FeminismProposal>

February 26 - March 1, 2014 **Sigma Tau Delta 2014 International Convention**

Savannah, GA Roundtable:*We the Animals*, We the Archetypes: Memoir, Truth, Fiction? - <http://bit.ly/WeTheAnimalsPanel>

**Honors & Awards**

October 23, 2015 **Special Recognition of Digital Scholarship**

University of Pittsburgh Chancellor, Patrick Gallagher, in a presentation to Pitt’s Board of Trustees

Interview: <http://bit.ly/UPGinterview>

Inducted: October, 2015 **Pi Gamma Mu**, International Honor Society of Social Sciences

Inducted: April, 2014 **Phi Kappa Phi**, National Honor Society (top 10% of class)

Inducted: November, 2013 **Sigma Tau Delta**, International Honor Society of English

2017 Convention Alumni Epsilon Second Place Critical Essay

2015-2016 Alpha Alpha Delta Chapter Member of the Year

2015-2016 Alpha Alpha Delta Chapter President

2014-2015 Alpha Alpha Delta Chapter Vice President

2014 Alpha Alpha Delta Chapter Secretary

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