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EDUCATION:

University of Maryland – College Park Anticipated Graduation: May 2023

- **Doctorate of Philosophy: History**
- **Specializing in 20th Century European & Middle Eastern History**
- **Language skills in Arabic, German, and French.**

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. May 2018

- **Master of Arts: Modern Middle Eastern History.**

Morningside College, Sioux City, IA. May 2016

- **Bachelor of Arts: 20th Century European History GPA 3.9/4.0.**
- **Triple Minor: Political Science, Philosophy, & Computer Science.**

Center for Medieval & Renaissance Studies, Keble College at Oxford University Fall 2014-
Spring 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Teaching Assistant, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 8/2016-5/2018

- Facilitated my own discussion sections, instructed students on writing and argument formation and helped students develop their writing skills in the following courses:
 - “Europe in the World”: 40 Students
 - Instructed 40 students about the period from 1400-1789. Facilitated meetings to check on their progress and instruct them on developing critical thinking skills. Responsible for regular lectures.
 - “Democracy, Rights, and Empire”: 87 Students.
 - Worked with the professor to structure the course, as well as grading and providing writing and topic comprehension support to students.

Preceptor, Morningside College, Sioux City IA 8/2015-5/2016

- Assisted professor with administrative aspects of the class, lectured, facilitated discussion, and assisted in topic comprehension in the following courses:
 - “Global Conflict: The Second World War & its Legacies”: 30 Students
 - Lectured and developed teaching skills. Worked with the professor to organize administrative aspects. Facilitated meetings with students to check on their progress and provide assistance.
 - “Jihad vs. McWorld: The Modern Middle East”: 25 Students
 - Worked with the professor to draft the syllabus. Expected to organize lecture notes and provide outside support for students upon request.

Honors Mentor, Morningside College, Sioux City IA 8/2013-5/2016

- Facilitated discussion with students and encouraged them to apply critical thinking to contemporary issues.

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English & Writing Tutor, Morningside College, Sioux City IA 1/2015-5/2016

- Worked closely with students to provide feedback on writing and offer constructive criticism. Worked closely with international students to develop their English in both speaking and writing.

International Student Assistant, Morningside College, Sioux City IA 1/2015-5/2016

- Assisted international students with writing and topic comprehension for history courses. Also assisted with organizing events that provide cultural immersion.
- Gave multiple presentations and encouraged other students to study abroad. Also worked with international students to organize a campus wide cultural banquet, which was attended, by over 100 students and faculty.

PUBLICATION:

- JOURNAL ARTICLE, “An Unequal Partnership: Nazi Germany and the Pursuit of Arab Sovereignty” in *James Madison Historical Review*; (Submitted for Fall 2019)
- BOOK REVIEW, *Pacific Blitzkrieg: World War II in the Central Pacific* by Sharon T. Lacey. Published in the Illinois State University’s “Studies on Asia” Journal of Asian Studies; Spring 2014. https://castle.eiu.edu/studiesonasia/documents/seriesIV/Misukanis_studies_march14.pdf

PRESENTATIONS:

- *Fritz Grobba, The Third Reich and a United Arab State*, Presented at 13th Annual Graduate History Symposium, University of Toronto, Spring 2017.
- *The Alliance that Almost Was: Frederick the Great, Prussia and the Ottoman Empire*, Presented at 51st Annual Phi Alpha Theta Student History Conference, University of South Dakota, Spring 2016.
- *Peer Reviewer* for University of Missouri-Kansas City’s “Young Scholars in Writing” Academic Journal, Summer 2015.
- *The Power of Primary Sources*, Presented at the Palmer Research Symposium, Spring 2013.

PROJECTS

Undergraduate Senior Thesis: Fritz Grobba and the Arab World

- Translating the memoirs of a German diplomat who worked during the Second World War. Researching the correlation between the Arab soldiers trained by Germans and post-war world.

Undergraduate Honors Thesis: The Alliance that Almost Was: Frederick the Great, Prussia and the Ottoman Empire

- Challenging the thesis of Historian H.M. Scott that Frederick II of Prussia constructed an elaborate ruse to secure alliance with Russia. Moreover, arguing that Frederick II seriously considered an alliance between Prussia and the Ottoman Empire.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

German Historical Institute,

Project Coordinator

4/2019-Present

- Assisting with the GHI’s project to reorganize their online archives and work specifically on the “Germaness” portion of the project. This includes the overseeing of translating, organizing and publishing of over 600 documents.

Event Coordinator for the Middle East Studies Department Sep. 2018 – Present
University of Maryland – College Park, College Park, MD

- Oversaw the planning and execution for all events hosted by the Middle East Studies department.
- Coordinated the logistics for events as well as managed marketing for the planned events.

Academic Advisor for Middle East Studies Sep. 2018 – Present
University of Maryland – College Park, College Park, MD

- Responsible for working with students to meet the requirements for the Middle East Studies minor.
- Coordinated meetings between professors and the students to discuss the course materials needed to count towards the Middle East Studies program.

National Endowment for the Humanities, White House & Congressional Affairs
Intern 5/2015-8/2015

- Assisted in the planning of two events on Capitol Hill highlighting NEH-funded events, *National History Day on the Hill* and *Backstory with the American History Guys*. Also assisted the office in coordinating meetings between Senators and Representatives and their constituents. Worked closely with the Office of Congressional Affairs during the markup of an interior appropriations bill.

ACADEMIC AWARDS:

- Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society Spring 2013-5/2016
- Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society Spring 2014-5/2016
 - Recipient, Sophomore of the Year Sophomore Cup, Spring 2014
 - Awarded Student Leader of the Month- November, 2013
- Dean's List 2012, 2013, 2014,
- Roadman Scholar 2012-2013, 2013-2014,
- Athletic Director's Honor Roll, Fall 2013, Spring 2014
- James M. Miller Honor Award in History, Spring 2014
 - Awarded to a history student who exhibits extraordinary academic achievement in and out of the classroom.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

- Student Government Senator, 2013-2015
- Omicron Delta Kappa Vice President 2014-Present
 - Overseeing the Honors Convocation
- President of Morningside Civic Union-2013-2014
 - Organized a Poverty Simulation as a campus wide event to illustrate the effects of poverty. Had hundreds of students attend and led a formal discussion about poverty awareness afterwards.
- President of Phi Eta Sigma 2013-2014
 - Recruitment, Community Service, Campus Recreation Activities.
 - Took over floundering organization and increased activities by 150%
- Keble College JCR International Student President, Oxford University, Fall 2014.
 - Elected as president and organized events for roughly 40 students.
- Vice President of Omicron Delta Kappa, Spring 2014-Present

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- Organized an Event known as “Into the Streets” which saw 900 students go out into the community and volunteer.
- Assistant Director to the Presidential Scholars' Book Club
- Co-Chair on the Council for Palmer Research Symposium.
- Platoon Leader at St. Thomas Military Academy – selected from the top 20% of the class based upon leadership capability, academic achievement, and character
 - Supervised approximately 30 other students in meeting expectations.
- Selected as a representative to the Board of Directors, 2013

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES:

- Morningside Varsity Track and Field Team 2012-5/2016
 - GPAC All Conference Runner, 400M, Winter 2013, Spring 2013, Winter 2014, Spring 2014.
- Inaugural Morningside Mediation Team 2013-5/2016
 - Participated in the 14th Annual International Intercollegiate Mediation Tournament, and was awarded Best New Team.
 - Collaborated on a smaller team that placed 7th overall, the highest award for our campus.
- Varsity member of Oxford University’s Keble College Rugby Team, Fall 2014.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- Youth Volunteer at Grace Methodist Church 2012-2014
- Youth Hockey Volunteer Goalie Coach
- Sioux City High School Quiz Bowl Tournament Volunteer & Materials Preparation.
- Opportunities Unlimited Community Landscaping Volunteer
- Sanford Community Center Community Tutor Volunteer

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/CONFERENCES:

- Middle Eastern Studies Association Member
- Member of Omicron Delta Kappa National Honor Society
- Member of the Oxford University History Society
- Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society