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## **EDUCATION**

- 2017 – 2019                      **The University of Colorado Denver (Denver, CO)**  
M.A., Public History  
Cumulative GPA 4.0
- 2013 – 2017                      **Furman University (Greenville, SC)**  
B.A., History  
B.A., Political Science  
Overall GPA 3.5 – Cum Laude
- August - December 2015      **Vesalius College (Brussels, Belgium)**

## **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- 2018-2019                      **Koch Fellow** (The History Colorado Center - Denver, CO)
- Year-long fellowship (July 2018-June 2019) including rotations in three museum departments
  - Edited content for publication in the Colorado Heritage Magazine (Fall 2018 edition)
  - Provided assistance with restructuring several webpages regarding education, publications, and museum resources
  - Organized materials related to historical markers for the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
  - Facilitated research to aid in the preparation of site nominations for the National Register of Historic Places
  - Planned educational experiences and engaged hands-on with school groups visiting the museum
- 2018-2019                      **National History Day Intern** (Denver, CO)
- Provided classroom aid for students working on projects for National History Day (NHD) competitions
  - Worked hands-on with students
  - Created workshops to improve student understanding of primary sources
- 2017-Present                      **Graduate Assistant** (Denver, CO)
- Assistant to the Department of History at the University of Colorado Denver
  - Provided administrative support for the department faculty and staff
  - Responsible for website design, social media representation, technical support, and organizing department events
- 2017                                **The Upcountry History Museum** (Greenville, SC)
- Programming and Collections Intern for a Smithsonian Affiliate Museum
  - Inventoried collections and entered the corresponding information into Past Perfect
  - Assisted the Program Director with planning and carrying out several children's programs and events
  - Organized efforts to re-house several artifacts within the collection
- 2017                                **Research Assistant to Dr. Carolyn Day** (Furman University - Greenville, SC)
- Research Assistant to Dr. Carolyn Day for an exhibition to accompany her book, *Consumptive Chic: A History of Beauty, Fashion, and Disease* (Bloomsbury 2017)
  - Sole responsibility for marketing and social media research
  - Researched concepts for exhibition catalogue and composed content for catalogue
  - Assisted in identifying and acquiring images for the exhibition
- 2016                                **The Charlotte Museum of History** (Charlotte, NC)
- Research and Programming Intern
  - Read and analyzed over 500 pages of General Lord Cornwallis' personal letters and American Revolutionary War correspondence to determine the veracity of Cornwallis' assessment of Charlotte as a "hornets' nest of rebellion"
  - Provided documentation related to cultural customs for monthly historical food programs
  - Assisted in developing interpretive programming targeted for children ages 8 to 11
  - Researched and designed exhibit labels and spacial layout for Hall of Flags exhibit and provided a 46-page document detailed the findings and exhibit plan

- Utilized Past Perfect in aiding with exhibit maintenance and planning

2013-2017

**Gilpatrick Historical Society** (Greenville, SC)

- Member and then President of this student-led, academic organization
- Responsible for organizing lectures by renowned historians, like Dr. Karen Cox of the University of North Carolina Charlotte to present on her latest book, *Goat Castle: A True Story of Murder, Race, and the Gothic South*
- Successfully acquired funding from Furman University Student Government Association
- Organized student trips to historical cities, such as Charleston, Savannah, and Wilmington to investigate museum pedagogy and facilitate learning outside of the classroom

2016-2017

**“Primary Source” Radio Show** (Greenville, SC)

- Co-host for radio show focusing on historical topics
- Provided background research for each segment, facilitated on-air callers, and arranged for guest speakers
- Responsibility for archived each broadcast on topics such as the Red Scare, the Stasi, the Iranian Revolution, and Winston Churchill, The History of Piracy, The History of Drones, etc.

2015

**Brussels Study Away Program** (Brussels, Belgium)

- Analyzed museum pedagogical approaches and wrote reports on twelve separate sites
- Attended Vesalius College, the English-speaking subsidiary of the Free University of Brussels (VUB), part-time as a student while also interning 20 hours per week

2015

**The International Crisis Group** (Brussels, Belgium)

- International non-profit organization working to foster stability and communication between special interest groups and governments in a variety of nations, with a particular focus on war-torn countries
- Performed the duties of Assistant to the Research, Human Resources, and Finance Departments where I had administrative duties which included updating portions of the website, maintaining personnel files, and creating training documents for employees in the Brussels office
- Responsible for selecting candidates for the intern programs offered in the satellite offices, Nairobi, Seoul, Dakar, London, and Istanbul, by filtering through hundreds of CVs/ Resumes facilitating interviews via Skype
- Planned immersion programs, including presentations on cultural relativity and professional ethics for interns in the Brussels office

2014-2015

**United Ministries** (Greenville, SC)

- Academic Counseling Internship
- Assisted former addicts and individuals recently released from prison in reclaiming their lives through academic success
- Provided academic tutoring to progress students toward obtaining their GED and/or taking the SAT
- Demonstrated ability to work with people from a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds in sometimes hostile situations

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2018 Session on Redesigning Fort Vasquez (Colorado-Wyoming Association of Museums Conference)
- 2017 “Reconstituting Civil Society in Post-WWII Germany” (undergraduate thesis presentation and defense)
- 2016 “Violence: A Vehicle for Uniting the Russian Population Between 1813 to 1917” (Furman University Cultural Life Program)
- 2015 “Professionalism on Social Media” (International Crisis Group broadcasted presentation)
- 2015 “Cyber-Security: A Two-Pronged Approach,” presented before a panel of professors at Vesalius College (Brussels, Belgium)

## **LANGUAGES**

- Spanish - Basic Speaking, Reading, Writing, and Translating
- Latin - Basic Reading, Writing, and Translating

## **SKILLS**

- Proficient knowledge of historical databases, Past Perfect, Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Microsoft Word, Python Computer Programming, SPSS Statistics Programming, Drupal Website design, Google Drive, Instagram, WordPress, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and other social media platforms

## **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

- Full-time Nanny for the Neal Family (Summers of 2014, 2015, and 2016)
- Team Leader and Cashier at Chick-Fil-A (2011-2013)