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Education

B.S. Sociology, emphasis Quantitative Analysis, 2025, The University of Utah

A.A.S., Professional Studies, 2023, Brigham Young University – Idaho

A.S., General Studies, 2023, Brigham Young University – Idaho

Educational Leadership:

- Supervised Instructor, Technology Basics – GS107, Brigham Young University – Idaho.
- Faculty Technology Assistant, Brigham Young University – Idaho.
- Education Technology Lab Lead, Brigham Young University – Idaho.
- Tutor, Sociology Research Methods – SOC 340, Brigham Young University – Idaho.
- Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology – SOC111, Brigham Young University – Idaho.
- Teaching Assistant, Technology Basics – GS107, Brigham Young University – Idaho.
- Heber J. Grant Student Mentor, Brigham Young University – Idaho.

Publications

- Simper, Cyrus D. (April 2024) “Sociodemographic Factors, Perceptions of the COVID-19 Crisis, and Mental Health Distress Among U.S. Adults: insights from Early Pandemic Data.” *ResearchGate*, DOI: [10.12140/RG.2.2.22382.22087](https://doi.org/10.12140/RG.2.2.22382.22087) (Senior Thesis, Supervised by Dr. Andrew Burger)
- Simper, Cyrus D. (In Press 2024) “In Sacred Rebellion: Joseph White Musser.” *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*. (Book Review)

Public Scholarship:

Consultant, [Jodi Hildebrant Documentary]

Freemantle / Cecelia Tolbert, 2024 – Ongoing.

Conference Presentations

- Palmer, Jason, Katryn Davis, Cyrus Simper, Adam Dustin. (Scheduled October 2024) “The Devil Sat on My Bed: Encounters with the Spirit World in Mormon Utah by Erin Stiles.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Simper, Cyrus D. (Scheduled October 2024) “Charismatic Authority and Socioreligious

Conflict: Exploring Early Mormon Fundamentalist Patriarchal Blessings.” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

- Simper, Cyrus D. (Scheduled September 2024) “John Tanner Clark: The Enigma of the ‘One Mighty and Strong’.” *John Whitmer Historical Association*, St. George, Utah.
- Yates, Steven, Cyrus D. Simper, Marilee Bates, Zac Teague. (April 2024) “Marital Status, Alcohol Consumption, and their Influence on Depression: Insights from the BRFSS 2019-2021.” *BYU-Idaho 2024 Research and Creative Works Conference*, Rexburg, Idaho.

Invited Teaching Lectures

- Teague, Zac, Cyrus D. Simper. Winter 2024. “Sikhism: Ideology, Adaptations, and Global Presence.” Invited by Dr. John Blakeman for Sociology of Religion, BYU-Idaho.
- Simper, Cyrus D. Winter 2024. “Acknowledging and Processing Childhood Trauma: Societal Responses and Therapeutic Approaches.” Invited by Dr. Andrew Burger for Sociology of Mental Health, BYU-Idaho.
- Simper, Cyrus D. Winter 2024. “Becoming Man: World Construction and Religion.” Invited by Dr. John Blakeman for Sociology of Religion, BYU-Idaho.
- Simper, Cyrus D. Fall 2023. “Sacred Threads: Exploring the Cultural Significance of Textiles in Mormon Faith Groups.” Invited by Dr. Trevor Brooks for Research Methodology, BYU-Idaho.
- Seegmiller, Savannah, Cyrus D. Simper. Spring 2023. “American Fashion and Society in the 1850s.” Invited by Professor JoAnn Peters for Fashion History, BYU-Idaho.

Grants:

Joe Giesner (Travel Grant), \$200, to attend “Conversions, Aversions, And Revisions”, *Mormon History Association*, June 2024, Kirtland, Ohio.

Thomas E. Ricks Grant, 2021-2023, \$6000/4 semesters, in Association with Brigham Young University – Idaho.

Selected Academic Coursework:

Survey of Statistical Packages, Quantitative Methods for the Study of Identity, Sociology Research Methods, Statistics with R, Sociological Analysis, Business Analytics, Programming with Functions, Cybersecurity, Intro to Linux, Sociology of the Family, Race and Ethnic Relations, Social Movements, Sociology of Religion, World Religions, Library Research, Textile Science, Fashion History, Crime and Juvenile Delinquency, Deviant Behavior and Social Control, Criminology, Corrections and International Economics.

Certifications:

- Human Subjects Research, CITI, August 2024, *Credential ID: 64441042*.
- Basic Life Support, Minidoka Memorial Hospital, August 2024.

- Preventing and De-escalating Crisis Situations, Relias, July 2024.
- Introduction to Machine Learning, Amazon Web Services, May 2024.
- Ethics in the Age of Generative AI, LinkedIn, November 2023.
- Unconscious Bias, NASBA, March 2022.
- Counter-Balance Forklift, Deseret Industries, February 2022, Credential ID: *WEL0051*.
- Foundations of Learning Management Systems, LinkedIn, January 2022.

Professional Affiliations:

- Society of American Archivists, 2022-Present.
- Data Science Society, Brigham Young University – Idaho, 2023-2024.

Projects:

Topic Mapping, Geospatial Analysis, in FLDS, Centennial Park, and AUB Patriarchal Blessings, 2024 – Ongoing.

Python: Pytesseract, Pandas, RainBowCSV, Seaborn.

Collection of Open-Source Text Processing Tools, archive_tools, GitHub Repo, 2024-Ongoing.
(Published).

Python: Python-docx, Pytesseract, OpenCV, Pillow, and Tkinter.

Website Design, Guy H. Musser Special Collections and Archives (Ongoing).

HTML, Java, OpenCV.

Website, RMarkdown, for Data Science Programming – DS250, 2024

R: Tidyverse, Mosaic, Rio, Plotly, GGPlot2.

Geospatial Analysis, Utilizing data from New-Name Oracle, Personal Project, 2024.
(Unpublished).

PowerBI and HTML.

Meta-data Mapping, Wilford Woodruff Papers / Data Science Society, 2024-2024.

(Submitted to Web-Development Team).

Python; Pandas, Numpy. Rainbow CSV

Period Garment Reproduction, 1850's shirt, vest, and trousers, for Fashion History.

Featured During “Impressionism in Bloom” Apparel Society Fashion Show, Brigham Young University – Idaho, 2023.

Course Content Design, Technology Basics – GS107, for EdTech Lab, Brigham Young

University – Idaho 2021-2022.

Canvas Instructure, Kaltura, HTML, Microsoft PowerPoint, Word, and Excel.

Volunteer Work:

Event Staff, “New Rooms and Heirlooms”, *Sunstone Symposium*, August 2024, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Event Staff, “Conversions, Aversions, And Revisions”, *Mormon History Association*, June 2024, Kirtland, Ohio.

Humanitarian Project, *Maximo Nivel*, December 2023, Antigua, Guatemala.

Event Staff, Teton Dam Marathon, 2022, Rexburg, Idaho.

Planning Committee, Committee, Rexburg Pride, *Flourish Point*, 2022, Rexburg, Idaho.

Food Pantry Volunteer, *Family Crisis Center*, 2020-2022, Rexburg, Idaho.

Food Pantry Volunteer, *Project Family*, 2015-2020, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Athletics:

Event Staff, Teton Dam Marathon, 2022, Rexburg, Idaho.

Swing Dance Club, Shadow Ridge High School, 2019-2020, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Continuing Education:

“New Rooms and Heirlooms”, *Sunstone Symposium*, August 2024, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mormon Mental Health Association, August 2024, Salt Lake City, Utah.

“Conversions, Aversions, And Revisions”, *Mormon History Association*, June 2024, Kirtland, Ohio.

“Juanita Brooks Utah History Conference”, *Utah Tech University*, April 2024, St. George, Utah.

Mormon Social Science Association, April 2024, St. George, Utah.

Mormon Mental Health Association, July 2023, Sandy, Utah.

“Main Streaming Mormonism”, *Sunstone Symposium*, July 2023, Sandy, Utah.