HANNAH ALPERT-ABRAMS

Research Interests I am a PhD student in comparative literature at the University of Texas at Austin. I specialize in twentieth century literature of the Americas. I am interested in archives, cultural studies, book history, and digital humanities. My current research focuses on the contemporary repurposing of texts and narratives from early colonial and pre-colonial Mexico. I am the Graduate Research Assistant for the Reading the First Books project at the LLILAS Benson Latin American Collection.

EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D., Comparative Literature (in progress)

Aug 2013 - Present

M.A., Comparative Literature

Aug 2011 - May 2013

Oberlin College

B.A., English, Summa Cum Laude Aug 2003 - May 2007

Papers and Publications Conference Talks & Posters

Machine Reading in the Mexican Colonial Archive: OCR and the Primeros Libros Spring 2015 Joint Meeting of the Association for Documentary Editing and the Society for Textual Scholarship

Automatic Transcription in Colonial Contexts (poster)

Texas Digital Humanities Consortium: Arlington, TX

Spring 2015

Reading the Primeros Libros: From Archive to OCR
American Comparative Literature Association conference: Seattle, Washington

On Pretzelcoatl: Aztecs in popular US literature
Graduate Association in Comparative Literature Conference: Austin, Texas

From Archival Network to Digital Archive: Digital Repatriation April 2014 and the Advertencias para los Confessores de los Naturales

Texas Digital Humanities Conference: Houston, TX

Hybrid Romances in Borges and Baudelaire
American Comparative Literature Association conference: Toronto, Canada

Translating an Unreadable Novel: The Lost Steps in the United States Fall 2012 Pterodáctilo 11

Drunken Archives Fall 2012

Graduate Association of Comparative Literature Conference: UT Austin

Book Reviews

Hugo Ball: Flametti, or the Dandyism of the Poor (Full Stop)

April 2014

Kathryn Burns: Into the Archive (E3W Review of Books) 2014

Martín Adán: The Cardboard House (Full Stop) 21 November 2013

Research and Teaching

LLILAS Benson Latin American Studies and Collections

Graduate Research Assistant, Reading the First Books

Sept 2015 - Present

Manage the "Reading the First Books" project, supported by an NEH Digital Humanities Implementation Grant and the LLILAS Benson Latin American Studies and Collections.

LLILAS Benson Latin American Studies and Collections

Graduate Research Assistant, Digital Scholarship

Jan 2015 - May 2015

- Develop digital projects using Scalar and Ocular Optical Character Recognition.
- Support faculty in developing courses in digital archiving and digital humanities.
- Plan and write grant proposals for multi-year digital projects.

The University of Texas at Austin

Assistant Instructor Aug 2014 - Dec 2014

Rhetoric and Composition (RHE 309k)

Assistant Instructor Aug 2013 - Present

Rhetoric and Composition (RHE 306)

Teaching Assistant Aug 2011 - May 2013

Masterworks of English Literature (E316K)

Select Work Experience Idea Platforms, Inc.

Concord, MA

Oct 2009 - May 2011

The Centre for Creativity in Education and Cultural Heritage

Program Associate

Content Architect

Jerusalem, Israel

The Chewonki Foundation

Environmental Educator/Trip Leader

Wiscassett, Maine

Spring 2009

2008

Honors and Awards NEH Digital Humanities Implementation Grant: Project Director: Sergio Romero, UT Austin.

(215,000).

2014 Tinker Summer Field Research Grant: Research Travel Grant: Mexico Summer 2014

Oberlin Alumni Fellowship: Research Travel Grant: Puebla, Mexico Summer 2014

SHARP-CalRBS Scholarship: History of the Book in Hispanic America Summer 2013

Amy Adina Schulman Memorial Fund Grant: CCECH Spring 2009

Dudley B. Tenney English Literature Prize: Math and Natural Science Spring 2007

Academic Service ThatCamp Austin: Digital Pedagogy: Organizing Committee (Fall/Winter 2015)

E3W Review of Books: Special Section Editor (2014-2015)

Pterodáctilo: revista de arte, literatura, lingüistica y cultura: Blog Co-Editor (summer 2014-

present)

Praxis: a Writing Center Journal: Blog Editor (Fall and Winter 2014)

Graduate Association in Comparative Literature: Conference Co-Organizer (2013); Conference Associate (2012)

Bat City Review: Fiction Co-Editor (2013); Associate Fiction Editor (2012)

Blogging: praxisuwc.com; Full-Stop.net; blog.pterodactilo.com

Languages: Fluent: English; Conversant: Spanish; Reading: French