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EXPERIENCE

Co-Founder

Sidra Collaborative

⌚ September 2025 – Ongoing

- Co-developed mission, vision, and organizational structure of a grant-making consultancy.
- Collaboratively designed offerings, brand materials, website, and outreach strategy.

Senior Program Officer

Office of Data and Evaluation, National Endowment for the Humanities

⌚ December 2022 – March 2025

- Supervised a three-person program team with a \$1.5M program budget.
- Planned, coordinated, and implemented the office's first data-grounded humanities programming, including a competitive grant program, contracts with external evaluators, and partnerships with humanities funders and scholarly organizations.
- Built internal dashboards to allow agency staff to understand the breadth, depth, and limitations of funding programs and peer review processes.

Program Specialist

Office of Digital Humanities, National Endowment for the Humanities

⌚ September 2019 – December 2022

- Consulted with applicants, oversaw the application process, and worked with the grants office to make awards for digital humanities grant programs.
- Designed and implemented grant assessment and evaluation programs for the Office of Digital Humanities and Agency-Wide Programs.

Postdoctoral Fellow in the History of the Book

The John Carter Brown Library, Brown University

⌚ September 2018 – August 2019

CLIR Postdoctoral Fellow in Data Curation and Latin American Studies

University of Texas at Austin

⌚ September 2017 – August 2018

PURPOSE

I am a justice-oriented worker dedicated to education, cultural heritage, and public knowledge.

HIGHLIGHTS

Finding Your Purpose

A workbook for scholars navigating career transitions. (Shalperta Press, 2022).

Academic Tarot

A satirical tarot deck for people working in and around higher ed. (Visionary Futures Collective, 2020).

What's Hope Got to Do With It?

How can studying dark academia give us hope for higher education? (Post45, March 2022).

SKILLS

Microsoft Office

Power BI

Wordpress

Jekyll

Trello

LANGUAGES

English



Spanish



EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Comparative Literature

University of Texas at Austin

⌚ Sept 2013 – June 2017

M.A. in Comparative Literature

University of Texas at Austin

⌚ Sept 2011 – June 2013

B.A. in English

Oberlin College

⌚ Sept 2003 – June 2007

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

☆ Popular Publications

- H. Alpert-Abrams, *Taking action in higher ed.* Shalperta Press, 2025.
- H. Alpert-Abrams, *Finding your purpose: A higher calling workbook for justice-oriented scholars in an unjust world,* Shalperta Press, Jun. 2022.
- H. Alpert-Abrams, A. Farmer, and A. Reese, *Where the money resides: Demystifying academic job negotiations,* Web, Nov. 2022.
- H. Alpert-Abrams, *Open letter to my friend, who i love, who wants to get a phd in literature,* Medium, Jul. 2020.
- H. Alpert-Abrams, *What the humanities do in a crisis,* Medium, Apr. 2020.

✉ Journal Articles

- H. Alpert-Abrams, "An unexpected influence: Photostats in special collections libraries," *Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America*, 2023.
- H. Alpert-Abrams and C. McCarl, "Digital humanities and colonial latin american studies," *Digital Humanities Quarterly*, vol. 14.4, 2020.
- H. Alpert-Abrams, D. Bliss, and I. Carbajal, "Post-custodial archiving for the collective good," *Journal of Critical Library and Information Science*, Mar. 2019.
- T. Guberek, V. Muralles, and H. Alpert-Abrams, "Irreversible: The role of digitization to repurpose state records of repression," *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, Jan. 2019.
- H. Alpert-Abrams, "Colonial copying in an imperial age," *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience*, vol. 4.2, 2018.
- H. Alpert-Abrams, "Machine reading the primeros libros," *Digital Humanities Quarterly*, vol. 10.4, 2016.
- H. Alpert-Abrams, "Representing the long history of early modern printed objects: The archaeology of a book," *Scholarly Editing*, vol. 37, 2016.

📘 Book Chapters

- H. Alpert-Abrams and A. Gustavson, "Transforming the authority of the archive," in Lever Press, 2023, ch. Ethics of Teaching with Digital Primary Sources.

👥 Conference Proceedings

- D. Garrette and H. Alpert-Abrams, "An unsupervised model of orthographic variation for historical document transcription," in *Proc. of the Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics*, 2016.
- D. Garrette, H. Alpert-Abrams, T. Berg-Kirkpatrick, and D. Klein, "Unsupervised code-switching for multilingual historical document transcription," in *Proc. of the Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics*, 2015.