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EDUCATION

The College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio

- **Degree:** Bachelor of Arts *May 2017*
- History and English **GPA:** 3.98
- **Honors:** Dean's List; College Scholar Award; James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship; James R. Turner Prize in History for Most Distinguished Junior Independent Study
- **Activities:** Vice President of the Wooster chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society; Member of the Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society; Vice President of the local fraternity, Beta Kappa Phi

Off-Campus Study – Chicago, IL

Newberry Library Semester in the Humanities

August – December 2015

- A semester-long seminar at the Newberry Library in Chicago, dedicated to the theme, “Knowing Your Place: Human and Social Geography.”

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Senior Independent Study Thesis in History and English

August 2016 – April 2017

A year-long, self-designed, faculty-mentored research and writing project, which culminated in an 85 page paper entitled, “Collective Memories of the American Civil War in Kentucky Historical Romances, 1890-1915.” Included an oral defense and public presentation.

Junior Independent Study Thesis:

January – April 2016

A semester-long research and writing project which culminated in a 30 page paper entitled, “Western Equal or Yellow Peril: Varying American Perceptions of Japanese Imperial Policy in Formosa and Korea, 1893-1915.”

Newberry Seminar Thesis:

August – December 2015

My research at the library culminated in a 40 page paper entitled, “Imagined Savagery: British Perceptions of Native Americans in Late-Victorian Adventure Fiction.” Included an oral presentation to the staff of the Newberry.

The College of Wooster History Department

May – July 2014

Research Assistant

- Constructed a digital history website about the city of Wooster, Ohio
- Worked both individually and with peers to create the site, utilizing local libraries and archives
- Conducted interviews with Wooster’s citizens and volunteers at the Wayne County Historical Society
- Developed the skills necessary for presenting historical data to a general audience

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

The College of Wooster Writing Center

January 2016 – May 2017

Writing Consultant

- Provided peer tutoring services in the College’s Writing Center, such as editing students’ papers and advising students on the writing process

Smithsonian National Museum of American History, Washington, D.C.

June – August 2016

Katzenberger Art History Intern

- Performed research to assist in the upcoming online publication of a group of Civil War lithographs
- Gained experience working with a specialized museum collection and utilizing collection database software
- Took part in public history initiatives, preparing web descriptions of objects and assisting in presentations of objects out of storage

Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois

September – December 2015

Digital Imaging Services Assistant

- Aided in the digitization of library documents and sources
- Edited the metadata of image files before online publication, learning data management skills
- Verified paperwork including permission requests for use of library resources