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EDUCATION

The College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in History and English, **GPA:** 3.98

May 2017

- **Honors:** Phi Beta Kappa, The Aileen Dunham Prize in History; The James R. Turner Prize in History for Most Distinguished Junior Independent Study; James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship; College Scholar Award
- **Activities:** Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, Vice President of the Wooster chapter; Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society; Beta Kappa Phi, Vice President of local fraternity

Off-Campus Study, Chicago, Illinois

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 Newberry staff.

The College of Wooster History Department

May – July 2014

Research Assistant

- Used Omeka to construct 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
- Worked with a specialized museum collection and utilized collection database software
- Participated 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 using data management skills
- Verified paperwork including permissions requests for the use of library resources