

# Pete Smith

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## Education

University of Maryland, College Park

(Aug 2019 – Present)

- Bachelor of Arts, History; Bachelor of Science, Computer Science; Minor, Trumpet Performance
- Diploma Expected Dec 2024
- Cumulative GPA: 3.356 (Aug 2023)
- Relevant Coursework: HIST466 – Immigration and Ethnicity in the U.S.; HIST355 – Civil War and Industrialization (1860-1900); HIST354 – Antebellum America (1815-1861); HIST429A – Sex and Class in Victorian Britain
- Member: History Undergraduate Association; Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning Reading Group

## Skills and Attributes

- Skills: Written and oral communication, critical thinking, research, teamwork, customer service
- Attributes: Punctual, efficient, organized
- Software: Proficient in Microsoft Office and Google Docs Suites
- Other Skills: Programming languages – Python, Java, C, Rust, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, SQL

## Selected Papers

“*American Notes*: Exploring Antebellum Institutionalism”

(HIST354 at UMD, Spring 2023)

- In the context of the critiques in Charles Dickens’ *American Notes*, this paper examines a variety of institutions central to Antebellum America. The paper explores the nature of institutions including slavery, prison reform, and mental asylums, contextualized by other contemporary and modern authors including Alexis de Tocqueville and David J. Rothman, in order to show these institutions’ roles in the rapidly increasing societal division seen at the time.

“Masculinity in Victorian Britain”

(HIST429A at UMD, Fall 2022)

- This paper explores the various elements of what it meant to be masculine in Victorian Britain, namely control of oneself and one’s environment and the physical strength that was required. By examining contemporary and modern sources including Rudyard Kipling’s “William the Conqueror” and Nadja Durbach’s “Monstrosity, Masculinity, and Medicine,” the paper shows how systemic masculinity was spread and how it was both accepted and challenged throughout society.

## Work Experience

History Intern (Enslaved.org: Journal of Slavery and Data Preservation)

(Aug 2023 – Present)

- Work will involve collaborating with a team at Virginia Tech to research runaway indentured servants and enslaved people in colonial Virginia and Maryland
- Analyzing contemporary documents to document biographical information of enslaved people
- Involves visiting historical sites such as the Riversdale House Museum

Web Development Intern (Univ. of Maryland)

(Jun 2023 – Present)

- Creating a comet statistic site for the NASA Planetary Data System Small Bodies Node at UMD
- Preparing to present *Comet Statistics* at ADASS Conference in Nov 2023; abstract submitted Sep 2023
- Creating a tool to automate converting from the “new” to the “old” IAU comet designation system