Aidan Valente

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Education

Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA

Art History, Medieval and Renaissance Studies – Double Major University Honors:

- Dean's List
- Honor Roll

Bishop Moore Catholic High School, Orlando, FL

High School Diploma

School Honors:

- Moore Academic Scholar
- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Merit Scholar Finalist

Experience

Special Collections Assistant - Work-Study Position

September 2016 – Present Lexington, Virginia

Current Overall GPA: 3.923

May 2019

May 2015

Overall GPA: 3.93

Washington and Lee University – Special Collections

Created and updated finding aid metadata in the University's digital archives

- Helped to prepare and present Special Collections materials for W&L classes and visitors
- Accessioned, processed, and cataloged newly acquired collections
- Welcomed visitors to the department and helped them to find relevant resources for their work

Mellon Undergraduate Fellow

September 2016 – Present

Washington and Lee University – Digital Humanities

Lexington, Virginia

- Developed a digital edition project involving manuscript transcription
- Facilitated outreach to W&L professors and students
- Learned computer skills required for the position—command line, GitHub, Markdown plaintext editing, website creation and maintenance
- Visited local high school students to share experience and participate in outreach
- Led workshops for new Fellows to teach requisite computer skills such as command line
- Served as a research assistant for an Art History Digital Humanities Project under Professor George Bent

Special Collections Assistant - Summer Worker

June 2016 - September 2016

Washington and Lee University – Special Collections

Lexington, Virginia

- Assisted in major reorganization and renovation of the Special Collections vault
- Performed bibliographic research on items in the Rare Book Collection to identify notable works and items in need of restoration
- Participated in multiple presentations throughout the summer, including the W&L Alumni College event
- Welcomed visitors to the department and helped them to find relevant resources for their work
- Worked with University Collections on various tasks, including pulling items for deaccessioning, preparing books for shipment, and filing invoices

Collection Management Support Specialist - Work Study Position

October 2015 - May 2016

Rockbridge Regional Library/Washington and Lee University

Lexington, Virginia

- Aided in the library's weeding program by reviewing inventories and lists of items to be pulled
- Deaccessioned books from the library system and prepared them for the monthly book sale

Undergraduate Intern

Symantec

July 2015 – August 2015 Heathrow, Florida

• Prepared bi-weekly financial reports for sales teams across the Americas

- Drafted, reviewed, and edited emails, notices, and publications to be sent to sales teams
- Presented data at team meetings

Center Store Associate

Winn-Dixie

June 2015 – August 2015 Sanford, Florida

- Stocked store shelves
- Trained new workers

Leadership

Digital Humanities Committee - Student Representative

October 2017 – Present

W&L Catholic Campus Ministry - Leadership Team

August 2017 – Present

Mellon Digital Humanities Undergraduate Fellow, see Experience

September 2016 – Present

Skills

Computer:

Microsoft Office; experience with Java, Python, and Ruby (Liquid) programming languages; HTML and CSS markup languages; Jekyll website creation; Git and GitHub proficiency; Text Encoding Initiative (TEI) experience