

Aidan Valente

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Education

Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA

Art History, Medieval and Renaissance Studies – Double Major

Current Overall GPA: 3.937

May 2019

University Honors:

- Dean's List
- Honor Roll
- Beinecke Scholarship Competition – W&L University Nominee
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

Bishop Moore Catholic High School, Orlando, FL

High School Diploma

Overall GPA: 3.93

May 2015

School Honors:

- Moore Academic Scholar
- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Merit Scholar – Finalist
- National Honor Society
- National English Honor Society
- National French Honor Society
- National Art Honor Society
- Rho Kappa (National Social Studies Honor Society)

Experience

Special Collections Assistant – Work-Study Position

September 2016 – Present

Washington and Lee University – Special Collections

Lexington, Virginia

- 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
- Contributed to W&L Digital Humanities Blog
- 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

- Created and updated finding aid metadata in the University's digital archives
- 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 July 2015 – August 2015
Symantec 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 June 2015 – August 2015
Winn-Dixie Sanford, Florida

- Stocked store shelves
- Trained new workers

Chapter President August 2014 – May 2015
National English Honor Society - Bishop Moore Chapter Orlando, Florida

- Established the Bishop Moore Writing Center to help students improve writing skills
- Founded a partnership with the Bishop Moore Yearbook Committee for editing of the yearbook
- Scheduled periodic book sales to promote literature and raise funds for the society

Leadership

W&L Swing Dance Club *Founder, Vice President* April 2017 – Present

Catholic Campus Ministry *Member, Bible Study Chair, Lector at Mass* January 2017 – Present

Mellon Digital Humanities Undergraduate Fellow, *see Experience* September 2016 – Present

National English Honor Society *Member, Chapter President* August 2013 – May 2015

National French Honor Society *Member, Chapter President* August 2013 – May 2015

National Honor Society *Member, Chapter Historian* August 2013 – May 2015

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

Business: Retail sales