

VIRGINIA TAYLOR SEYMOUR

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EDUCATION

Master of Science in Information Studies

Dec. 2019

University of Texas at Austin

Courses Topics: Program Evaluation, Data Analytics, Data Wrangling, Data Storytelling, Database Management

Bachelor of Arts in Art History; Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies

2012–2016

University of Pennsylvania

Summa cum laude, Dean's List

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Associate

Aug. 2018–present

Harry Ransom Center, University of Texas at Austin

- **Program Evaluation and Assessment**
 - Design and implement an evaluation plan that utilized surveys and operational data to identify areas to improve library and archival instruction.
 - Perform data collection, cleaning, querying and visualization to inform decision-making.
 - Work jointly with the Head of Instruction to deliver a program evaluation report ahead of schedule with recommendations about workflows, data management, and program refinement.
- **Presentation and Leadership**
 - Collaboratively develop and teach primary source classes in a program serving over 8,000 students annually.
 - Present to associate directors about assessment activities.
 - Lead bi-weekly professional development workshops for twenty-five student staff members.
- **Research Services**
 - Respond promptly and concisely to ~100 off-site reference queries annually.
 - Conduct encouraging reference interviews for on-site patrons with diverse experience levels, needs, and interests.

General Manager

Dec. 2016–Oct. 2017

Ji-Roz Greek Joint, Greenville, South Carolina

- Conducted nightly meetings, resolved conflicts, and assigned duties to a 14-person front of house staff in a high-pressure, service environment.
- Designed and monitored both social media presence and print advertising with careful consideration for the owner's farm-to-table vision.
- Formed reliable vendor relationships and maintained a detailed, efficient weekly inventory.

Research Assistant

Jan. 2015–Aug. 2016

Al-Hiba Publication Project, University of Pennsylvania Museum

- Demonstrated independent initiative to address obstacles while managing, querying, and analyzing archeological excavation database.
- Collaborated with a four-person team under changing conditions and strict deadlines.

Curatorial Intern

Fall 2015

Contemporary Art Department, Philadelphia Museum of Art

- Delivered research reports and proposals that informed departmental decisions.
- Maintained consistent, professional contact with over fifty international galleries and artists.
- Adapted quickly to unfamiliar databases and filing systems, actively seeking mentorship from colleagues.

Program Assistant & Robinson Press Coordinator

Aug. 2012–Jan. 2015

Kelly Writers House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- Collaboratively planned and executed 15–20 unique, engaging programs monthly.
- Designed print materials for events, visitors, and donors that reflected the organization's brand and mission.
- Orchestrated safe, hands-on letterpresses workshops and printing days while managing three student workers and guiding them through letterpress techniques.

CONSULTING

Shield Ranch Foundation

2019

Funded by RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Services

- Collaborate across the organization to conduct an evaluability assessment of youth programming.
- Produce visualizations and insights for internal use, grant applications, and program promotion.
- Develop plan and tools to sustain actionable, accessible program evaluation.

LIVESTRONG Cancer Institutes, Dell Medical School

2019

Facilitated by Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs

- Assess program theory, logic model, and evaluation framework with a small team.
- Formulate evaluation plan and data collection strategy for a program evaluating patient experience goals.

PRESENTATIONS

Collaborative Teaching in Archives

Jun. 2019

Atlas Solutions Aeon Symposium, Harvard University

Houdini's Great Illusion: An Immigrant Identity in the Archive

Mar. 2019

Ephemera Society of America Annual Conference, Greenwich, Connecticut

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Choosing Methods, Crafting Questions, Visualizing Results Pre-Conference Assessment Methods Workshop, Library Research Seminar VII Columbia, South Carolina	Oct. 2019
Teaching with Primary Sources Unconference Rare Books and Manuscripts Section, American Libraries Association Austin, Texas	Aug. 2019
Making & Maintaining Successful Design Systems with Brad Frost Austin, Texas	Mar. 2019
Student Employee Excellence (SEED) Advanced Certification University of Texas at Austin	Oct. 2019
Learning Analytics & Academic Libraries with Megan Oakleaf Library Assessment Conference, Association of Research Libraries Houston, Texas	Nov. 2018

SELECTED NON-DEGREE COURSES

Introduction to Statistics Summer Statistics Institute, University of Texas at Austin	May 2019
Intro to Stata Short Course Department of Statistics, University of Texas at Austin	Oct. 2018
Information Organization and Retrieval School of Information, University of South Carolina	Spring 2018
Introduction to Library and Information Studies School of Information, University of South Carolina	Spring 2018

AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

Travel Grant Recipient , Library Research Seminar VII	Oct. 2019
The Houston Endowment Fellowship , University of Texas at Austin	2018–2020
Charles W. Burr Book Award , University of Pennsylvania	May 2016
Lynda Hart Thesis Prize in Sexuality Studies , University of Pennsylvania	May 2016
Howard and Sharon Rich Scholar , University of Pennsylvania	2014–2016
Edward Kane Scholar , University of Pennsylvania	2013–2016
Thune Travel Fellowship , University of Pennsylvania	Jun. 2014

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Student Conduct Board Member

Student Conduct & Academic Integrity, University of Texas at Austin

2019–present

Graduate Student Volunteer

School of Information, University of Texas at Austin

2018–2019

Alumni Admissions Interviewer

University of Pennsylvania

2016–present

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Society of American Archivists

Students & New Archives Professionals Board Member, 2019

American Library Association

Association of College and Research Libraries