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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History
A.M., History, May 2016

Dissertation: "Planting the Seeds of Empire: Botanical Gardens in the United States, 1800-1860" (expected completion date: May 2020)

This dissertation will argue that the history of botanic gardens in the nineteenth century United States is integral to understanding the expansion of antebellum state power, the institutionalization of science, and how these two processes worked together to support the burgeoning American empire.

Dissertation Committee: Joyce Chaplin (Harvard - History); Janet Browne (Harvard - History of Science); Walter Johnson (Harvard - History)

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, 2013, History and English

RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS

American history
Early American Republic (1776-1860)
History of science, especially the history of natural history (plants and gardens)
Political economy
Book history

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, American History Through Musicals, Pre-College Program, Harvard Summer School, 2018-2019

Teaching Fellow, What is Biography? Harvard University, Spring 2019

History Prize Instructor, The Antebellum American Empire, Harvard University, Fall 2018

Digital Teaching Fellow, History of the Book and Reading, Harvard University, Fall 2017.

Teaching Fellow, The Civil War from Nat Turner to Birth of a Nation, Harvard University, Spring 2017.

Teaching Fellow, Madness and Medicine: Themes in the History of Psychiatry, Harvard University, Fall 2016.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

History Prize Instructor, Harvard University History Department, Fall 2018.

Wilson Library Summer Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Summer 2018.

Richard A. Berenson Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University, 2017-2018.

Warren Center Term-Time Fellowship, Spring 2018.

Certificate for Distinction in Teaching, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University, Spring and Fall 2017.

Clive Fellowship, Harvard University Department of History, Summer 2017.

Dumbarton Oaks Short-Term Pre-Doctoral Residency, August 2016.

Charles Warren Center Research Grant, Summer 2016.

Colonial North America Project at Harvard University, Arcadia Fellowship for Teaching Preparation with Jane Kamensky, Summer 2016.

Arcadia Fellow, Harvard University Archives, Summer 2015.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"A Botanical Empire: The Cambridge Botanical Garden and the Spanish Borderlands, 1842-1860," Entangled Histories: Making New Connections in Early America, c. 1750-1850, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 5-7 April 2018.

"Planting the Seeds of Empire: Botanical Gardens and Correspondence Networks in Antebellum America," *Networks: The Creation and Circulation of Knowledge from Franklin to Facebook*, American Philosophical Society, 6-7 June 2019.

INVITED TALKS

"Planting the Seeds of Empire: Botanical Gardens and Correspondence Networks in the United States, 1800 to 1860," Wilson Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, June 29, 2019.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Local Arrangements Assistant, SHEAR Annual Meeting 2019, Cambridge, MA.

Co-President, History Graduate Student Association, Fall 2018-present.

Member, Course Support Team, Harvard History Department, Spring 2017-present.

History Concentration Advisor and Sophomore Advisor, Currier House, Harvard University, 2017-present.

Facilitator, *History Beyond the Classroom 2017: Ecuador and the Galapagos*, Harvard University, History of Science Department, Summer 2017.

Organizer, *Early America Workshop*, Harvard University, 2015-2018.

Local Arrangements Assistant, SHEAR Annual Meeting 2014, Philadelphia, PA

Local Arrangements Assistant, *American Revolution Reborn*, May 2013, Philadelphia, PA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Student Assistant, *Modern Books and Manuscripts*, Houghton Library, May 2016-August 2016.

Exhibits, *Opening New Worlds: The Colonial North America Project*, Harvard University Archives, November 2015-March 2016 (planning assistant).

Reading Room Assistant, University of Pennsylvania Rare Books and Manuscripts Library, May 2011-2014.

Exhibits Intern, National Constitution Center, January 2013-April 2013.

Education and Visitor Programs Department Intern, Thomas Jefferson's Monticello,
May 2012-August 2012.

PUBLICATIONS

"Sex and the Single Explorer: A Response to William Benemann's 'My Friend and Companion: The Intimate Journey of Lewis and Clark,'" *We Proceeded On* 41.3 (August 2015), 26-29.

"The Lewis and Clark Expedition and the Partisan Debate over Western Expansion," *We Proceeded On*, 39.1 (February 2013), 17-26.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
Society for the Historians of the Early American Republic
History of Science Society

LANGUAGES

English—fluent

French, Spanish—reading proficiency