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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. History, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2019-
Fields: Science and Technology, Environment, U.S. History, Public History
Advisor: Patrick McCray
Dissertation: “The Places of Mars: How Planetary Scientists Traveled to Mars
and Created Environmental Knowledge, 1960-1998”
- M.A. History, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2018
Fields: Environment, U.S. West, Public History
Advisor: Andrew Kirk
Thesis: “Outer Space in a Western Place: How Environmental Perceptions of the
American West Shaped the Space Race”
- B.A. History, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2014
Fields: U.S. History, Philosophy

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers Presented

- 2025 “A Planetary Sense of Place: Planetary Geologists and the Remaking of Mars from
Above, 1964-1973,”
History of Science Society, November 2025 (upcoming)
- 2022 “Seeing Mars: How the First Close-Up Images of Mars Reshaped Knowledge of the Red
Planet’s Environment in the 1960s”
History of NASA and the Environment Symposium, September 29-30
- 2019 “Outer Space in a Western Place: How Environmental Perceptions of the Nevada
Test Site Shaped the Space Race”
112th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical
Association, July 31-August 2
- 2018 “Levels of Collaboration: Presenting University Research through Public and
Private Institutions”
Organization of American Historians, April 12-14

Roundtable Discussant

- 2024 “Discovery and New Frontiers in Context”
Discovery@30 and New Frontiers@20: A Symposium on the History of NASA's
Discovery and New Frontiers Programs
- 2017 “Consuming the Past: Representing Prohibition Era Material Culture with
Public History”

- 110th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, August 3-5
- 2017 “Public History and Popular Culture: Complicating the Flapper and Prohibition Era Gangster”
American Cultural Association, Far West Popular Culture Association Conference, February

Posters Presented

- 2019 “Lasting Legacies of Cold War Environmental Perceptions”
American Society for Environmental History, April 10-14
- 2017 “Persistent Mythologies of a Defiant West”
Graduate and Professional Student Association Research Forum, April 8

Affiliate

- 2018 “Remembrance and Healing in the Mexican Ofrenda”
“Vintage Vegas: A Pop-Up Fashion Exhibition”
National Council on Public History, April 18-21

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024-25 Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Fellowship (\$21,250)
National Air and Space Museum
- 2024 Maurice A. Biot Fund (\$2,000)
California Institute of Technology
- 2023-24 Fellowship in Aerospace History (\$24,000)
History of Science Society and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with residence at the Library of Congress John W. Kluge Center
- 2023 Lawrence Badash Prize (\$1,000)
University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2023 Graduate Fellowship Award (\$500)
University of California, Santa Barbara History Associates
- 2019 National Science Foundation Travel Grant
American Society for Environmental History
- 2018 Conference Travel Award
University of Nevada, Las Vegas Graduate and Professional Student Association
- 2017 President’s Graduate Student Travel Award
Pacific Coast Branch-American Historical Association
- 2017 Jerry Lodge and Robert E. Clark Scholarships
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Digital Publications

- 2019 “Understanding the Nature of the Nuclear West at Yucca Mountain,” What’s New in

- Special Collections, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (August 16, 2019). <https://www.library.unlv.edu/whats-new-special-collections/2019/2019-08/understanding-nature-nuclear-west-yucca-mountain-billy>
- 2018 “Cold War Legacies: Preservation and Use at Historic Sites,” *NCPH, History @ Work* (March 16, 2018). <http://ncph.org/history-at-work/cold-war-legacies-preservation-and-use-at-historic-sites/>
- 2017 “Atomic Liquors,” *Intermountain Histories*, Charles Redd Center for Western Histories (Spring 2017). <http://www.intermountainhistories.org/items/show/29>
- 2016 “Nostalgic Memories of the Flapper,” *Ready to Roar*, UNLV Public History (November 14, 2016). <https://www.unlvpublichistory.com/nostalgic-memories-of-the-flapper>

Book Reviews

- 2020 William Marino on Perrin Selcer, *The Postwar Origins of the Global Environment: How the United Nations Built Spaceship Earth*, H-Environment, H-Net Reviews (July 2020). <https://networks.h-net.org/node/19397/reviews/6269508/marino-selcer-postwar-origins-global-environment-how-united-nations>

PUBLIC HISTORY AND PUBLIC-FACING WORK

- 2023-24 Researcher, California State Parks Relevancy and History Program
- 2021 Research Consultant for ongoing CERCLA case, History Research Associates, Inc.
- 2018-19 Archival Processing Assistant for Backlog Elimination Project, UNLV Lied Library’s Special Collections and Archives
- 2014-17 Assistant Manager, Curator, and Docent, Liberace Foundation for the Creative and Performing Arts
Curated Exhibits included “Liberace at Thriller Villa: Mr. Showmanship and the Man in the Mirror,” “An Evening at Piazza de Liberace,” and “Liberace Garage at the Hollywood Cars Museum”
- 2015 Author and Organizer for Downtown Las Vegas guided tour delivered by Dr. Michael Green, Phi Alpha Theta-Psi Sigma National History Honor Society
- 2016-17 Education team and photographer for “Ready to Roar” exhibit, National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement (The Mob Museum)

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2023 “A Very Brief History of Space Exploration,” Presented to Ken Hough’s Engineering Ethics 101, UCSB
- 2021 “Can We Run Away From Environmental Problems?: Outer Space and the Environment in Recent History,” Presented to Nicky Rehnberg’s Environmental Studies 1, UCSB
- 2020 “Nuclear Testing, Technology, and the Environment,” Presented to Eric Fenrich’s History 17C, UCSB

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Chasing the Cosmos: A Dive into Space Exploration and its Legacies for the Future (Summer 2023)

Teaching Assistant

University of California, Santa Barbara

Ethics in Engineering (Fall 2022-Fall 2024)
Critical Intelligence: Informing the Public in the Digital Age (Summer 2022)
Science and the Modern World (Winter 2020, Winter 2021, Spring 2022)
Introduction to the History of Latin America (Winter 2022)
World History, 1700-Present (Fall 2021)
Introduction to Environmental Studies (Fall 2020, Summer 2021)
Introduction to the Social and Cultural Environment (Spring 2021)
U.S. History: World War I to Present (Spring 2020)
American Legal and Constitutional History (Fall 2019)

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Empires and Constitutions (Fall 2017)

SERVICE

Service to Profession

2019 Registration Volunteer, American Society for Environmental History
2017 Registration Volunteer, American Society of Legal History

Department and University Service

2022-24 Graduate Student Representative to the Graduate Studies Committee, UCSB Department of History
2020-21 Treasurer, History Graduate Student Association, UCSB Department of History
2017 Digital Coordinator, Phi Alpha Theta-Psi Sigma National History Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

History of Science Society, 2025
National Council of Public Historians, 2018
Organization of American Historians, 2017
American Historical Association, 2017
American Society for Environmental History, 2016
National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta-Psi Sigma, 2013