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Education

Texas A&M University

08/2020-Present

Program: Graduate History Program—Expected Master’s fall 2022, PhD summer 2026

Working MA Thesis Title: “The Dramatic Sequel to the War”: The U.S. Army, The International Tracing Service, and the Search for the Missing in Occupied Germany, 1945-50.

Academic Interests: 20th century U.S. military history; German-American relations; Holocaust memory in the United States; and American civil-military relations

University of Wisconsin-Madison

08/2014-05/2018

Degree: Bachelor of Arts—Graduated with distinction and honors in the major

GPA: 3.91/4.00

Major: History, emphasis on 20th century American and European history

Minors: European Studies, Medieval Studies, Classical Studies

Senior Honors Thesis: Soldiers in Stone: The Funerary Inscriptions of the *Legio II Parthica*”

Study Abroad Semesters: Nicaragua (Summer 2014) and United Kingdom (Spring 2016)

Work Experience

Cranfield Recovery and Identification of Conflict Casualties

09/2021-Present

Team Leader, Field Technician, and German Interpreter

- Conducted archaeological excavations in Germany (September -November 2021) and Italy (June 2022)
- Identified material evidence from World War II airplane crashes to assist the recovery of missing-in-action (MIA) U.S. service members
- Surveyed and mapped excavation sites, shovel tested, screened soil, and manually excavated site grids
- Collected and identified material evidence, aircraft wreckage, and possible osseous remains
- Liaised with civil authorities and the local population and on behalf of the Lead Archaeologist

European Parliament Liaison Office – Washington, DC

03/2021-08/2021

Policy Trainee

- Worked with the policy team at the EPLO-DC to foster transatlantic partnerships between members of the U.S. Congress and members of the European Parliament
- Drafted and published reports through the European Parliament Research Service on defense and technology-related policies
- Reported on informational events held by U.S. federal agencies, European Union representatives, and DC think tanks on a broad range of transatlantic issues
- Assisted in organizing visits of official delegations from the European Parliament

Texas A&M University History Department

08/2020-Present

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- HIST 102: Modern Western Civilization (fall 2020), HIST 105: U.S. History to 1877 (spring 2022)
- Facilitated both hybrid and in-person classes for eighty to 200 undergraduate students
- Created, proctored, and graded online quizzes, written assignments, and exams
- Managed classroom activities, attendance, and maintained sensitive student academic records
- Served as an academic mentor by hosting weekly review sessions of course content
- Connected students to other university tutoring, health, and mental wellbeing resources

Wisconsin State Assembly

01/2019-03/2020

Legislative Assistant

- Co-managed the legislative offices for the 57th and 78th State Assembly Districts

- Researched and assisted in drafting legislative proposals and resolutions on a broad range of topics
- Wrote and edited official policy opinions and proposals, press releases, floor speeches, and citations
- Acted as an effective liaison between constituents, local governments, and state agencies
- Advised and assisted Assembly Representatives during committee meetings, floor sessions, and community outreach events
- Legislative Intern for the 20th and 74th Assembly Districts from 09/2017-11/2018

UW Missing-in-Action Recovery and Identification Project

06/2018-Present

Field Technician and Archival Researcher

- Worked in partnership with the Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) to recover the remains of U.S. MIA service members
- Conducted archaeological excavations in France in 2018 and Belgium in 2019 and 2022.
- Assisted with site mapping, shovel testing, sifting, and total station surveying to collect aircraft wreckage, personal affects, and possible osseous remains
- Located and analyzed relevant historical sources in advance of summer recovery expeditions
- Collected biographical and service information for internal reports and family updates

Legislative Liaison

- Coordinated the Wisconsin 2019-20 legislative session bill providing state funding to the UW MIA Recovery and Identification Program for the repatriation of Wisconsin MIA service members
- Established a broad base of support for the MIA program with legislators, veterans' organizations, and university partners to facilitate the bill's successful passage through the legislative process
- Organized capitol meetings, community events, presentations, and statewide press conferences

Wisconsin Veterans Museum-Oral History Department

06/2017-08/2017

Transcription Intern

- Transcribed, reviewed, and edited oral history interviews of Wisconsin veterans for the museum archives
- Drafted veteran service abstracts and biographies for public dissemination
- Worked with a small team to create a five-part podcast centered around WI veterans' experiences during the Afghanistan War
- Assisted with inventory and relabeling of museum archival collection

University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Housing

08/2016-05/2018

Resident Hall Assistant

- Served as a live-in mentor for seventy undergraduate student residents in university housing
- Connected students to academic, personal health, and professional development resources
- Supported campus partners in emergency response and mental health crises
- Enforced housing policy to ensure a safe and inclusive community
- Mediated resident roommate conflicts and maintained sensitive student records
- Organized and facilitated residence hall programs and events for seventy student residents

Publications

“Regulation of the Digital Sector: EU-US Explainer,” European Parliament Research Service, July 2021. ([https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document.html?reference=EPRS_ATA\(2021\)696179](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document.html?reference=EPRS_ATA(2021)696179))

“Who Does What in Security and Defence?: EU-US Explainer,” European Parliament Research Service, September 2021. ([https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document/EPRS_ATA\(2021\)698046](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document/EPRS_ATA(2021)698046))

Conference Presentations & Invited Lectures

“Graves of Soldiers in Every Village’: The U.S. Army and the Search for Missing Americans in Occupied Germany, 1945-50,” Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, TX, April 29, 2022.

“Recovering American MIA Service Members,” Invited lecture for Price County Retired Educators Association, Park Falls, WI, April 14, 2022.

“The Great War,” Invited lecture for HIST 102: Modern Western Civilization, Texas A&M University. October 2020.

Reviews

Death at the Edges of Empire: Fallen Soldiers, Cultural Memory, and the Making of an American Nation, 1863-1921, by Shannon Bontrager. H-Net Reviews. (<https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=56002>)

Service

History Graduate Student Organization: Communications Officer

05/2022-Present

Additional Skills

Languages: German

German CEFRL Levels	Listening	Reading	Speaking	Writing
	B2	B2	B1	B2

A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

Awards and Honors

Humanities Cluster Internship Support Grant

05/2022

Texas A&M University

Society for Military History Registration Grant

03/2022

Center for War, Military, and Society Studies

Albert Bernhardt Faust Research Fund

12/2020

Society for German American Studies

Lechner Graduate Grant Award

06/2020

Texas A&M University

Undergraduate Achievement Award

03/2018

UW-Madison Department of German, Nordic, and Slavic

Hilldale Undergraduate/Faculty Research Fellowship

04/2017

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Earl D. Johnson Endowed Scholarship for Seniors

11/2016

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Study Abroad Scholars

10/2015

University of Wisconsin-Madison