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Education

- M.A. in History, Texas A&M University, August 2022-May 2024 (expected date)
- B.A. in History and World Languages and Literatures (German), University of Memphis, May 2022, Summa Cum Laude, University Honors with Thesis, Honors in History, Distinguished Undergraduate Research Scholar, G.P.A.: 3.93
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis: *Germanic Emigration to Memphis, 1865-1880*

Research Interests

- Nineteenth-Century South
- German American History
- Gilded Age/Reconstruction History
- Immigration and Ethnic History

Awards & Scholarships

- Lechner Graduate Grant, Texas A&M University College of Liberal Arts (\$1,050) May 2022
- Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award, University of Memphis Helen Hardin Honors College May 2022
- Fulbright Semifinalist to Germany, 2021-2022 Cohort December 2021
- Belle McWilliams Prize (\$2,500 per year) 2021-2022 Academic Year
- Book Buying Budget from the Department of History (\$100) Spring 2021
- University of Memphis College of Arts and Sciences Travel Enrichment Fund Recipient (\$400) Fall 2021
- Dean's List (3.5+ GPA) Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022
- History Undergraduate Internship Award (\$2,000) May 2020
- Parent Fund Scholarship (\$400 per year) 2020, 2021, 2022
- Provost Scholarship (\$4,000 per year) 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Tennessee Hope Lottery Scholarship (\$2,250 per year) 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Fellowships

- Phi Kappa Phi Fellow (\$8,500) 2022-2023 Academic Year
- Helen Hardin Honors College Summer Fellow (\$2,400) 2021-2022 Academic Year

Publications

- *Germanic Immigration in Memphis, 1865-1880, Quaesitum*, University of Memphis Undergraduate Research Journal, Spring 2022

Assistantships & Internships

- Research Assistant for Dr. Sarah Potter, University of Memphis, December 2021-April 2022

- Responsibilities included researching and located primary and secondary sources to summarize in a database
- The project: *Your Cheating Heart: Adultery in the Age of Feminism and the New Right*, which examines American attitudes towards adultery from roughly World War II until the 1980s
- Student History Society, University of Memphis, Fall 2019-Spring 2022
 - Co-Social Media Manager (Facebook and Instagram), February 2020-January 2022
 - President, Fall 2020-Fall 2021
 - Secondary Officer, Fall 2019- Spring 2020
 - Researched and prepared information about women's suffrage for Women's History Month Fair, March 2020.
 - Helped host and facilitate an academic talk via Zoom called *Co-Documenting An Illusions Empire*, September 2020
- "Citizens of Cossit Digital Project," Memphis Public Library, January 2021-May 2021
 - Mellon-Foundation funded collaboration between the University of Memphis and the Memphis Public Library (MPL) to research the history and reimagine the future of MPL's first branch library
 - Write short, weekly posts for the Memphis Public Library's social media accounts and website based on primary research related to the library
- Shiloh National Military Park, National Park Service (May 2020-August 2020)
 - Programs Developed: Backbone of the Army: Infantry, The Native American Mounds of Shiloh, Why Shiloh?: Pittsburg Landing, Little Napoleon: General P.G.T. Beauregard at the Battle of Shiloh
 - Assisted with opening and closing procedures of the Visitor Center each day
 - Adapted to new guidelines in response to COVID-19

Presentations

- *Germanic Emigration to Memphis, 1865-1880*, National Conference of Undergraduate Research, April 2022.
- *Germanic Immigrants' Impact on the Expansion of Education in Memphis, 1865-1880*, Student Research Forum, University of Memphis Honors College and Graduate School, March, 28th, 2022 (awarded first place in Liberal and Fine Arts category)
- *Germanic Immigrants' Impact on the Expansion of Education in Memphis, 1865-1880*, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, February 19th, 2022 (awarded best paper in panel, *Building New Identities*)
- *Germanic Emigration to Memphis, 1865-1880*, History Undergraduate Research Colloquium (HURC in the HERC), University of Memphis Department of History, November 18th, 2021.
- *The Effects of Germanic Emigrants in Memphis, Tennessee, 1865-1880*, Works-in-Progress Symposium, University of Memphis Honors College, November 17th, 2021 (awarded first place in the Liberal and Fine Arts category)
- *Standing in the Doorway: German Immigrants' Identities and Integration Along the Southern Mississippi River, 1830-1873*, Student Research Forum, University of Memphis Honors College and Graduate School, March 15th, 2021 (awarded first place in the Liberal and Fine Arts category)

Teaching Experience

- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Texas A&M University, Fall 2022-Present
 - History 105 United States before 1877

Affiliations

- Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange High School Program, August 2016-Present
- Immigration and Ethnic History Society, June 2022-Present
- Phi Alpha Theta (History Honors Society), Epsilon Nu Chapter, University of Memphis, inducted April 2021
- Phi Kappa Phi, inducted April 2022
- Society of German-American Studies, May 2021-Present