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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, George Mason University. Expected degree conferral: spring 2027

- Major Field: American History
- Minor Fields: Public History; Colonialism

Master of Arts, Virginia Tech, 2015

- MA in History; Graduate Certificate in Public History

Bachelor of Arts, College of William & Mary, 2012

- History and English majors, *summa cum laude*
 - Advanced Studies in England, Bath, England, Fall 2010
 - Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, Summer 2009

Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant, George Mason Dept. of History and Art History, 2022–present

- For the fall 2026 semester, I am a graduate teaching assistant (GTA) for HIST 125: Introduction to Global History. Duties include grading and providing technical support.
- For the spring 2026 semester, I taught one section of HIST 122: Development of Modern America (instructor of record).
- For the fall 2025 semester, I served as a GTA for two sections of HIST 125.
- In the fall 2024 semester, I taught two recitation sections of HIST 125.
- For the 2022–2023 academic year, I served as a GTA for three sections of HIST 100: History of Western Civilization.

Adjunct Lecturer, Valparaiso University, 2025–present

- For the fall 2026 semester, I am teaching an online, asynchronous section of HIST 290: Exploring the Digital Past: Myth, Memory, and Monuments. I designed and first taught this course in fall 2025.

Adjunct Lecturer, University of Richmond, 2025

- For the fall 2025 semester, I designed and taught two sections of HIST 199: Remembering the American Revolution.

Graduate Research Assistant, George Mason University Libraries, 2023–2025

- For the 2023–2024 and 2024–2025 academic years, I worked as a Graduate Research Assistant with the Center for Mason Legacies, an initiative of the University Libraries Digital Scholarship Center under the direction of Dr. George Oberle. Duties included creating metadata for historical documents and editing biographical data related to the Mason Family Manuscript Account Book.

Adjunct Instructor, Virginia Tech Department of History, 2022–2025

- In the spring 2022 and spring 2025 semesters, I taught one section of an online, asynchronous course in the history department: HIST 3054: The American Civil War.

Lecturer / Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia Department of Engineering & Society, 2019–2022

- In the spring 2022 semester, I taught three discussion sections of STS 1500: Science, Technology, and Contemporary Issues (Designing for a Sustainable World), a required course in the School of Engineering and Applied Science's Department of Engineering and Society. I also served as a teaching assistant and grader for STS 1500 since 2019.
- In the fall 2021 semester, I served as a grader for one section of STS 4500: STS and Engineering Practice, a fourth year required course in the Department of Engineering and Society. In the fall 2019 semester, I taught one section of STS 4500.

Freelance Writer, Editor, and Researcher, 2011–2022

- Corporate and nonprofit clients include Frontier Thesis Press, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, Springpoint Senior Living, Study.com, DANA Communications, GoBe Tours, the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies, the Montgomery Museum of Art and History, and the Secondary School Admission Test Board; I have also edited a private memoir and several doctoral dissertations for colleagues.

Copywriter, Nest Realty Group, Charlottesville, Virginia, 2019–2021

- I created content for a variety of media, including the website and blog (WordPress) at www.nestrealty.com; Facebook and Instagram; and multiple client- and internal-facing print and digital marketing initiatives.
- I was a contributing editor of *NEST Magazine*, an in-house lifestyle magazine printed twice annually. I contributed multiple articles and copy-edited all magazine material.

Education & Programs Manager, Hanover Tavern Foundation, Hanover, Virginia, 2016–2018

- As an integral member of the small full-time management staff of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, I collaborated with the Board of Directors and staff to oversee existing education programs; I expanded field trips to include more than 2,000 fourth graders and created new programs such as a summer camp, ghost tours, and in-classroom living history programs for local schools, broadening the reach of Hanover Tavern in the community.

Lead Historical Interpreter, American Civil War Museum, Richmond, Virginia, 2015–2016

- I supervised and executed hands-on education programs and guided tours, overseeing daily operations of a small part-time staff.

Graduate Assistant, Virginia Tech, 2013–2015

- As Graduate Managing Editor of the *Virginia Tech Undergraduate Historical Review*, I supervised undergraduate staff to produce a peer-reviewed journal of original undergraduate history research, from selection to editing to layout, publishing submissions from several Virginia colleges and universities. www.vtuhr.org
- As a digital historian and public outreach assistant with the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies, I created a traveling trunk program of Civil War history and presented it in local classrooms. I also envisioned and created a digital and print driving tour of Southwest Virginia Civil War sites, working with other students to publish a brochure and website.

Intern, Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation, Blacksburg, Virginia, 2015

Intern, Montgomery Museum, Christiansburg, Virginia, 2014

Education Guide, Historic Jamestowne, Jamestown, Virginia, 2012–2013

Museum Program Assistant, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Jamestown, Virginia, 2013

Intern, The American Museum in Britain, Bath, England, 2010

Publications and Presentations

“The Lost Cause and Civil War Memory,” Invited Talk, Valparaiso University, 2026

Virginia Forum, 2026

- “Building the Backlash: Space, Race, and Memory in Charlottesville from Emancipation to Disfranchisement”

The Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Annual International Conference, 2026

- “When is it enough? Equity and Exhaustion in Charlottesville”

“Charlottesville after Jim Crow: Tokenism and the Built Environment,” Invited Talk, Center for Mason Legacies, George Mason University, 2026

91st Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, 2025

- “The Deracialization of Charlottesville: Tokenism and the Built Environment after Jim Crow”

Memorialization: Theory, Methods, Goals, and Ethics (Conference), University of Mississippi, 2025

- “Values Shift and Virtue Signals: The Ethics of Memorialization in Charlottesville”

Black Lives Next Door 2025 Symposium, Invited Talk, George Mason University, 2025

- “Underpinning the Community: African American History Revealed in the Mason Family Manuscript Account Book”

The Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Annual International Conference, 2025

- “Charlottesville’s Ethical Dissonance: White Supremacy, Virtue Signaling, and the Built Environment” (Poster)

“Fighting for the Franchise: African American Disfranchisement in Charlottesville, Virginia,” *Madison Historical Review* XXI, Article 6, Spring 2024.

“What’s in a Name? The Mason Family Manuscript Account Book as Data Set,” Invited Talk, George Mason University, 2024

“Making Memory Eternal: Remembering the Confederacy,” Invited Talk, San Diego State University, 2023

Brian Bertoti Innovative Perspectives in History Graduate Conference, Virginia Tech, 2023

- “‘An Appeal in Behalf of their Race’: African American Disfranchisement in Charlottesville, Virginia”

“Remembering the Civil War,” Invited Talk, University of Richmond, 2022

“Tributes to the Past, Present, and Future: World War I-Era Confederate Memorialization in Virginia” in *Controversial Monuments and Memorials: A Guide for Community Leaders*, edited by David B. Allison, published 2018, revised edition published 2023.

Richmond’s Civil War Monuments Bus Tour, Hanover Tavern Foundation, 2018

- I developed and led a bus tour of historic Civil War monuments in Richmond, Virginia.

Review of *On a Great Battlefield: The Making, Management, and Memory of Gettysburg National Military Park, 1933–2013*, by Jennifer M. Murray. *Journal of East Tennessee History*, 2016.

“Civil War Driving Tour of Southwest Virginia” (contributing editor). Virginia Center for Civil War Studies. 2016. civilwar.vt.edu/driving-tour

“Historic Christiansburg Walking Tour.” Montgomery Museum and Lewis Miller Regional Art Center. 2015. montgomerymuseum.org/learn/historic-christiansburg-walking-tour

Master’s Thesis: “Tributes to the Past, Present, and Future: Confederate Memorialization in Virginia, 1914–1919.” Defended 30 April 2015, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia.

Brian Bertoti Innovative Perspectives in History Graduate Conference, Virginia Tech, 2015

- “Brave Men and Noble Women: Confederate Monuments as Role Models, 1914–1919”

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Graduate Student Panel, Virginia Tech, 2014

Service and Awards

2026 Virginia Forum Graduate Paper Award

- “Building the Backlash: Space, Race, and Memory in Charlottesville from Emancipation to Disfranchisement”

George Mason University:

- Summer Graduate Research Assistantship, 2026
- Friends of Historic Huntley Award, 2026
- Co-President, History Graduate Student Organization, 2025–2026
- Graduate Student Travel Fund, George Mason University, 2025 & 2026
- Black Lives Next Door Andy Smith Prize, George Mason University, 2025
- Kurt Andrew Dodd Endowed Scholarship in History, 2024
- Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society, 2024
- The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, 2024

Virginia Tech:

- Secretary, History Graduate Student Association, 2014–2015
- William Preston Outstanding Thesis Award, 2016
- Outstanding Graduate Student in a Master's Program, 2015
- Virginia Center for Civil War Studies Graduate Scholarship, 2014
- Bertoti Conference Planning Excellence Award, 2014
- Frank L. Curtis Fund for the Study of Virginia History Scholarship, 2013

William & Mary:

- Fundraising Chair, William & Mary Choir, 2011–2012
- Wardrobe Chair, William & Mary Choir, 2009–2010
- Donald B. Irwin Memorial Scholarship, Tyler Dept. of History, 2010
- Golden Key International Honour Society
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- Alpha Lambda Delta & Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Societies

References

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