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Education

Ph.D. Candidate in History, Boston College, 2016-present

Dissertation Title: "Empire in the Age of Democracy: Dakota Territory, 1840-1890"

Advisor: Heather Cox Richardson

M.A. in History, Distinction, Boston College, 2016

Exam Fields: American West, Antebellum Slavery, and Global Empire

B.A. in History, Summa Cum Laude, Trinity College, 2014

Research Languages

Lakota (proficient), French (reading)

Fellowships and Awards

Graduate Fellowship, Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, 2018-present

Manning-Gelfand Summer Research Fellowship, 2017

H.E. Russell Fellowship, 2014-2017

Miles A. Tuttle Prize for Best Thesis in the History Department, 2014

American Studies Prize for Best Thesis in American Studies, 2014

Gerald A. McNamara Prize for Best Portfolio of Essays in History, 2014

Phi Beta Kappa, 2014

Pi Gamma Mu, 2014

Colin Leroy '10 Research Grant, 2013

President's Fellow for History, 2013

George J. Mead Prize in History, 2012

Publications

Review of David W. Grua, *Surviving Wounded Knee: The Lakotas and the Politics of Memory* (2016) in *Great Plains Quarterly*, 37:1 (Winter 2017): 73.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Boston College

Atlantic Worlds I-II, 2018-2019

American History Survey I-II, 2016-2017

America and the World I-II, 2015-2016

First-Year Mentor, Trinity College First-Year Program, 2013

Wilderness Instructor, Trinity College Quest Leadership Program, 2012-2013

English Teacher, Ikamva Youth, Khayelitsha, South Africa, 2012

Select Presentations

- “The Black Hills in Context: Research Findings on Dakota Territory,” Symposium to Honor Professor Roberta Manning, Boston College, 2018
- “Violence, War, and Redemption,” Moderator, Boston College Biennial Conference on the History of Religion, Boston College, 2018
- “‘Sufficient to Make an Empire’: The Politicians of Dakota Territory, 1861-1870,” Early American Republic Seminar, City University of New York, 2018
- “American Empire: The United States Moves South and West, 1828-1848,” Guest Lecture, American History Survey, Boston College, 2016
- “Where the Heart Is: Environmentalism in the American Home and Imagination, 1945-1999,” New England Historical Society Fall 2016 Conference, Rivier University, 2016
- “Native Americans in the 19th Century: Removal, Revenge, and Reservations,” Guest Lecture, America and the World II, Boston College, 2016
- “Indian Camps, Refugee Identities: The Experiences of Displaced Indian Territory Residents during the Civil War,” Northeastern University Graduate Student Conference, 2015
- “Civil War Borderlands: Escape, Exodus, and Relocation for the Enslaved Peoples of Indian Territory,” Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Conference, 2014

Public Engagement

- Op-Ed Contributor, Hartford Courant, 2017-2018
- Organizer, Boston College Biennial Conference on the History of Religion, 2017-2018
- “What Does Lincoln Have in Common with Comic Book Heroes?” *History News Network*. 6 August 2017. <http://historynewsnetwork.org/article/166458>.
- “The Lakota and the Contingency of History.” *We’re History*. 29 December 2016. <http://werehistory.org/contingency/>.
- “Democracy or Slavery?” *We’re History*. 23 September 2016. <http://werehistory.org/debate/>.
- “A Tale of Two Standoffs.” *Jacobin Magazine*. 21 August 2016. <https://www.jacobinmag.com/2016/08/dakota-access-pipeline-protests-lakota/>.
- “The 3/5ths Clause and Indian Removal.” *We’re History*. 12 November 2015. <http://werehistory.org/indian-removal/>.
- “The History Channel and the Myth of American Exceptionalism.” *We’re History*. 23 October 2015. <http://werehistory.org/history-channel/>.
- “American Independence and the Promise of Equality.” *We’re History*. 6 July 2015. <http://werehistory.org/promise-of-equality/>.
- Editor, WereHistory.org, 2014-2015

References

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