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EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago 2022

BA History, *summa cum laude* (3.932 GPA)

- 20th Century Military History Concentration
- Marketing Minor, Quinlan School of Business
- Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society
- Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

Society of the Cincinnati 2025

American Revolution Institute

- *Whist and the 4th South Carolina Regiment Order Book* lecture

Charleston Pour House 2025

Local Artist Mural Competition

- *REO Speedwagon* mural

Loyola University Chicago 2022

Graduate Student Association Symposium

- *POW Graphic Novels* poster

Northwestern University 2022

Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium

- *Illustrating to Illuminate the Past* speech
- *POW Graphic Novels* poster

University of Wisconsin-Madison 2022

ARCHIVE Journal of History

- *WWII POW Graphic Novels* publication

AWARDS

Loyola University Chicago 2021-2022

Provost Fellowship

Loyola Department of History 2021

Outstanding Undergraduate Blog Award

Mellon Foundation 2020

Outstanding Academic Internship Award

Iowa State Bar Association 2019

American Citizenship Award

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

South Carolina Historical Society Charleston, SC

APRIL 2023 - PRESENT

Education Coordinator

- Co-curated and wrote American Revolution temporary and traveling exhibits, and designed permanent interactive exhibit
- Developed and taught *Traveling Archive* classroom curriculum
- Wrote and guided weekly architectural tour *These Walls Talk* and K-12 field trips
- Illustrated brochures and social media content, operated schseducation.org website
- Advertised programs on *Lowcountry Live* morning show
- Researched and wrote guides for *Maps & Madeira* and *Diaries & Drinks* events and tours to cities Kingstree and Gaffney
- Developed Constitutional Scholars student research program
- Coordinated annual *Winter Lecture Series*
- Represented Historical Society at nation-wide conferences
- Served as secretary in *Lowcountry Cultural Education Collective*

Bulldog Tours Charleston, SC

OCTOBER 2023 - PRESENT

Licensed City of Charleston Tour Guide

- Guided multiple 90-120 minute urban walking tours weekly

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Cedar Rapids, IA

MAY 2019 - APRIL 2023

Education Coordinator

- Wrote, guided, and recorded exhibit tours
- Hosted international delegations of historians
- Illustrated brochure for Smithsonian exhibit *Righting a Wrong*
- Organized community education scholars panel
- Planned annual event *Old World Christmas Market*

Cold War Education Artist in Residence

- Educated public in exhibit *Revolution Starts in the Streets* and *Berlin Wall* public art project
- Operated Instagram page for exhibit promotion
- Collaborated with professional street artist Ganzeer to teach aerosol and paste paper art workshop

Pritzker Military Museum & Library Chicago, IL

JANUARY 2021 - MAY 2022

Graphic Novelist Fellow

- Researched, wrote, illustrated, and published five graphic novels on American POW experience