

Christina K. Roberts

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Education

University of California, Santa Barbara PhD Student, Fall 2018/2019

University of Nevada Reno: MA History, May 2018. Thesis: A Path to the Stars Vs the Space Frontier, National Space Mythology in Soviet and American Newspapers, 1957-1969

University of Nevada Reno: BA History, Cum Laude, May 2014

Western Nevada College: Associate of General Studies. Magna Cum Laude, May 2012

Employment

UCSB Center for Cold War Studies, Fellow. 2018/2019

UNR Core Humanities Department: Teaching Assistant. Spring 2015. Fall 2015/Spring 2016. Fall 2016/Spring 2017. Fall 2017/Spring 2018, Summer 2018 Online Instructor. Discussion leader, grader and instructor in Core Humanities 202 The Modern World and Core Humanities 212 Science, Technology and Society in the Modern World. 20 hours per week.

UNR History Department: Summer 2015 job in the Shared History Program. Conducted oral history interviews and transcription, community research and outreach for the *Tahoe Recreation Experience* project. Project located at <http://sharedhistory.acs.unr.edu/tahoe/oral-histories/>. 20 hours per week.

UNR History Department: Research assistant, Fall 2014. Sourced digitized news articles, transcribed digital text online for natural language processing project. 10 hours per week.

University of Nevada, Reno Libraries, Special Collections: February 2014 – June 2014

Located and edited digital and print photos, and performed data entry; conducted community research and outreach to help build the Reno Historical App, a web and mobile application about the history of Reno, NV. Project located at renohistorical.org. 20 hours per week.

Presentations

SoCIA 2018: Social and Conceptual Issues in Astrobiology Conference

April 13-15, 2018 Reno, NV (University of Nevada, Reno)

Talk, “A Path to the Stars vs the Space Frontier - National Space Mythology in Soviet and American Newspapers, 1957-1969”

Society for the History of Technology Annual Meeting

October 26-29, 2017 Philadelphia, PA

Graduate Workshop, “Petite Engineer Likes Math, Science”

NASA in the Long Civil Rights Movement Conference

March 16-17, 2017 Huntsville AL

Paper, "Petite Engineer Likes Math, Science"

Publications

"Petite Engineer Likes Math, Music" chapter in forthcoming (working title) *NASA in the Long Civil Rights Movement*, University Press of Florida, Ed. Brian Odom, MSFC Historian.

Skills

Beginning digital historian including website presentation, audio and video production and oral history. Omeka archival content management. Database construction, digital primary source natural language processing, data visualization. Sample work located at <https://christinaroberts71.wordpress.com>.

Volunteer/Department Service

2015 National History Day judge.

UNR History Department Graduate Student Representative. 2015/2016, 2016/2017.

Special Interests

The cultural significance of the U.S. space program. Planetary astronomy. The impact of digital history on practices, standards and theory in the history profession. Cello.