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## Education

Ph.D. student, History, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2019-Present

Advisor: Patrick McCray

Dissertation: “The Places of Mars: How Planetary Scientists Traveled to Mars and Created Environmental Knowledge, 1960-1998”

M.A., History, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Spring 2018

Advisor: Andrew Kirk

Thesis: “Outer Space in a Western Place: How Environmental Perceptions of the American West Shaped the Space Race”

B.A., History, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Spring 2014

Concentration: U.S. History & Philosophy

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## Research Interests

- Histories of Outer Space
  - History of Science
  - U.S. Cold War era
  - (US) American West
  - Environmental History
  - History of Technology
  - Public History
  - Memory, Perception, and Narrative
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## Professional Presentations

*History of NASA and the Environment Symposium*, September 2022

Panel – “Seeing Mars: How the First Close-Up Images of Mars Reshaped Knowledge of the Red Planet’s Environment in the 1960s”

UCSB, Environmental Studies 1, “Introduction to Environmental Studies,” w/ Nicky Rehnberg, July 2021

Guest Lecture – “Can We Run Away From Environmental Problems?: Outer Space and the Environment in Recent History”

UCSB, History 17C “US History, WWI to Present,” w/ Professor Eric Fenrich, July 2020

Guest Lecture – “Nuclear Testing, Technology, and the Environment”

*American Historical Association*, 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Pacific Coast Branch, July 2019

Panel – “Outer Space in a Western Place: How Environmental Perceptions of the Nevada Test Site Shaped the Space Race”

*American Society for Environmental History*, Annual Meeting, April 2019

Poster Presentation – “Lasting Legacies of Cold War Environmental Perceptions”

*Organization of American Historians*, Annual Meeting, April 2018

Panel – “Levels of Collaboration: Presenting University Research through Public and Private Institutions”

*National Council on Public History*, Annual Meeting, April 2018

Session – “Vintage Vegas: A Pop-Up Fashion Exhibition” – Affiliate

Pop-Up – “Remembrance and Healing in the Mexican Ofrenda” – Affiliate

*Graduate and Professional Student Association* Research Forum, February 2018

Panel – “*Atomic Liquors* and Intermountain Histories: Digital Collaboration”

*American Historical Association*, 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Pacific Coast Branch, August 2017

Round Table – “Consuming the Past: Representing Prohibition Era Material Culture with Public History”

*Graduate and Professional Student Association* Research Forum, April 2017

Poster Presentation – “Persistent Mythologies of a Defiant West”

*American Cultural Association*, Far West Popular Culture Association Conference, Feb. 2017

Round Table - “Public History and Popular Culture: Complicating the Flapper and Prohibition Era Gangster”

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## Public History and Professional Experience

Historical Research Associates, Inc. – August 2021

- Ongoing CERCLA case – Research Consultant

UNLV Lied Library’s Special Collections and Archives – August 2018-August 2019

- Backlog Elimination Project – Archival Processing Assistant

Liberace Foundation for the Creative and Performing Arts – August 2014-January 2017

- “*Too Much of a Good Thing is... Wonderful!*” – Docent
- *Liberace at Thriller Villa: Mr. Showmanship and the Man in the Mirror* – Curator/Docent
- “*An Evening at Piazza de Liberace*” – Curator/Docent/Silent Auction Manager
- *Liberace Garage* at the Hollywood Cars Museum – Curator/Docent

*National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta – Psi Sigma* – Fall 2013-Present

- Downtown Las Vegas guided tour with Professor Michael Green – Organizer/Author

UNLV Public History Program – Fall 2016-Spring 2018

- *Ready to Roar* exhibit at The National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement (The Mob Museum) – November 2016-May 2017 – Education Team/Photographer
  - *Teaching with Historic Places* unpublished lesson plan, “The Las Vegas Cold War: Secrecy vs. Publicity” – Summer 2017 – Researcher and Author
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## Awards and Grants

National Science Foundation Travel Grant, *American Society for Environmental History* – Spring 2019

Conference Travel Award, *Graduate & Professional Student Association* – Spring 2018

Presidents' Graduate Student Travel Award, Pacific Coast Branch-*American Historical Association* – Summer 2017

Jerry Lodge and Robert E. Clark Scholarship, *University of Nevada, Las Vegas* – Spring 2017

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## Digital History and Online Publications

“William Marino on Perrin Selcer, *The Postwar Origins of the Global Environment: How the United Nations Built Spaceship Earth*,” H-Environment, H-Net Reviews, July 2020. <https://networks.h-net.org/node/19397/reviews/6269508/marino-selcer-postwar-origins-global-environment-how-united-nations>

“Atomic Liquors,” *Intermountain Histories*, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies at BYU, Spring 2017. <http://www.intermountainhistories.org/items/show/29>

“Understanding the Nature of the Nuclear West at Yucca Mountain,” *What's New in Special Collections*, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, August 16, 2019. <https://www.library.unlv.edu/whats-new-special-collections/2019/2019-08/understanding-nature-nuclear-west-yucca-mountain-billy>

“Cold War Legacies: Preservation and Use at Historic Sites,” *NCPH, History @ Work*, March 16, 2018. <http://ncph.org/history-at-work/cold-war-legacies-preservation-and-use-at-historic-sites/>

“Nostalgic Memories of the Flapper,” *Ready to Roar*, UNLV Public History, November 14, 2016. <https://www.unlvpublichistory.com/nostalgic-memories-of-the-flapper>

UNLV Public History Program Digital Specialist – Spring 2018

- Web Design: Created page layouts and produced content while rebuilding website.
  - Social Media: Established program's social media presence and set up for continued online presence and outreach
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## Professional Membership

*National Council of Public Historians*

*Organization of American Historians*

*American Historical Association*

*American Society for Environmental History*

*National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta – Psi Sigma*

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## **Teaching Experience**

Teaching Assistant and Reader – UCSB – September 2019-Present

- Engr 101, “Ethics in Engineering,” – Teaching Assistant for Professor Kenneth Hough – Fall 2022-Present
- Summer Research Academies, Track 5, “Critical Intelligence: Informing the Public in the Digital Age” – Teaching Assistant for Mattie Webb – Summer 2022
- Hist 20, “Science and the Modern World” – Teaching Assistant for Professor Elena Aronova – Spring 2022
- Hist 8, “Introduction to History of Latin America” – Teaching Assistant for Professor Cecilia Méndez – Winter 2022
- Hist 2C, “World History, 1700-Present” – Teaching Assistant for Professor Jarett Henderson – Fall 2021
- ES 1, “Introduction to Environmental Studies” – Teaching Assistant for Nicky Rehnberg – Summer 2021
- ES 3, “Introduction to the Social and Cultural Environment,” – Teaching Assistant for Professor Jen Martin – Spring 2021
- HIST 20, “Science and the Modern World” – Teaching Assistant for Professor Patrick McCray – Winter 2021
- ES 1, “Introduction to Environmental Studies” – Teaching Assistant for Professor Peter Alagona – Fall 2020
- HIST 17C, “US History, World War I to Present” – Teaching Assistant for Professor Eric Fenrich – Summer 2020
- HIST 171D, “The United States and the World Since 1945” – Reader for Professor Salim Yaqub – Spring 2020
- HIST 20, “Science and the Modern World” – Teaching Assistant for Professor Patrick McCray – Winter 2020
- HIST 142AL, “American Legal and Constitutional History” – Reader for Professor Giuliana Perrone – Fall 2019

Graduate Assistant – UNLV – January 2017-May 2018

- UNLV Public History Program Digital Specialist - Online communication and NCPH conference administration – Spring 2018
- HIST 100, “Empires and Constitutions” – Discussion Leader of two class sections for Professor Michelle Tusan – Fall 2017
- HIST 102 - Grading and class management for Professor Jay Coughtry – Spring 2017

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## **Professional Service**

*Graduate Studies Committee*, UCSB Department of History – Graduate Student Representative – Fall 2022-Spring 2023 (upcoming)

*History Graduate Student Association*, UCSB – Treasurer – Summer 2020-Summer 2021

*American Society for Environmental History* – Registration Volunteer – April 2019

*National Council on Public History* – UNLV Public History booth Volunteer – April 2018

*American Society of Legal History* – Registration Volunteer – October 2017

*National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta – Psi Sigma* – Fall 2013-Present

- Social Media Coordinator – January 2017-December 2017

Academic Coaching Experts – Fall 2016

- Tutoring in organizational management and European History