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Education

University of California, Santa Barbara: History PhD Candidate

Dissertation: “Spacemobile – NASA Stakes its Claim on American Science Education, 1961-2014.”

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 Writing Program

Associate Instructor

2023/2024 WRIT 2 – FALL 2023, WINTER 2024

Associate Instructor

WRIT 2 - SUMMER 2023

Teaching Assistant Instructor

2022/2023. WRIT 2 – FALL 2022, WINTER 2023, SPRING 2023

UCSB History Department

Teaching Assistant

2023 – SUMMER HIST W17B

2021/2022 - FALL HIST 7, SUMMER HIST W2A

2020/2021 - FALL HIST 17A, WINTER HIST 5, SPRING HIST 17C

2019/2020 - FALL HIST 17A, WINTER HIST 2A, SPRING HIST 4C, SUMMER HIST 2C

2018/2019 - SPRING HIST 2C, SUMMER HIST 4B,

Student Research Assistant:

SUMMER 2021-SUMMER 2022. HIST 9 Assessment Project.

UCSB Center for Cold War Studies

Fellow

WINTER 2022, SPRING 2022

FALL 2018, WINTER 2019

Co-coordinator of the Eighteenth Annual UCSB-GWU-LSE International Graduate Conference on the Cold War, April 2022

What Every1 Says, A 4 Humanities Project

Research Assistant: AY 2019/2020, AY 2020/2021.

Summer Research Camp, 2019, 2020.

UNR University Writing Center

Consultant, Spring 2018

UNR Core Humanities Department

Teaching Assistant. Spring 2015 – Spring 2018

Summer 2018 Online Instructor

Publications

“Petite Engineer Likes Math, Music” in *NASA and the Long Civil Rights Movement*. Edited by Brian C. Odom and Stephen P. Waring. University of Florida Press. (2019)

Presentations

American Philosophical Society, April Meeting. "NASA's Other Science Diplomacy - Spacemobile Goes Abroad in the 1960s" - Sacramento CA, April 3 - 6, 2024. Session: Science Across Borders. Invited Talk.

American Institute of Physics & Neils Bohr Institute, Center for History of Physics

Fifth Biennial Early-Career Conference for Historians of the Physical Sciences, “Spacemobile Goes Abroad - NASA's Cold War Science Education Diplomacy, 1962-1968,” August 30 -September 3, 2023. Copenhagen, Denmark. Research Talk.

Glendale Community College Science Lecture Series, Spring 2023. “Petite Engineer Likes Math, Music – NASA Women at Work in the 1960s”. March 28, 2023. Invited talk.

History of Education Society Annual Meeting. “Spacemobile – NASA's Entry into American Science Education”. November 4-7, 2021. San Diego, CA. Research Talk.

Science History Institute Pedagogy, Popularization, and the Public Understanding of Science Conference. “Spacemobile: NASA as Science Educator and Popularizer” Oct. 22-23, 2020. Virtual.

SoCIA 2018: Social and Conceptual Issues in Astrobiology Conference

April 13-15, 2018 Reno, NV (University of Nevada, Reno). “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 History Office NASA in the Long Civil Rights Movement Conference. March 16-17, 2017 Huntsville, AL. “Petite Engineer Likes Math, Music”

Skills

Digital humanities including website presentation, audio and video production and oral history. Omeka archival content management. Database construction, natural language processing, data visualization, topic modeling interpretation. ARCGIS Storymaps, Wordpress, Zoom, Canvas. Archival research. Writing Instruction.

Special Interests

The cultural significance of the U.S. space program. Planetary science. Cello. Gardening.