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EMPLOYMENT

Digital Scholarship Consultant, Digital Scholarship Center, George Mason University Libraries, 2019-present

Library Associate, Thomas Balch Library, 2017-2019

Graduate Research Assistant, Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media, George Mason University, 2015-2019

Digital History Fellow, Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media, George Mason University, 2014-2015

Adult Assistant Services, Wilkinsburg Public Library, 2013-2014

Collections Department Associate, Hillman Library, University of Pittsburgh's University Library System, 2012-2013

Intern, Library of Virginia, 2011-2012

Peer Advisor, Department of History, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2011-2012

Tutor, Campus Learning Center, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2010-2012

EDUCATION

Expected 2022: PhD, History, George Mason University

Dissertation: "'With All Her Sad Disasters, What Do We See in This City?':

Reconstruction, Race, and the Politics of Disaster in Richmond, 1870-1918"

Major field: American History, passed with distinction

Minor fields: Public History; Digital Humanities

MA, History, George Mason University, 2016

MLIS, University of Pittsburgh, 2013

BA, History, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2012

BA, Political Science, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2012

DIGITAL PROJECTS

Black Lives Next Door, with George D. Oberle, III, LaNitra Berger, Benedict Carton, Jessica Clark, Anne Dobberteen, and Anthony E. Guidone, Center for Mason Legacies, George Mason University, 2021-present
<silverbox.gmu.edu/legacy/s/blnd>

Racial Reckoning, with George D. Oberle, III, Anne Dobberteen, Wendi N. Manuel-Scott, and Benedict Carton, Center for Mason Legacies, George Mason University, 2020-present <silverbox.gmu.edu/legacy/s/racialreckoning>

- Mason Family Papers: The Digital Edition, with George D. Oberle, III, Anthony E. Guidone, Anne Dobberteen, and Jessica Clark, Center for Mason Legacies, George Mason University, 2019-present
<silverbox.gmu.edu/legacy/s/masonfamilypapers >
- Omeka Classic and Omeka S, with Sheila A. Brennan, Sharon M. Leon, John Flatness, Jim Safley, Kim Nguyen, Megan R. Brett, and Ken Albers, Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media, George Mason University, 2015-2019
<omeka.org>
- Papers of the War Department, with Sheila A. Brennan, Sharon M. Leon, Christopher Hamner, Jim Safley, Kim Nguyen, Megan R. Brett, and Jessica Dauterive, Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media, George Mason University, 2015-2019 <wardepartmentpapers.org>
- September 11 Digital Archive, with Sheila A. Brennan, Sharon M. Leon, and Jim Safley, Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media, George Mason University, 2015-2017 <911digitalarchive.org>

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- “‘Party Feelings and Sectional Animositities Were in a Moment Forgotten’: Reconciliation and Relief During Richmond’s Year of Disasters, 1870,” in *Rethinking American Disasters*, ed. Cynthia A. Kierner, Matthew Mulcahy, and Liz Skilton (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, *forthcoming*)
- Entries in the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*: “Charles William Dickinson,” “Walter Carlton Elliott,” “Lora Effie Hotchkiss Ellyson,” “Elisabeth Randolph Shirley Enochs” <lva.virginia.gov/public/dvb>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Digital Initiatives at the Center for Mason Legacies,” with Anne Dobberteen, Anthony Guidone, and George Oberle, Conference on Community Writing, 2021
- Speaker, “Mason Instructor Resources Roadshow and Resource Fair,” George Mason University Innovations in Teaching and Learning Conference, 2021
- “Library Support for Faculty Digital Projects,” with Wendy Mann, ACRL Digital Scholarship Section Digital Collections Discussion Group, 2021
- “Digital Initiatives and the Ethics of Racial Reckoning at the Center for Mason Legacies,” with Anne Dobberteen and George Oberle, Chesapeake Digital Humanities Consortium, 2021
- “Papers of the War Department: Updating the Digital Edition and Community Transcription Project,” Organization of American Historians, 2019
- “An Act of Charity: Teaching About Military Pensions in the Early Republic Using Online Primary Source Documents,” with Christopher Hamner and Megan R.

Brett, National Council for History Education, 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Hist 390: The Digital Past, George Mason University, co-instructor, fall 2021

Hist 794: Internship in Applied History, George Mason University, co-instructor, fall 2020

WORKSHOP EXPERIENCE

Introduction to Constellate, A Text Analysis Platform, workshop instructor, 2021

<<https://gmu.libcal.com/event/7643992>>

Text and Data Mining: Legal and Ethical Considerations, workshop instructor, 2020-present

<gmu.libcal.com/event/7329853> and

<gmu.libcal.com/calendar/events/buildinglltdm>

Using Voyant for Text Analysis, workshop instructor, 2020

<gmu.libcal.com/event/6191267>

The Networked Curator, project associate and graduate research assistant, 2017

<networkedcurator.doingdh.org>

Doing Digital History, project associate and graduate research assistant, 2016

<history2016.doingdh.org>

AWARDS AND HONORS

Research Leave, George Mason University Libraries, 2020

Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society, 2018

Summer Research Fellowship, George Mason University, 2018

McKinnon-Morton Research Fellowship, George Mason University, 2017

Graduate Assistantship and Tuition Scholarship, George Mason University, 2015-2018

CW Bright Pixel Prize for the Best History and New Media Project, 2015

Digital History Fellowship, George Mason University, 2014-2015

L Douglas Wilder School of Government & Public Affairs Outstanding Political Science Student, 2012

Scholarship recipient, Virginia Commonwealth University Global Education Office, 2010

LIBRARY AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Chair, Geospatial Resources Librarian Search Committee, 2021

Contributing editor to "Digital Humanities Projects" and "History of Race & Racism" in Anti-Racism, #BlackLivesMatter, and Civic Action Infoguide, George Mason

University Libraries, 2020-present <infoguides.gmu.edu/antiracism-blm>

Digital Scholarship Working Group coordinator, George Mason University Libraries,

2019-present
Professional Development Committee, Librarians' Council, George Mason University
Libraries, member 2019-2021, co-chair 2020-2021

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Certified Carpentries instructor, 2020 <carpentries.org>
Building Legal Literacies for Text Data Mining Institute attendee, 2020
<buildingltdm.org>

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Outreach and Communications Chair, Chesapeake Digital Humanities Consortium
Steering Committee, 2021-present
Southern Association for Women Historians, Graduate Student Representative, 2019-
2020