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Education

Doctor of Philosophy in History (ABD) **In Progress**
University of Calgary, Calgary, AB

Master of Arts in History **2019**
University of Calgary, Calgary, AB

Bachelor of Arts: History Major **2017**
University of Calgary, Calgary, AB

Research, Archival, and Teaching Experience

Graduate Assistant Researcher **Aug. 2021-Present**
University of Calgary, Dr. Kevin Anderson

- Collect data from the Hansard as part of SSHRC-funded project on the role of federal Social Credit Party in normalizing conspiracy theories in Canadian political culture

EMI Audio Migration Preparation Tech **Dec. 2020-Present**
University of Calgary Archives and Special Collections

- Manage migration of tapes from archival storage to third party digitization groups, maintaining industry standard best-practices and ensuring preservation of multiple tape formats

Graduate Teaching Assistant **Sept. 2017-Apr. 2019; Sept. 2020-Present**
University of Calgary

- Primary person responsible for grading papers, exams, and other assignments
- Responsible for conducting lectures when the professor was away in addition to teaching tutorial sessions, paper writing tutorials, and exam prep sessions
- Maintained twice weekly office hours and responded to student emails promptly
- Managed material on D2L and sent information packets to students

Archival Digitization Specialist **June 2018-Nov. 2019**
University of Calgary Archives and Special Collections

- Personally handled ongoing legacy project to digitize 18000+ theses based on public need, including initial responses, ordering archival boxes, scanning, editing, disseminating to requesters, and uploading to PRISM

- Responsible for independently curating and digitizing an 800 item archival collection of primary sources regarding the Winnipeg General Strike of 1919
- Scanned, edited, transcribed, and recorded metadata for each item, in addition to developing a new cataloguing system to connect related items in the database to make it more accessible for historians

Graduate Assistant Researcher

Sept. 2018-Apr. 2019

Dr. David Bercuson, University of Calgary

- Did the groundwork for research for several projects, including two articles and a forthcoming book, both online and in person
- Responsibilities included a trip to Ottawa to find relevant primary documents and communicating with private archives to determine if they had relevant material

Content Analysis Consultant for Canadian National Legacy Project Jan. 2017-Aug. 2017

The Confederation Debates

- Compiled relevant data from historical primary sources including Hansard regarding Confederation debates for Alberta and Saskatchewan to be used in Jr. and Sr. High School curriculum nationwide
- Worked under direct supervision of project leader as sole researcher for these provinces

Research Consultant for *The Peaceful Afghanistan*

Oct. 2016

Business for Better Society

- Provided all primary and secondary historical research on the Wakhan Corridor region of Afghanistan to be used for the coffee table book *The Peaceful Afghanistan*

Publications

Book Chapters

- McGowan, Victoria. "Eastern People on Western Prairies: How Early Eastern European Immigrants Shaped Alberta's Political Future" in: Vassányi, Miklós et al. *Minorities in Canada: Intercultural Investigations*. Budapest: L'Harmattan-KRE, 2020. pp. 35-50.
- Sotvedt, Victoria. "Reporting Reconnaissance: Comparative Practices in American and Canadian Reporting in the Second World War." Forthcoming, Summer 2022.

Academic Positions

President, History Graduate Student Union

Sept. 2018-Apr. 2019

- Responsible for advocacy for history graduate students and improving graduate quality of life, including organizing social events, developing workshops to improve academic skills, and assisting students with applications for conferences etc.

- Organized each meeting of the HGSU and acted as intermediate between executives, students, and faculty

Bow River Graduate Conference Committee

Oct. 2018-Apr. 2019

- Organizing member of the Bow River Graduate Conference planning committee for the 2019 conference
- Helped identify potential keynote speakers, directed funding applications, and ensured deadlines were met for each planning stage

Conference Papers and Other Presentations

88th Annual Meeting for the Society of Military History

Apr. 2022

- Presented “‘That Scruffy Unshaven Feeling’: Hygiene, Masculinity, and Morale in 3rd Canadian Infantry Division in the Second World War.”

53rd NeMLA Annual Convention

Mar. 2022

- Presented “The Goodes are Evil: Temporal Class Critique and the *Fear Street* Trilogy.”

Second World War Research Group North America Workshop

Feb. 2022

- Presented “From Covert Reports to Front-Page News: How North American Newspaper Reports Contributed to Views on Reconnaissance Actions.”

87th Annual Meeting for the Society of Military History

May 2021

- Presented “‘Put the Throttle Down’: Leading First Canadian Army on the Run Through France.”

86th Annual Meeting for the Society of Military History (Covid-19 virtual reschedule) Nov. 2020

- Presented “Developing Doctrine: 7th Canadian Reconnaissance Regiment in the Normandy Campaign.”

Bow River Graduate Conference

Apr. 2019

- Presented “The Role of Canadian Armour in the Scheldt.”

Royal Military College Annual History Symposium

Nov. 2018

- Presented “The End of the War?: Repatriation Efficiency and Discipline in the Canadian Army After the Second World War.”

Bow River Graduate Conference

Apr. 2018

- Presented “Canadian Armoured Efficiency in the Normandy Campaign.”

85th Annual Meeting for the Society of Military History

Apr. 2018

- Presented “The Suicide Corner: Canadian Armour in the Bocage, June to August 1944.”

Awards

Currently Held Awards (2021-2022 Academic Year)

- HCol Robert S. Gibson Graduate Scholarship in Military History \$5,000
- Alberta Graduate Excellence Graduate Scholarship (AGES) \$15,000

Previously Held Awards

- Alberta Graduate Excellence Graduate Scholarship (2020) \$15,000
- Chancellor Norford Graduate Scholarship (2020) \$14,000
- Queen Elizabeth II Graduate (Master’s) Scholarship (2018) \$10,800
- Alberta Graduate Student Scholarship (2018) \$3,000
- Queen Elizabeth II Graduate (Master’s) Scholarship (2017) \$7,200
- Jason Lang Scholarship (2013, 2014) \$1,000
- Alexander Rutherford Scholarship (2013) \$1,900

Interests and Skills

- Languages: English and Latin (fluent), French and Norwegian (basic)
- Audio recording, migration, and editing for established podcast
- Music: Achieved Level 8 Royal Conservatory of Music certification in Piano and History & Theory Advanced certification
- Proficient with data entry and Microsoft Suite
- Strategy games, including chess, video games, and weekly Dungeons & Dragons sessions