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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. Candidate, *Distinction*, History, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, 2021—
M.A., American History, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, 2020
M.A., History, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, 2018
B.A., Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts & History, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, 2015

DISSERTATION PROJECT:

“Salt & Sand: Deep History in the Permian Basin” (to be defended May 2024)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS:

Moody Dissertation Fellowship, Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies, SMU, 2023-24
Graduate Student in Residence, Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute, SMU, 2021-22
Recipient, Lansing B. Bloom Award, Best Master's Thesis on New Mexico and the Southwest,
“Blackdom: Interpreting the Hidden History of New Mexico’s Black Town,” 2019-20
Luis Martín Graduate Fellow, William P. Clements Department of History, SMU, 2019—
University Ph.D. Fellowship, Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies, SMU, 2018—
Ph.D. Fellowship, Clements Department of History, Southern Methodist University, 2018—
Graduate Assistant Fellowship, History Department, University of New Mexico, 2016-2018
Phi Kappa Phi, University of New Mexico, 2014-15

GRANTS:

Research Grant, Clements Center for Southwest Studies, SMU, 2023
Conference Travel Grant, SMU Dedman Graduate Student Assembly, 2022
Research Grant, Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute, SMU, 2021-22
Research Grant, Clements Center for Southwest Studies, SMU, 2021-22
Research Funding Grant, Clements Center for Southwest Studies, SMU, 2019
Research Travel Grant, SMU Dedman Graduate Student Assembly, 2019
Conference Travel Grant, SMU Office of Research and Graduate Studies, 2019
History Scholar Grant, New Mexico Office of the State Historian, 2018

PUBLICATIONS:

Articles

“For Want of Water: Environmental Crisis and the Demise of New Mexico’s Black Town,” *New Mexico Historical Review*. (Forthcoming)

“Blackdom: Revisiting Race in New Mexico’s Black Town,” *Panhandle Plains Historical Review*, vol. XC (December 2019): 74-98.

Book Reviews:

Review of Robert Woods Sayre, *Modernity and Its Other: The Encounter with North American Indians in the Eighteenth Century* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2017), *Western Historical Quarterly*, vol. 49, no. 4 (Winter 2018), 481-82.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITY:

Paper, "Mineral Lives and Landscapes in the 20th-Century Southwest: The Labor Underground—Potash Miners and Unionism in the Permian Basin," Western History Association, Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, October 26-29, 2023.

Lecture, "Salt & Sand: Deep History in the Permian Basin," Clements Center for Southwestern Studies, SMU, September 20, 2023.

Paper, "Wastelanding Across the West: Gnome Site and the Environmental Legacies of Project Plowshare," Western History Association, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, October 14, 2022.

Lecture, "Atomic Hubris: Error, Miscalculation, and New Mexico's Energy Legacy," Graduate Student in Residence Capstone Seminar, Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute, SMU, May 5, 2022.

Roundtable, "Afro-Frontier & Borderlands: 100 Years Later, Intersections at Blackdom, New Mexico," Western History Association, Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, October 15, 2020.

Paper, "Blackdom: Revisiting Race in New Mexico's Black Town," Louisiana State University Graduate History Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, February 23, 2019.

Lecture, "Blackdom: Interpreting the Hidden History of New Mexico's Black Town." History Scholars Lecture Series, sponsored by the New Mexico Office of the State Historian, in cooperation with the Center for Southwest Research and the Center for Regional Studies at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, May 4, 2018.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Ursuline Academy of Dallas, Dallas, TX
Substitute Teacher, Spring 2023
Long-Term Substitute Teacher, "AP U.S. History," Fall 2022

Clements Department of History, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
Teaching Assistant, "Presidents at War," Fall 2021

Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque, NM
Instructor, "U.S. History," Summer 2022
Instructor, "U.S. History," Summer 2021

Instructor, "U.S. History," Summer 2020

Department of History, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

Teaching Assistant, "Trans-Mississippi West," Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant, "U.S. History to 1877," Fall 2017

Teaching Assistant, "Modern U.S. Military History," Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant, "Western Hero," Fall 2016

Carlsbad Municipal Schools, Carlsbad, NM

Teacher, "New Mexico History," 2015-2016

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND EMPLOYMENT:

Consultant, Graduate Writing Center, Moody School of Graduate Studies, SMU, 2021-23

Graduate Committee Student Representative, Clements Department of History, SMU, 2020-21

Research Assistant, Simmons School of Education and Human Development, SMU, 2019-20

Tutor, Office of Academic Development of Student Athletes, SMU, Fall 2019

Peer Advisor, University of New Mexico Honors College, 2013-15