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EDUCATION

Master of Science in Library & Information Science

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign • 2023

Bachelor of Arts in Art History and Classical Civilization

Oberlin College • 2019-2022

- Minors in Book Studies and Greek Language & Literature

ADDITIONAL COURSES

Latin Palaeography

University of Warwick • Remote • 10/2024-present

WORK EXPERIENCE

Collections As Data Librarian

Cornell University • Ithaca, NY • 08/2024-present

- Help students and scholars become more confident and critical users of digital technologies in public-facing scholarship
- Teach in-class and independent workshop sessions on digital humanities platforms and topics
- Consult on faculty and student projects related to digital collections, interactive data visualisations, and collections-as-data strategies
- Contribute scholarship to the humanities and information science fields through research, articles, conference presentations, and workshops

Library Assistant III

Oberlin College • Oberlin, OH • 10/2023-07/2024

- Managed front-end circulation of all Main Library materials
- Provided in-depth reference and research help through research appointments. Collaborated with Assessment Librarian on collection development and circulation assessment projects
- Co-taught information literacy sessions in academic courses with core reference team
- Created and maintained accessible LibGuides, instruction materials, policy documentation, and databases
- Manually preserved and created housing for books, serials, and other print library materials
- Supervised, mentored, and devised training for team of 22 student workers

BIPOC Fellow - Multicultural Resource Commons

Oberlin College • Oberlin, OH • 08/2023-09/2023

- In partnership with the Gender Fellow, ideated and led workshops sessions on bias, inclusion, and belonging
- Led and promoted programs addressing the specific needs of BIPOC students on Oberlin's campus

Smithsonian Libraries & Archives Summer Scholar

American Art & Portrait Gallery • Washington, DC • 06/2023-08/2023

- Performed reference and outreach services for senior-level researchers from AAPG collections
- Independently managed the processing and arrangement of Artists' Files ephemera for use in exhibitions and programs

Instructional Technology Design Teaching and Research Graduate Assistant

University of Illinois • Champaign, IL • 01/2023-05/2023

- Supported technology needs of UofI iSchool courses, faculty, staff, and students and designed instruction techniques
- Created and managed accessible and sustainable research databases for use by national and international post-docs

MCT Visual Resources Assistant

Oberlin College • Oberlin, OH • 09/2022-12/2022

- Processed, catalogued, and created a digital exhibit in Omeka for a collection of photos of prominent Black Victorians connected to Oberlin
- Digitized (photography and scans) and catalogued photo albums, ephemera, slides, and historical fashion-related print materials
- Collaborated with Curator and faculty members to set up and produce special collections and archival exhibitions

Elementary Greek Tutor

Oberlin College • Oberlin, OH • 09/2022-12/2022

- Introduced and explained grammatical concepts and alphabet of Ancient Greek (Attic and Epic forms) to first-year students

Library Greeter

Princeton University • Princeton, NJ • 06/2022-07/2022

- Greeted visitors to the Milberg Gallery at the Firestone Library entrance and provided directional and reference support for facilities
- Engaged and introduced international and national visitors with the "Through a Glass Darkly" Ripley Scrolls exhibition

Arts Student Ambassador

Oberlin College • Oberlin, OH • 03/2022-09/2022

- Served as department representative
- Engaged in informational meetings with prospective students and parents
- Provided feedback at prospective faculty job talks and roundtable discussions

Library Book Repair Technician

Oberlin College • Oberlin, OH • 09/2021-12/2022

- Preserved and repaired library books and Special Collections materials
- Engaged in special projects like curating rare books displays, papermaking, letterpress printing, and updating catalogue card entries

Cleveland Museum of Art Student Guide

Cleveland Museum of Art • Cleveland, OH • 09/2021-10/2022

- Engaged in close-looking exercises, on-site drawing and creative projects, and thematic tour experiences
- Designed tour projects to engage with the local community

Resident Assistant

Oberlin College • Oberlin, OH • 08/2021-09/2021

- Supervised 30+ undergraduate residents in a shared living community
- Performed regular rounds of all campus dorms for student safety

Circulation Desk Attendant - Student Supervisor

Oberlin College • Oberlin, OH • 05/2021-12/2022

- Assisted patrons with library inquiries, circulated materials
- Undertook special shelving and storage projects in Stacks department using Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress classification

PROJECTS

Exploring the Domestic Enslaved: Pompeii

Oberlin College • Oberlin, OH • 09/2022-present

- Presented research in public history-oriented Google Site, created and embedded code for enhanced readability
- Conducted focused research on archaeological and geological evidence for the presence of enslaved individuals in Pompeii

Wilson Bruce Evans Home Historical Society Photographs

Oberlin College • Oberlin, OH • 09/2022-11/2022

- In collaboration with visual resources curator, scanned a collection of 19th-century photographs and ephemera, created metadata for each item, and designed an Omeka collection of all objects for the Wilson Bruce Evans Home Historical Society.

Digital Resource Management Project

Oberlin College • Oberlin, OH • 01/2022-02/2022

- Assessed link quality for college libraries' digital materials in Summon and 360 Link
- Conducted research on effective linking methodologies and suggested database improvements

ExCo 202: The Corset Conundrum

Oberlin College • Oberlin, OH • 09/2020-12/2020

- Taught a for-credit course remote during the pandemic about Victorian fashion and textiles to undergraduate students
- Created a syllabus, assigned and graded papers and projects, and gave weekly in-class lecture

PUBLICATIONS

Race and the Medieval Consciousness: Perspectives on St. Maurice

On Second Thought (OST) • Oberlin, OH • Fall 2022

- In conducting this historiographic review, I sought to understand contemporary scholarship examining the relationship between race and sanctity, as well as the ways that historians have attempted to define “race” in Maurice’s historical milieu.

Distinctions of Greco-Roman Staffs, Rods, and Wands in Ritual and Myth

The Richard Macksey Undergraduate Research Journal, Johns Hopkins University • Baltimore, MD • 09/2021

- By supplementing the most recent compendium of Homeric references to wands in antiquity, this article analyses the dual functions of the wand or rod in ancient Greek rituals

CONFERENCES & SYMPOSIA

60th Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies

Western Michigan University • Kalamazoo, MI • 05/2025 (upcoming)

- Presenting “The Medievalists’ Shades of St. Maurice: Unpacking the Fungibility of Racial Descriptors Across Disciplines” as part of the special paper session Intersectional Onomastics (1): Names and Race/Ethnicity/Globally

2024 International Image Interoperability Framework Online Meeting

Virtual • 11/2024

- Presented on experiential project and teaching methodologies, “Using IIIF as a One-Stop Shop for Basic Web Literacy”

Johns Hopkins Undergraduate Research Symposium

The Johns Hopkins University • 09/2021

- Presented on “Distinctions of Greco-Roman Staffs, Rods, and Wands in Ritual and Myth”

INVITED TALKS

Ancient Cities, Modern Tech: Understanding Time & Place through Embodied Digital Learning

Cornell University • *Ithaca, NY* • 05/2024

- Invited job talk as finalist for Collection as Data Librarian at Cornell University Library

The Syon Cope: Deciphering a 14th-Century Vestment

Oberlin College • *Oberlin, OH* • 09/2022

- In-class lecture for first-year writing seminar, FYSP 164: The Art of Fashion: Medieval to Modern; invited by department chair.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

FriendShop Volunteer

Champaign Public Library • *Champaign, IL* • 01/2023-05/2023

- Managed the front register of the Friends' bookshop; sold used books to new and returning patrons

Acquisitions Chair - Friends of the Oberlin College Libraries

Oberlin College • *Oberlin, OH* • 02/2023-04/2024

- Managed a five-figure acquisitions budget
- Assessed requested acquisitions proposals from college librarians for approval or denial, collaborating with college faculty, alumni, and librarians to acquire practical and special materials to enhance library collections

Events Volunteer

Oberlin Heritage Center • *Oberlin, OH* • 05/2021-12/2022

- Helped set up for various historical events
- Facilitated events like Root Beer & Yesteryear

Publicity Chair - Board of the Friends of the Oberlin Public Library

Oberlin Public Library • *Oberlin, OH* • 11/2021-12/2022

- Served on the Friends Board creating seasonal newsletters and promoting library events 10-15 hours/week
- Designed and arranged posters, bulletins, lawn signs, and digital advertisements (social media)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **American Library Association**, 2024-present
 - Black Caucus of the American Library Association,
- **Association of College & Research Libraries**
 - University Libraries Section
 - Rare Books and Manuscripts Section
 - Arts Section
 - European Studies Section
- **Friends of the Oberlin College Libraries**, 2021-present
 - Board member; former acquisitions chair
- **International Center of Medieval Art (ICMA)**, 2024-present
- **Medievalists of Color**, 2023-present
- **Mountaintop Coalition**, 2021-present
- **Research Data Alliance**, 2024-present
- **we here**, 2024-present

- **Women of Color Colleague Networking Group at Cornell**, 2024-present
- **Young Professionals Colleague Networking Group at Cornell**, 2024-present

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies Consortium Grant

Cornell University • *Ithaca, NY* • 10/2024

- Awarded by Cornell University and approved by Professor Kathleen Long for enrolment in the Latin Palaeography course at the University of Warwick

Victoria Proctor Powell Florence Scholarship

Oberlin College • *Oberlin, OH* • 09/2023

- Awarded to one Oberlin graduate of color pursuing graduate studies in librarianship or archives, selected by the Friends of the OC Libraries Scholarship Committee

Carl Dipman Alumni Fellowship

Oberlin College • *Oberlin, OH* • 06/2023

- Awarded to a promising Oberlin alumni for support of a graduate degree

Katherine L. Sharp Scholarship

University of Illinois • *Champaign, IL* • 12/2022

- Awarded to applicants and/or current students who show extraordinary potential for leadership in the library and information science profession and society

Norma D. Swearingen Memorial Prize

Oberlin College • *Oberlin, OH* • 12/2022

- Awarded for excellence in the study of classical civilizations

Friends of the Libraries Research Award

Oberlin College • *Oberlin, OH* • 12/2022

- This award is given to one student every year for exceptional understanding and use of library resources to complete a unique and thorough research project

Metcalf Honor

Oberlin College • *Oberlin, OH* • 12/2022

- This honor is awarded to senior workers in Oberlin College's Libraries for their service and dedication

Laurine Mack Bongiorno Prize

Oberlin College • *Oberlin, OH* • 03/2022

- This prize is awarded each academic year to the most promising junior majors in Art History

Excellence in First-Year Greek Book Prize

Oberlin College • *Oberlin, OH* • 05/2021

- This prize is awarded to a student who demonstrates excellence in their first year of Greek language study

John F. Oberlin Scholarship

Oberlin College • *Oberlin, OH* • 09/2019

- These merit-based scholarships are awarded to students in the College of Arts and Sciences based on academic achievement

LANGUAGES

- **English** | native proficiency
- **German** | professional working proficiency
- **Latin** | intermediate reading proficiency
- **Ancient Greek** | intermediate reading proficiency