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Education

University of Rochester
MA, History, 2022-2023
PhD student, History, 2022 – present

California State University, Sacramento
MA, History, 2020 – 2022
Thesis: Crafting a Loyal Republic: Mass Deportations from Latvia in 1941, Between 1945 and 1948, and after 1948

University of California, Berkeley
BA, History, 2013 – 2017
Thesis: A Catalyst for Change: the Moscow Helsinki Watch Group and the Fall of the Soviet Union

Additional Education

Sacramento City College
Russian levels 1-3, 2020

California State University, Sacramento
Certificate of Applied Policy and Government, 2018

Awards

Slattery Fellowship, 2022 – present
Donald Marks 'Dexter Perkins Prize,' 2023

Grading Experience

History 112: Ancient Rome
Dr. Nikolaos Lazaridis
California State University, Sacramento
Spring 2022

History 51: World Civilizations, 1500 - Present
Dr. Mona Siegel
California State University, Sacramento
Fall, 2021

- Outside of grading, led several 1.5-hour discussions for about thirty undergraduate students via zoom. Discussions were based on literature and film related to the course.

History 17A: United States History, 1607-1877

Dr. Khal Schneider
California State University, Sacramento
Spring, 2021

History 17A: United States History, 1607-1877
Dr. Brendan Lindsay
California State University, Sacramento
Fall, 2020

Publications

“Crafting a Loyal Republic: Mass Deportations from Latvia in 1941, between 1945 and 1948, and after 1948,” *Clio at CSU Sacramento: Volume 32, 2022*

Book Review: “Plutopia: Nuclear Families, Atomic Cities, and the Great Soviet and American Plutonium Disasters.” *Clio at CSU Sacramento: Volume 31, 2021.*

“A Catalyst for Change: the Moscow Helsinki Watch Group and the Fall of the Soviet Union,” *Clio at CSU Sacramento: Volume 31, 2021.*

Conference Presentations

“A Catalyst for Change: the Moscow Helsinki Watch Group and the Fall of the Soviet Union,”
2021 Phi Alpha Theta Northern California Regional Conference, March 27, 2021.

Lectures

“Westernization in the Islamic World,” for History 8 at California State University, Sacramento.
April 15, 2021.

Additional Academic Activities

Student and Collaborator, Historically Clarissa Public History Project, Fall 2023.

- In Dr. Molly Ball’s History 440 – Public Theory and Practice, I worked with my classmates to create the Historically Clarissa virtual map. We researched and conducted interviews to learn about Clarissa Street in the late 1950s and 1960s. We synthesized the knowledge gained from research to create the virtual map. The map shows businesses and points of interest on Clarissa Street and in the Third Ward neighborhood before urban renewal.

President, Phi Alpha Theta, Rho Xi chapter at CSU, Sacramento, August 2021 – May 2022.

- Worked with board members and faculty to design workshops for students. Workshops assisted students in effectively reading a monograph, concise writing, helpful editing skills, and balancing mental wellness and scholarship

Judge, Sacramento History Day, March 14, 2022

- Judged ten groups of middle and high school students from Sacramento County on websites they designed to discuss historical events of their choosing.

Moderator, “Empire of Grievance: The Russia-Ukraine War 2022,” California State University, Sacramento, March 9, 2022.

Editorial Staff Member, *Clio: Volume 31, 2021*

- Read and provided input on fifteen of the total submissions
- Lead editor and liaison to the author on one submission, secondary editor on an additional submission
- Member of the subgroup for the journal’s Style Guide, which created an official document to guide editors and writers on style and citation requirements based on Turabian.

Moderator, “2021 History Graduate Student Research Symposium,” California State University Sacramento, April 23, 2021.

Two-Module Mini Course, “The Great Purges,” California State University, Sacramento, April 2021.

- Included one lecture, one discussion, two assignments, and a quiz for five students. The discussion was based on articles pertaining to different social groups affected by the Great Terror. Used the online Canvas platform to learn best practices for engaging students in a virtual class.

Moderator, “Does Truth Still Matter? A Historical Examination of Disinformation and Its Consequences” California State University, Sacramento, March 5, 2021.

Work History

Office of California Assemblyman Kevin Kiley, District 6

Legislative Director, July 2020 – August 2022

- Responsible for researching, drafting, and maintaining the Assemblyman’s legislative package, including Assembly Bill 272, which was signed into California law in September of 2021. Assembly Bill 272 prevents all K-12 schools from including arbitration clauses that encompass sexual assault or sexual battery in school enrollment agreements.
- Serve as the main point of contact on policy issues for lobbyists and constituents. Oversee vote recommendations and research for all policy committees, budget items, and floor sessions.
- Supervise and mentor undergraduate interns and newer legislative staff.
- Write talking points, bill information sheets, and letters to executive branch agencies.
- Contributed to constituent casework involving the Employment Development Department (EDD), due to the high influx of COVID-19 related claims.

Legislative Aide, September 2018 – June 2020

- Staffed two policy committees each year and contributed to vote recommendations for floor sessions.
- Served as the point of contact for over a dozen bills. Bill research included analysis of relevant case law and existing statute, communication with state departments, and informational meetings with lobbyists and community-based organizations.

- Scheduled all policy meetings and managed reporting to the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).

Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellowship

Assembly Fellow, October 2017 – September 2018

- Placed in the office of Assemblyman Kiley as a legislative aide.
- Staffed eight bills, including Assembly Bill 324, which was signed into law by Governor Brown. Assembly Bill 324 enables prosecution of voyeurism by loosening requirements for the victim to be identifiable in digital images.
- Lead staffer on Higher Education, Public Safety, and all natural resources issues.
- The academic component of the Fellowship included two graduate-level government courses through CSU, Sacramento.

Catharine Baker for Assembly, District 16

Deputy Campaign Manager, August 2016 – November 2016

Full-time, temporary withdrawal from UC Berkeley

- Managed the campaign intern program. Recruited, vetted, and trained volunteers on voter contact programs such as precinct walking and phone banking, and trained campaign trackers to assist in opposition research.
- Staffed the Assemblywoman at campaign events and fundraisers, edited scripts for voter contact programs, prepared walking materials for volunteers, and coordinated the placement of political signs.