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Education

Haverford College, Haverford, PA

August 2012-May 2016

Bachelor of Arts in Religion

Senior Thesis: *On the River, On the Road: Lower Mississippi Jewish Peddlers, 1820-1865*

Lincoln High School, Portland, OR

September 2008-June 2012

International Baccalaureate Bilingual Diploma, Spanish

Presidential Scholar

Experience

Laura Newman Eckstein Mapping, Freelance Cartographer, Haverford, PA

August 2014-Present

Independent mapping company. Create interactive maps and analyze spatial data for a wide variety of audiences including professors, authors, and bloggers.

Summer Research Fellowship, Research at the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, OH

May-August 2015

Awarded a fellowship through Haverford College's John B. Hurford '60 Center for the Arts and Humanities to examine Jewish life in the Mississippi Delta before and during the Civil War. Worked extensively with primary sources at the archive and visualized economic and familial networks of Jews in the Delta using GIS techniques.

Tri-College Digital Humanities Fellow, Researcher at Viral Texts Project, Northeastern University, Boston, MA

May-August 2014

Used mapping skills to create visualizations of the spread of 19th century newspapers and magazines. Specifically examined transportation networks during this era in order to understand their connection to the reprinting of periodicals.

Food of Incarceration: A New Way of Life for Japanese Americans, Researcher and Creator, Portland, OR

May-August 2013

Researched the Japanese diets and habits surrounding eating during WWII and how they were affected by the War Relocation Centers. Analyzed how these changes affected social structure and societal values.

Torment Saint: The Life of Elliott Smith, Researcher, Portland, OR

September 2011-May 2012

Identified interviewees for the book *Torment Saint: The Life of Elliott Smith* by W. Todd Schultz.

Activities

ETHOS Food Initiative, Member, Haverford, PA

April 2013-May 2016

Collaborated with the Dining Center to make Haverford meal plan offerings more sustainable. Entered invoice data and performed a cost analysis on the purchase of food using the Real Food Calculator. Helped to pass a plenary resolution that received overwhelming support from the student body detailing sustainable food policy on campus. Worked to make possible and ultimately organized a signing of a campus commitment to "real food" by the president of Haverford College in April of 2016.

Food Systems Working Group, Co-chair and Founding Member, Haverford, PA

October 2015-May 2016

Co-drafted a multi-year action plan to ensure Haverford College will meet its goal of 20% "Real Food" by 2020. Worked with other students, staff, professors, and the administration to implement the multi-year action plan. Organized and planned each meeting to fit within a narrative that focused on creating a more just food system on campus.



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Final Exams, Chair and Proctor, Haverford, PA

November 2013-May 2015

Responsible for the delivery and collection of final exams for all of Haverford College's self-scheduled exams. Hired and managed a staff of student employees who worked as proctors. Worked closely with the registrar and assistant registrar to ensure final exams ran smoothly for students, faculty, and staff.

Earth Quaker Action Team, Researcher and Member, Philadelphia, PA

February 2012-Present

Led a research team investigating PNC and their funding of mountaintop removal for the Bank Like Appalachia Matters (BLAM!) campaign. Assisted in research of PECO and Exelon Energy corporations. Managed and developed social media presence on Twitter and Facebook throughout the BLAM! campaign.

Skills

Technology and Software - ArcGIS Desktop Suite, ArcGIS online, Leaflet, CartoDB, Macintosh, PC, Microsoft Office, iWork, Ancestry.com, Adobe Design Standard Suite, Wordpress.com, Wordpress.org, Blogger, basic HTML, JavaScript, CSS, SQL

Languages - Advanced: Spanish; Beginner: Arabic; Beginner: Hebrew