

MATTHEW GIBSON

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- EDUCATION**
- PhD** **University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill**, History, *in progress*
Comprehensive Exams: World Military History, Nationalism and the Middle East, and Europe in the World since 1800
Advisor: Sarah Shields
- MA** **University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill**, History, *May 2021*
Thesis: “Expanding the State: Disarmament in the British Mandate of Iraq, 1919-1927”
Advisor: Sarah Shields
- BA** **Xavier University**, History, *May 2018*
Graduated Cum Laude
Minored in Political Science
- HONORS AND AWARDS**
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Award**, 2018
Awarded to students that seek to expand their language skills for an academic year or summer
- Thomas G. Savage S.J. Scholarship**, 2017
Awarded to two students that resembles exemplary academic achievements and nominated by their department chair
- RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**
- University of Virginia/Leadership Alliance-Mellon May’s Initiative**, Charlottesville Virginia, Summer 2016
Researcher, Mentor: Erik Linstrum
- Xavier University**, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2015-2016
Research Student, Advisor: Christine Anderson
- TEACHING EXPERIENCE**
- University of North Carolina*, Chapel Hill, NC
Teaching Assistant, Department of History, 2018-Current
- HIST 580: Global Relations and Public History
 - HIST 140: The World Since 1945
 - HIST 110: Intro to Native North American
 - HIST 276: The Modern Middle East

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Publications

Gibson, Matthew “The Craft of Counterinsurgency: Lawrence of Arabia’s Quest for Less Destructive Warfare,” *Brevia: A Harvard College Undergraduate Research Association Publication*, Vol. 4 Issue 2 (Fall 2017): 22-23. <http://brevia.weebly.com/fall-2017-cycles.html>

Gibson, Matthew “Seven Pillars of Destruction: T.E. Lawrence’s Contribution to Counterinsurgency,” *The Xavier Journal of Political Science*, Vol. VII, No. 1 (Fall 2017): 57-80.

http://www.xavier.edu/xjop/documents/XJOP_Vol.VII_2017_57-80_Gibson.pdf

Gibson, Matthew. “Ohio Colored Convention of 1858: Peter Clark.” Colored Conventions Exhibit, April 2016.

<http://coloredconventions.org/exhibits/show/conflict-on-the-ohio/bios/peter-humphries-clark>

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURED

Guest Lecture, “The League of Nations in the Middle East,” for Samee Siddiqui and his course *History of Muslim Societies Since 1500*, July 2019.

Keynote Address, “Conflict on the Ohio River: The 1858 ‘Colored’ Convention in Cincinnati,” *the Cincinnati Museum Center*, February 2018.

Paper Presentation, “Seven Pillars of Destruction: T.E. Lawrence’s Contribution to British Counterinsurgency,” *Stanford Research Conference*, April 2017.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Critical Genealogies of Middle East Studies

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2018 and 2020

This course traced the history of the Middle East as a field of study in European and American universities. By the end of the course, students were required to create an undergraduate syllabus on one of the topics discussed in class and present their syllabus to their peers.

Introduction to Historical Education

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill 2020

This course was both a seminar and workshop for graduate students to learn and discuss with their peers various ideas and teaching strategies. As a result, students designed undergraduate syllabi, mock-assignments, and lesson plans for two mock lectures.

Arabic Language Certificate, University of Chicago, August 2018

This certificate resulted from finishing the Arabic course at the University of Chicago and taking a series of reading, writing, and speaking exams through the Foreign Language Proficiency Association.

**PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS**

Traces: The UNC-Chapel Hill Journal of History, 2018-2019

College of Arts and Sciences Student Advisory Board, 2017-2018

Xavier Journal of Undergraduate Research, 2016-2017

LANGUAGES

English: Native Language

Spanish: Novice reader, speaker, and writer

Arabic: Advanced reader, speaker, listener, and writer

French: Advanced reader

REFERENCES

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