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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill August 2022-Present
M.A. Candidate in History. Advisors: Dr. Klaus Larres and Dr. Michael Cotey Morgan.

George Washington University May 2022
Columbian College of Arts & Sciences, B.A. in History *magna cum laude*, Honors Program.
GPA: Overall: 3.75, Major: 3.9.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

MA Thesis May 2023-Present
“Controlling Post-Soviet Fission: The Presidential Nuclear Initiative, Nunn-Lugar and the Beginnings of US-Russia Security Cooperation in 1991” MA Committee: Dr. Michael Morgan (UNC-CH), Dr. Klaus Larres (UNC-CH), Dr. Graeme Robertson (UNC-CH).

BA Honors Senior Thesis, History June 2021-May 2022
“Frustration with the Federal Republic: American Conservative views of West Germany during the 1960s and 1970s.” Supervisor: Dr. Steven Brady (GWU). Reader: Dr. Samuel Goldman (GWU). Outside Reviewer: Dr. Thomas Schwartz (Vanderbilt University).

Fulbright Canada Mitacs Globalink Internship May 2021-August 2021
Research Assistant
Analyzed coverage of Pierre Elliot Trudeau in US, Canadian, and British newspapers for University of Regina’s Professor Raymond Blake on his project: “The Power of Ideas: National Identity and Pierre Trudeau’s Peace Initiative.”

Independent Study January 2021-May 2021
“‘We give no money to terrorists’: The West German Bundestag’s Debate over Rhodesia from 1965-1979.” Supervisor: Dr. Hope Harrison (GWU).

Independent Study August 2020-December 2020
“‘Wish You Could See’: *Christianity Today*’s Coverage of the Troubles in Northern Ireland.” Supervisor: Dr. Melani McAlister (GWU).

GWU Institute of Korean Studies Research Program June 2019-May 2020
“A Republican View of Rhee: The *Chicago Tribune*’s coverage of Syngman Rhee from 1945 to 1950.” Supervisor: Dr. Gregg Brazinsky (GWU).
GW Undergraduate Review, 2020 Issue.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Ambassador John C. Kornblum Oral History Project October 2023-Present
Oral Historian
Research and interview Ambassador John C. Kornblum, a retired Foreign Service Officer who last served as US Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany from 1997-2001.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill History Department September-October-2023
Wargame Designer

Researched, designed, and refereed Cuban Missile Crisis simulation for Dr. Michael Morgan's HIST 207 The Global Cold War.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill History Department October 2022-Present
Journal Contributor

Interviewed faculty and graduate students and wrote articles for the department's semester review.

GWU Department of Political Science January 2020-August 2020
Research Assistant

Cataloged African rebel groups between the years of 1997 and 2015 for Dr. Janet Lewis. Utilized databases such as Dow Jones Factiva and Nexis Uni to research groups' formation processes.

DC Office of Congressman William Keating January-May 2019
Intern

Created and edited fact sheets on the governments, demographics, and economics of various European and Eurasian countries. Assisted staffers with handling constituent calls, letters, and casework and wrote letters of recognition to constituents.

AWARDS & HONORS

Rose Library Short-Term Award Fellowship April 2023
 Received \$725 to do research in the papers of Senator Sam Nunn at Emory University.

Divine Graduate Student Travel Grant March 2023
 Received \$500 to fund my travel to SHAFR's 2023 conference.

US Department of State Title VIII Grant May 2022
 Supported my study of Russian at the Indiana University Summer Intensive Language Program.

Best Honors Thesis on a topic other than United States History May 2022
 Project: "Frustration with the Federal Republic: American Conservative views of West Germany during the 1960s and 1970s."

2022-2023 US Student Research Fulbright Semi-Finalist, Germany December 2021
 Project: "West German Views of the American Religious Right during the 1970s and 1980s."
 Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Axel Schäfer, Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz.

Enosinian Scholarship June 2021
 Received \$500 grant to cover costs of my Enosinian Scholars project.

Phi Alpha Theta, History Honors Society May 2021-Present

Fulbright Canada Mitacs Globalink Internship May 2021
 Received grant of \$5,000 CAD.

Best Presentation in Historical Studies April 2021

Awarded \$200 for presentation at George Washington University Undergraduate Research Showcase.

George Washington University Dean's List Fall 2019-Spring 2021
Received a semester GPA over 3.75.

Luther Rice Undergraduate Research Scholarship April 2021
Received \$5,000 award to fund research on American conservatives' views of West Germany during the Cold War.

Sigelman Undergraduate Research Enhancement Award February & October 2020, February 2021
Received 3 x \$500 (total of \$1,500) to fund future research on the history of US foreign relations.

Eagle Scout Award November 2018

Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange August 2016-July 2017
Studied abroad in Germany for entirety of junior year in high school on US State Department scholarship. Lived with host family and attended German *gymnasium*.

INSTRUCTION

The Global Cold War, Teaching Assistant, Main Instructor: Dr. Michael Morgan. Fall 2023
World History Since 1945, Apprentice Teacher, Main Instructor: Dr. Maximillian Owre. Spring 2023
20th Century Europe, Apprentice Teacher, Main Instructor: Dr. Konrad Jarausch. Fall 2022

CONFERENCES & PANELS

Conference of the Society for Military History April 2024
Organized panel on security assistance in 20th century US Foreign Policy.

Triangle Institute of Security Studies New Faces Conference September 2023
Commenter on Andi Zhou's paper: "Power and Permanence: The Psychology of Territorial Nationalism."

Conference of The Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations June 2023
Presented paper: Controlling Post-Soviet Fission: Nunn-Lugar and the Beginnings of US-Russia Security Cooperation 1991-1992

Conference of The Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations June 2022
Organized panel on intersections of American domestic politics and foreign policy.

Student Research Information Session January 2022
Discussed research opportunities for undergraduates at GWU as part of panel organized by Columbian College of Arts and Sciences

Undergraduate Research Opportunities: A Student Panel November 2021
Discussed experience conducting research as an undergraduate at GWU as part of panel organized by the Gelman Library.

Conference of The Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations June 2021
Organized panel on American Protestantism and the World during the 20th Century.
Presented paper on American evangelicals and the Troubles.

George Washington University Research Showcase

April 2021

Presented research on American evangelicals' perceptions of the Troubles.

GW-IU Korean Research Conference

May 2020

Selected for participation in this conference for having one of the five best papers as part of the GW Institute of Korean Studies (GWIKS) Research Program.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations

ACTIVITIES

George Washington University Model United Nations Team

September 2018-May 2022

George Washington University International Affairs Society

September 2018-May 2022

LANGUAGES

English: Native language.**German:** Professional working proficiency.**Russian:** ACTFL Advanced-Low Proficiency.**REFERENCES**

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