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EDUCATION

Doctorate of Philosophy, American Civilization

Fall 2018-Present

University of Delaware, Newark, DE

- Cumulative GPA 3.89
- Museum Studies Certificate

Masters of Science in Historic Preservation

Clemson University and the College of Charleston, Charleston, SC

2016-2018

- Cumulative GPA 4.0
- Masters Thesis: “The Twentieth Century Thoroughbred Training Landscapes of Aiken and Camden, South Carolina”

Bachelor of Arts, Double Major in Historic Preservation and History

University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA

2012-2016

- Summa Cum Laude
- Cumulative GPA 3.90, Historic Preservation GPA 3.89, History GPA 3.94
- University Honors
- Departmental Honors in Historic Preservation
 - Honors Thesis: “Gender and Virginia’s Early-Twentieth Century Equine Landscapes”
- Departmental Honors in History
 - Honors Thesis: “‘The Ideals of Pine Mountain’: Gender, Progressive Thought, and the Built Environment at Pine Mountain Settlement School”
- President’s List (GPA 4.0) **Fall 2015, Spring 2016**
- Dean’s List (GPA 3.5+) **2012-2014, Spring 2015**
- Attended Historic Landscape Institute sponsored by Monticello and UVA **2013**

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Assistant, University of Delaware Center for Historic Architecture and Design (CHAD) **Fall 2019-Present**
 - Research and write portions of the inventory and history for the Waterford National Historic Landmark documentation project
 - Research and write a National Register of Historic Places nomination for St. Daniel’s UAME Church in Newark, DE
 - Assist with field documentation
- Sally Kress Tompkins Fellow, Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) and the Historic American Building Survey (HABS) **Summer 2019**
 - Researched and wrote a HABS report for Marion duPont Scott’s thoroughbred training complex and racetracks at James Madison’s Montpelier, Virginia
 - Uploaded eighty photographs of Aiken thoroughbred training barns to the SAH SAHARA digital images archive
- Teaching Assistant, Department of History, University of Delaware **Fall 2018-Spring 2019**
 - Discussion leader and grader for U.S. History Since 1865
 - Grader for World History II
- Rudy J. Favretti Fellow, Garden Club of Virginia **Summer 2018**
 - Researched and wrote a report on the history of the gardens and grounds

- of President John Tyler's Sherwood Forest Plantation
 - Completed site plans of Sherwood Forest
- Graduate Assistant, Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture **Fall 2017- Spring 2018**
 - Inventoried archival materials for a national registry of African American newspapers and periodicals
 - Digitized of the "Avery Messenger" newsletter including the creation of metadata
 - Assisted researchers with archival requests
 - Prepared collections for transportation to off-site storage during building renovation
- Preservation Intern, Historic Charleston Foundation (HCF) **Summer 2017**
 - Surveyed, researched, and wrote National Register nomination for the W. Gresham Meggett equalization school
 - Assisted in the research and writing of a National Register nomination for Mosquito Beach, a historically African American beach and recreational area
 - Researched histories of enslaved dwellings for the Charleston "Beyond the Big House" tour
 - Conducted easement and covenant inspections
- Intern, Warren Lasch Conservation Center **Spring 2017**
 - Researched, implemented the treatment, and co-authored a conservation report on the anoxic fumigation treatment for the St. George's Church bell tower window frame at Colonial Dorchester State Historic Site
 - Monitored the chloride levels in artifacts from the *H.L. Hunley* submarine, *CSS Alabama*, and *CSS Pee Dee* using liquid chromatography
- Documentation Assistant, Clemson University/College of Charleston **Fall 2016-Spring 2017**
 - Measured drawing documentation and hard line field notes of CCC-era buildings, structures, and objects at King's Mountain State Park for a Historic Structures Report (HSR) produced by faculty and student consultants
- Historic Preservation Intern, Silman Associates **Summer 2016**
 - Served as an IT consultant on the applications of photogrammetry to preservation engineering
 - Developed publications on best practices and workflows for photogrammetry programs
 - Produced 3D models of framing systems at the Shipley School (WV) and St. Elizabeths Hospital (DC) for design proposals
- Building Documentation Intern at President Lincoln's Cottage, National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) **Summer 2015**
 - Measured and completed hard line drawings of the water tower roofing system
 - Completed documentation of the interior of the vestibule
 - Undertook an investigation into how the vestibule may have appeared during Lincoln's occupation and completed AutoCAD drawings and a 3D model

- Research Aide to the Digital History Reviews Editor for the *Journal of American History* **2014-2016**
 - Edited digital history reviews and located digital history projects and reviewers
- Preservation Intern at Woodlawn and the Pope-Leighey House, NTHP **Summer 2014**
 - Completed interior, exterior, and foundation conditions assessments for Woodlawn, its outbuildings, Grand View, and the Pope-Leighey House
 - Completed new building assignments per the NTHP policy for Woodlawn and Grand View
 - Worked on the Pope-Leighey House architectural conservation test panel
 - Performed chain-of-title research on Grand View

VOLUNTEER WORK EXPERIENCE

- Volunteer, Lowcountry Digital Library **2016**
 - Digitized newspapers and photographs from the Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture
- HistoriCorps Volunteer, Clermont Farm Slave Quarters **2015**
 - Planed siding, installed bracing, and constructed knee walls and collar ties
- Project Assistant, Pope-Leighey House Exterior Conservation Treatment **2015**
 - Cleaned the exterior of the Pope-Leighey House

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Labor and the Cultural Landscape at Bellevue’s Thoroughbred Farm” Society of Architectural Historians Conference, Seattle, WA, 2020. (In progress)

“Twentieth-Century Equine Interiors” Southeastern Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians Conference, Greenville, SC, 2019.

“Landscapes and Building Assemblages of Thoroughbred Training Facilities in Aiken and Camden, South Carolina” Southeastern Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians Conference, Manhattan, KS, 2018.

“Thoroughbred Training Barn Types in Aiken and Camden, South Carolina” Vernacular Architecture Forum, Alexandria, VA, 2018.

“The Preservation of Aiken and Camden’s Thoroughbred Training Barns” South Carolina Statewide Historic Preservation Conference, Columbia, SC, 2018.

“Gender and Virginia’s Early-Twentieth Century Equine Landscapes” Southeastern Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians Conference, Lynchburg, VA, 2017.

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS AND PUBLICATIONS

- HABS report on the Montpelier thoroughbred training complex and racetracks **2019**
- “Labor and Landscape: A Case Study of Thoroughbred Farm Labor at Bellevue Hall” for Bellevue State Park, Delaware **2019**
- “Early-to-Mid Twentieth Century Equine Sporting-Themed Interiors” for the Trustees of Reservations, Massachusetts and Bellevue State Park, Delaware **2018**
- Sherwood Forest Cultural Landscape Report, Charles City, Virginia for the Garden Club of Virginia and Sherwood Forest Plantation Foundation **2018**
- “The Thoroughbred Training Landscapes of Aiken and Camden, South Carolina” **2018**
- Interior paint analysis report for the St. Mary of the Annunciation Roman **2018**

- Catholic Church, Charleston, South Carolina
- “Race and Southern Memory: The Confederate Gravestone of African-American Louis B. Middleton” for the Emanuel AME Church, Charleston, South Carolina **2017**
- National Register Nomination for the W. Gresham Meggett Equalization School James Island, South Carolina for HCF **2017**
- Paint reveal study of the master bedchamber in the Joseph Manigault House for the Charleston Museum **2017**
- Architectural history of the Faber House, Charleston, South Carolina for HCF **2016**
- “Gender and Virginia’s Early-20th Century Equine Landscapes” **2016**
- “‘The Ideals of Pine Mountain’: Gender, Progressive Thought, and the Built Environment at Pine Mountain Settlement School” **2016**
- Historic Structure Report (HSR), Part A for the Hugh Mercer Apothecary, Fredericksburg, Virginia **2014**
- Architectural history of the du Pont-era sheep barn for James Madison’s Montpelier **2013**

CLASS GROUP PROJECTS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Digital reconstruction of the George Read House library for Delaware Historical Society, New Castle, Delaware **2019**
- Conservation report identifying historic intent, documentation through laser scanning, and recommendations for restoration for the St. Mary of the Annunciation Roman Catholic Church, Charleston, South Carolina **2018**
- Clemson University and the College of Charleston Graduate Program in Historic Preservation annual newsletter **2018**
- Cemetery conservation work and conservation report for the Emanuel AME Cemetery, Charleston, South Carolina **2017**
- HSR, masonry repointing report, and paint analysis for the John Ravenel House at 5 East Battery, Charleston, South Carolina **2017**
- Cultural Landscape Report for McLeod Plantation, Charleston, South Carolina **2017**
- HALS documentation of Colonial Lake, Charleston, South Carolina -2017 HALS Challenge Honorable Mention **2017**
- HSR for the Bleak Hall Plantation tabby structures at Botany Bay for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) **2017**
- HABS documentation of the Bleak Hall Plantation structures -pending Holland Prize submission **2017**
- HSR for Quarters J at the Charleston Naval Base for the City of North Charleston **2016**
- HABS documentation of Quarters J -pending Peterson Prize submission **2016**
- Survey and National Register Nomination for Charleston’s East Side **2016**
- Created digital collections for the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library featuring 3D scans of objects and videos of curators discussing the objects **2016**
- Documentation of endangered slave quarters at Oak Hill Plantation, Danville, Virginia and Upperville, Virginia **2016**
- National Register Nomination for the College Heights Neighborhood, Fredericksburg, Virginia **2015**
- Cultural Resource Survey Report for the College Heights Neighborhood **2015**

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- Sally Kress Tompkins Fellowship (\$12000) **2019**
- Hagley Museum and Library Henry Belin du Pont Research Grant (\$1200) **2019**
- Society of Architectural Historians Conference Travel Grant (\$1000) **2019**
- University of Delaware Center for Material Culture Studies Graduate **2018-2019**

- Research Travel Grant (\$1500 each)
- Rudy J. Favretti Fellow, Garden Club of Virginia (\$8000) **2018**
- Vernacular Architecture Forum Pamela H. Simpson Presenter's Fellowship (\$500) **2018**
- SESA Graduate Student Research Fellowship (\$1000) **2018**
- Hagley Museum and Library Exploratory Research Grant (\$400) **2018**
- SESA Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$400 each) **2017, 2018**
- College of Charleston Graduate Student Association Research Grant (\$400) **Summer 2017**
- College of Charleston Graduate Research and Travel Grants (\$250 each) **2016-2018**
- Graduate Research Assistant Fellowship, Clemson University/College of Charleston, Masters of Science in Historic Preservation Program (\$12000) **2016-2018**
- Joseph Carroll Vance Award for Excellence in Historical Research (highest honor for graduating students) **2016**
- Highest GPA in Historic Preservation (highest honor for graduating students) **2016**
- University of Mary Washington Undergraduate Research Grant (\$1241) **2015-2016**

SCHOLARSHIPS

- David W. Wright Scholarship **2016-2017**
- James Farmer Scholarship **2015-2016**
- Joseph C. Vance Memorial Scholarship in History **2015-2016**
- Milton Grigg Northern Virginia APVA Scholarship **2015-2016**
- J. Binford Walford Scholarship in Architecture **2014-2016**
- William B. Crawley, Jr. Scholarship **2014-2015**
- University of Mary Washington Merit-Based Scholarship **2012-2016**
- Northern Virginia Electric Co-Op Scholarship **2012**

HONOR SOCIETIES

- Sigma Pi Kappa **2018**
- Phi Kappa Phi **2017**
- Phi Alpha Theta **2016**
- Phi Beta Kappa **2015**
- Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society (Membership Co-Chair 2014-2015) **2014**
- Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society **2014**
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars **2013**

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- Vernacular Architecture Forum **2018**
- South Carolina Statewide Historic Preservation Conference **2018**
- Southeastern Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH) **2017, 2018**
- Slave Dwelling Project Conference **2017**
- Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World (CLAW) **2017**
- PastForward NTHP Conference **2015, 2016**

SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGY

- Archival research, chain-of-title research, architectural histories, photographic documentation, Historic American Building Survey (HABS)-level architectural documentation through hard line drawings and AutoCAD, 3D modeling, 3D laser scanning, photogrammetry, photorectification, total station survey, conditions assessments, historic structures reports, cultural resource surveys, National Register nominations, cultural landscape reports, proposal writing, primary and secondary source analysis

- Intermediate knowledge of Spanish
- AutoCAD, AutoCAD Civil 3D, TachyCAD, PhoToPlan, Autodesk Recap 360 Pro, Faro Scene, Agisoft Photoscan, Pix4Dmapper Pro, Google SketchUP, Google Earth, Adobe Indesign, Adobe Photoshop, Microsoft Office Suite, Google Drive, WordPress, Wikis, Hypothes.is, Zotero Online Archival Systems, Omeka (Dublin Core archival systems), Timeline JS, Map Story JS, Facebook, Twitter, Skype
- Faro X330 laser scanner, Leica distometer, Leica total station

References available upon request