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EDUCATION

Brown University; Providence, RI

Ph.D. (Slavic Studies), May 2029

Activities: Social Sciences Representative, Graduate Council (Fall 2023-); Social Chair, Graduate Student Council (Fall 2023)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Urbana-Champaign, IL

M.A. (Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies), August 2023

Thesis Title: Women Were Colonizers Too: The Role of Women in The Colonization of Russian America

Honors: Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow (2021-2022, 2022-2023)

Study Abroad: Daugavpils University; Daugavpils, Latvia (Summer 2023)

Mississippi State University; Starkville, MS

B.A. (History Major), May 2021

Honors: Dean's Scholar (Fall 2018); President's Scholar (Spring 2018 and 2020, Fall 2019 and 2021); Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honor Society (Spring 2019); Gamma Phi Beta Honor Society (Fall 2020); Magma Cum Laude (Spring 2021)

Activities: Senator, Mississippi State Student Association (Spring 2019 – Fall 2020); Chairman, Health and Wellness Committee (Spring 2019 – Fall 2020); Study Abroad Ambassador, MSU Study Abroad Office and American Institute for Foreign Studies (Summer 2020-Spring 2021)

Study Abroad: St. Petersburg Polytechnic University; St. Petersburg, Russia (Spring 2020)

EXPERIENCE

Resource Compiler; Association for Women in Slavic Studies (Fall 2022-)

- Curate lists of up-to-date jobs and funding every two weeks to send to the AWSS list serv.
- Create and manage AWSS instagram

Social Media Liasson; American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (Spring 2022-)

- Manage and develop content for the AATSEEL Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook
- Increase AATSEEL social media presence through actively posting and engaging with followers

Outreach Graduate Assistant; Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (Fall 2021-Spring 2023)

- Curated multicultural lesson plans and crafts for K-12 programming and facilitated K-12 events at local head start schools, elementary schools, and libraries
- Promoted REEEC events by writing and scheduling emails from the REEEC list-serv
- Processed applications for REEEC's Open and Summer Research Labs
- Maintained the REEEC Opportunities Page with up-to-date information on jobs, funding, conferences, internships, and summer/language opportunities
- Assisted in the application process for grants through implementation of data in Excel spread sheets

Docent; Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library; Starkville, MS (Fall 2020)

- Headed the front desk at the library and assisted visitors to the museum

Historical Preservation Intern; Menokin Foundation; Warsaw, VA (Summer 2020)

- Managed Menokin social media accounts and wrote weekly blogs about the rebuilding of Menokin

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND ROUNDTABLES

"Natalia Shelikhova: Understanding Women's Space in the Russian Empire." 2023 Midwest Slavic Conference. Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. March 24-26, 2023.

REFERENCE

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