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DIGITAL PROJECTS AND COLLECTIONS MANAGER

Accomplished educator and project manager with 8 years of progressive experience working in universities and museums. Proven ability to lead major projects, support digital repositories, build community partnerships, and manage technical teams.

Digital Projects ▪ Team Management ▪ Community Building
Grant and Policy Writing ▪ Copyright Law ▪ Coding and Web Development
Technical Training ▪ Media Preservation ▪ Metadata

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Manager of Digital Projects, Detroit Historical Society | Detroit, MI

2014-present

Supervised digital projects including the Detroit Video History Archive, The Detroit 67 Oral History Archive, and Re-Documenting Detroit. Directed a small team (2-5 people) of technicians to capture traditional and born-digital artifacts for public consumption and long-term archival storage. Managed grant projects and budgets from IMLS, NEH, Americana Foundation, and Knight Foundation.

Adjunct Professor, Lawrence Technological University | Southfield, MI

2012-2014

Taught courses in the digital humanities, world literature, composition, and rhetoric. Collaborated on educational course development grants from the Mellon Foundation and the American Association of Colleges and Universities.

Graduate Assistant, University of Maryland | College Park, MD

2008-2012

Taught courses in Shakespeare, composition, digital rhetoric, and electronic literature.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Maryland

English with a concentration in Digital Humanities

M.A. Loyola University Chicago

English with a concentration in Textual Criticism

B.S. Eastern Michigan University

English and Mathematics (Michigan Secondary Education Certification BA/EX)

GRANT PROJECTS

Online Collections Access Initiative (2017)

Consultant, Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation (\$25,000)

Re-Documenting Detroit (2015)

Collaborator, Knight Foundation (\$25,000)

Detroit's Video History Archive (2015)

Project Manager, Institute of Museum and Library Services (\$350,000)

DHS Digitization Project (2014)

Project Manager, Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan (\$30,000)

Preservation Assistance Grant (2014)

Project Manager, National Endowment for the Humanities (\$4000)

Furniture and Decorative Objects Conservation Initiative (2014)

Project Manager, Americana Foundation (\$10,000)

Library-Led DH Pedagogy: Modeling Paths Toward Information and Data Literacy (2014)

Collaborator, Association for Computers and the Humanities (\$1000)

Integrating Computational Science Research in the Humanities (2014)

Collaborator, American Association of Colleges and Universities (\$300,000)

Digital Liberal Arts in the Great Lakes Colleges Association (2014)

Consultant, Mellon Foundation (\$2.5 million)

PRESS FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS

Why the Detroit Historical Museum's new 1967 exhibit needs to be seen

Detroit Metro Times | June 22, 2017

Museum exhibit offers perspective on Detroit

The Detroit News | June 21, 2017

New museum exhibit on Detroit's painful summer of 1967 is illuminating

Detroit Free Press | June 21, 2017

Detroit 67: Perspectives

Clickondetroit.com | June 21, 2017

Inside the Detroit '67 Exhibit

Clickondetroit.com | June 21, 2017

WXYZ's sneak-peek of 'Detroit 67: Perspectives' at Detroit Historical Museum

WXYZ.com | June 19, 2017

At Detroit Historical Museum's new Detroit '67 exhibit, perspectives matter

Crain's Detroit Business | June 16, 2017

Street Beat: Detroit 67 Project

CW50 News | June 16, 2017

Cultural institutions reflecting on Detroit's fractious summer of 1967

Detroit Free Press | June 8, 2017

Baseball Treasures of the Detroit Historical Society

Our Game | May 30, 2017

More Showings added for documentary on '67 Detroit Uprisings

Bridge Michigan | May 18, 2017

Newsroom diversity still critical after '67 riot

The Detroit News | May 13, 2017

Riot or rebellion? WSU class looks at '67 upheaval

The Detroit News | May 11, 2017

Detroit riot movie draws huge crowds, sparks conversation

Detroit Free Press | March 30, 2017

'12th and Clairmount' film takes look at Detroit's summer of '67

Detroit Free Press | March 25, 2017

Video Archives from the Detroit Historical Society Show Rare Footage of the City We Love

Clickondetroit.com | February 17, 2017

History of Detroit's Iconic 'Spirit of Detroit' Statue

Clickondetroit.com | February 5, 2017

See Rare Video from 1920s Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade

Mlive.com | November 24, 2016

Witnesses to History tell Stories of Detroit Riot

Detroit Free Press | June 18, 2016

Detroit Historical Society Wants Stories from 1967 Riots

Michigan Radio | July 22, 2016

Detroit 1967 Riots Stories Sought for Oral Histories Project

CBS Local | July 22, 2016

These 9 Newly Found Vintage Films offer a Unique Peek into Detroit History

Mlive.com | July 8, 2016

Witnesses to History Tell Stories of Detroit Riot

Detroit Free Press | June 18, 2016

PNC Bank Donates \$100,000 to Detroit 67 Project

Crain's Detroit Business | June 3, 2016

Detroit Photos Re-Shot by CCS Students

Detroitnews.com | May 18, 2016

Detroit Historical Society Unveils Digitized Footage

Associated Press | February 23, 2016

Historical society launches Detroit Video History Archive

Detroit Metro Times | February 23, 2016

Detroit Historical Society Looking to the Past to Inform Our Future

Michigan Radio | October 6, 2015

In Their Own Words: Historians Seek Personal Stories of 1967 Detroit Riot

WDET | July 24, 2015

Detroit 1967 Project: Historical Society Wants to Hear Your Story

CBS Local | July 23, 2015

Detroit Historical Society Seeking Personal Stories from 1967 Riots

Patch.com | July 23, 2015

Share a Memory of 1967 Detroit Riot, 48 years ago today

Detroit Free Press | July 23, 2015

1967 Detroit Riot Stories Wanted by the Detroit Historical Society

Mlive.com | July 22, 2015

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

Invited Talk, Rochester Institute of Technology | June 28, 2017

The Importance of DH: Connecting our Scholars, Telling our Stories

Michigan Archival Association Conference, Traverse City, MI | June 15, 2017

Documenting Detroit and Recording Michigan Memories

Midwest Archives Conference, Omaha, NB | April 7th, 2017

Telling the Story of 1967–68 in the North: Documenting Social Protest in Chicago, Milwaukee and Detroit

Guest Lecture in Archaeology, Wayne State University | February 21, 2017

Media Archaeology and the 1967 Oral History Project

Guest Lecture in Archives and Libraries, Wayne State University | February 10, 2017

An introduction to Digital Video Capture

Public Humanities in New Media, Wayne State University | November 9, 2016

The Public Humanities and the Next Generation PhD

Mid-Michigan Digital Practitioners Meeting, Michigan State | October 14, 2016

Digital Detroit: Audio, Video, and the MSU Urban Studio

Mid-Michigan Digital Practitioners Meeting, U of Michigan | March 27, 2015

Detroit Historical Society Video Archive

Invited Talk for the Great Lakes Colleges Association, Ann Arbor | June 1, 2014
Digital Liberal Arts 101: Three Recommendations

Research Day 2014, Lawrence Technological University | April 4, 2014
Digital Materialism: The Phenomenology of Software and Video Games

Invited Talk, Lawrence Technological University | April 17, 2012
What is the Digital Humanities?

Writing in Digital Environments, Eastern Michigan University | October 15, 2011
Building a Better Learning Management System

Digital Humanities 2011 (Invitation declined), Stanford | June 19, 2011
The Disintegration of the Persistence of Cultural Memory

Great Lakes THATCamp, Michigan State University | April 30, 2011
Introduction to Text Analysis

Digital Humanities 2009, University of Maryland | June 23, 2009
The Prioress and the Jew: Mining the Symbolic System through Lexical Genre Analysis of Modernizations

Mediations, University of Maryland | February 27, 2008
From Archimedes to Robinson: The Rhetoric of the Infinitesimal

FELLOWSHIPS / SCHOLARSHIPS / TRAVEL AWARDS

BABEL Travel Grant (2015)

University of Maryland Graduate Summer Fellowship (2013)

University of Maryland Teaching Assistantship (2008-2012)

Maryland ARHU Graduate Student Travel Award (2012)

QCB Travel Grant for MIT Research (2012)

Digital Humanities Summer Institute Scholarship (2012)

CHNM Mellon Bootcamp Fellowship (2011)

University of Maryland Travel Grant (2011)

Digital Humanities Summer Institute Scholarship from the SSHRC (2009)

University of Maryland Travel Grant (2009)

Loyola University of Chicago Fellowship (2006-2007)

Eastern Michigan University Honors Program Fellowship (2005)

SERVICE

Conference Organizer (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
Network Detroit: Digital Humanities Theory and Practice

Reviewer (2017)
IMLS Grant Peer Reviewer

Reviewer (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)

Digital Humanities Conference

Moderator (2015)

HASTAC “Gameworlds, Objects, and Learning in the Material Turn” (2015)

Technology Consultant (2013, 2014)

The Digital Repository Taskforce at Lawrence Technological University

Reviewer (2012)

Digital Humanities Summer Institute Colloquium Series

Conference Organizer (2011)

Bloodwork: The Politics of the Body

Technology Chair (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011)

UMD Graduate English Organization

Moderator (2010)

Nomenclature: “Archives: From Research to Scholarship”

Moderator (2006)

MMLA: “Filmic Adaptation”

ADVISING

Urban Studio Internship (2016)

Domenika Tarazhi, Michigan State University

Urban Studio Internship (2016)

Katie Musial, Michigan State University

MLIS Practicum (2015)

Ryan Strobe MLIS, Wayne State University

MLIS Practicum (2015)

Rachel Schulz MLIS, Wayne State University

Technical Communication Practicum (2014)

VaNessa Thompson MSc, Lawrence Technological University