

Alyssa Peterson

(217) 246-0308 | aashleypeterson@gmail.com

Education

PhD in History

University of Texas, Austin, TX

Expected 2022

MA in History

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL

Cumulative GPA: 4.0

MA Thesis: "We live in the midst of death: Medical theory, public health, and the 1793 Yellow Fever epidemic," Dr. Charles R. Foy, advisor.

May 2016

BA in History and Political Science

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

December 2011

Teaching & Mentoring Experience

Teaching Assistant & Tutor

The United States, 1492-1865

History of Modern Medicine

The United States Since 1865

History of Modern Medicine

Aug. 2018 – Dec. 2018

Jan. 2019 – May 2019

Aug. 2019 – Dec. 2019

Jan. 2020 – May 2020

History Department, University of Texas at Austin

- Worked with other graduate teaching assistants to assist professor teaching survey courses by proctoring exams, grading, leading class discussions, holding weekly office hours, tutoring individual students on course content and writing assignments, and holding review sessions.

Teaching Assistant & Tutor, History of the United States to 1877

History Department, Eastern Illinois University

Aug. 2015 – Dec. 2015

- Assisted three professors teaching survey course by note-taking and grading, holding weekly office hours, tutoring individual students on course content and writing assignments.

Research Experience

Graduate Assistant

Eastern Illinois University

July 2015 – Dec. 2015

- Research assistant to Dr. Charles R. Foy, conducting primary and secondary sources research on wide variety of Early American and Atlantic History topics.
- Worked with Dr. Sace Elder on research into future changes and additions to the department curriculum; collaborated with Common Ground Publishing to establish a future published, peer-reviewed graduate student book series

Conferences & Presentations

"The Localization and Embodiment of the Environment in Early South Carolina Medicine," History of Science Society, New Orleans, LA, October 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

"Bitter Knowledge: The Localization and Embodiment of the Environment in Early South Carolina Medicine," Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World Program (CLAW) Port Cities in the Atlantic Conference, Charleston, SC, May 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

"And the Vapours at that time belcht forth from the Earth into the Air": Geology and Illness in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic," Midwest Junto for the History of Science, Ames, IA, April 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

"Bitter Knowledge: The Localization and Embodiment of the Environment in Early Medicine," Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science Conference, New Orleans, LA, March 2020.

"'Quinquina': Obtaining, Importing, and Using the French Miracle Drug," Midwest Junto for the History of Science, Cincinnati, OH, April 2019.

"'We live in the midst of death:' Medical theory and the 1793 Yellow Fever epidemic," Poster, North Atlantic Conference on British Studies, Washington, D.C., November 2016.

"Four Hundred Meters from Stagnation: How Geographical Limitations Shaped the Movement of Philadelphia's Yellow Fever in 1793," Poster, American Association for the History of Medicine, Minneapolis, MN, April 2016.

"'We live in the midst of death:' Medical theory, public health, and the 1793 Yellow Fever Epidemic," Newberry Graduate Student Conference, Jan. 28-30, 2016.

"Remnants of the Revolutionary War: The New 'American' Medicine," Daughters of the American Revolution, Mattoon, IL, public presentation, January 21, 2016.

"'Water, earth, and air infected': How Movement, Quarantines, and Geographical Limitations Shaped the Movement of Yellow Fever in 1793," Northern Illinois University Graduate Student Conference, DeKalb, IL, November 4, 2015.

Fellowships, Grants, & Awards

Linda Hall Library History of Science and Medicine Fellowship, 2020-2021.

New England Regional Fellowship Consortium, 2020-2021.

Waring Library Society's W. Curtis Worthington Essay Prize, 2020.

UT Austin Graduate School Professional Development Award, April 2020.

Port Cities Conference Travel Award, May 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

Eastern Illinois University History Distinguished Graduate Student Award, 2016.

Eastern Illinois University Hamand Graduate Writing Award, Best Graduate Paper, 2015.

The Newberry Library, Newberry Renaissance Consortium Grant, February 2015 & January 2016.

Eastern Illinois University Williams Travel Grant, 2015.

Publications

“‘Water, earth, and air infected’: How Movement, Quarantines, and Geographical Limitations Shaped the Movement of Yellow Fever in 1793,” *Historia* 25 (2016): 20-34.