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Education

University of Washington, Seattle, WA 2013-

Ph.D. Candidate, History

GPA: 3.9

Dissertation: *Gendered Power: Energy Transitions and the Tennessee Valley Authority since 1920*

Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 2010-2012

M.A., History

GPA: 4.0

Thesis: *Great Women of the Great Smoky Mountains: Defining Nature and the National Park Service*

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 2005-2009

B.A., International Studies and U.S. History, double major

GPA: 3.8

Publications

Taylor, Rachel Lanier, historian. *Ellis Island Powerhouse and Laundry Building (HABS No. NY-6086)*. Records of the Historic American Buildings Survey (Library of Congress), forthcoming.

Taylor, Rachel Lanier. Review of *Strangers on Familiar Soil: Rediscovering the Chile-California Connection*, by Edward Dallam Melillo. *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, 108, no. 2/3 (Spring/Summer 2017): 104.

Roberts, Rachel Lanier, contributor. "Larry Trivette." in *Voices from the Headwaters: Stories from Meatcamp, Tamarack (Pottertown), & Sutherland, North Carolina*. Edited by Patricia D. Beaver, et. al. Boone, NC: Center for Appalachian Studies, 2013.

Roberts, Rachel Lanier. "People and Nature: The Great Smoky Mountains National Park." *Tar Heel Junior Historian* 53, no. 1 (2013): 39-42.

With Jessee Buckwalter, Kristen Dearmin, et. al. "'Finding that Point of Human Connection:' An Interview with Anne Lewis." *Appalachian Journal* 40, no. 1-2 (Fall 2012/Spring 2013): 58-76.

Presentations & Workshops

- "A Hydroelectric Appalachian Family: The Tennessee Valley Authority and Mosquitos Come to the Mountains," The Southern Association for Women Historians Conference, 2018, forthcoming
- "Radiating Risk: Nuclear Power Production and Gender in the Tennessee Valley and Beyond," International Workshop, Electrifying the World: Towards a Global History of Light and Power, 2018, forthcoming
- "History Career Diversity Series: Historians in the Federal Government," University of Washington, 2018
- "Gendered Power: Hydroelectric and Nuclear Energy Transitions in the Tennessee River Valley," Poster, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 2018

- “Headwaters of the New River,” Appalachian Studies Conference, 2014
- “The Walker Sisters: Women, Nature, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park,” Appalachian Studies Conference, 2012
- “Elk Knob Community Heritage Project,” Appalachian Regional Commission Conference, 2011
- “Black Bears in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park,” Appalachian Studies Conference, 2011

Research & Editorial Experience

Intern, Society for History in the Federal Government (SHFG) 2018-

- Build connections between graduate students and Federal Historians through Shadow Days, Federal Employment talks, the SHFG conference, and outreach programs offered by the Society’s Graduate Student and New Professional Committee
- Publish guides to Federal internships, Federal contracting, Federal History Offices, and the Presidential Management Fellowship and Pathways Program and present on these subjects at the University of Washington
- Design and Write style guide for SHFG’s blog

Historian (Summer), Historic American Buildings Survey, Heritage Documentation Programs, NPS 2017

- Planned, organized, and conducted historical research studies of historic sites and structures
- Performed research on historic sites and structures through the use of standard reference works and primary source materials available in records collections and libraries, on-site evaluation, and through contacts at the Federal and state levels, and through private sources
- Produced Historic Building Report of the Ellis Island Powerhouse and Laundry Building following Historic American Buildings Survey guidelines within projected timeline

Historical Consulting Intern, American Society for Environmental History & National Parks Conservation Assoc. 2016

- Framed research questions based on policy needs and improved Congressional Records research skills
- Consulted regional archives for information on National Park funding legislation
- Wrote historical funding report for NPCA’s use in efforts to expand National Park Service in the face of shrinking funding

Editorial Intern, Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest (CSPN) and *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* 2015-2016

- Managed databases in Access and Excel to track incoming historical manuscripts and scholarly book reviews
- Researched Seattle’s environmental history through primary source holdings at the University of Washington, MOHAI, and the Bonneville Power Administration to help director create PowerPoint presentation and public talk on the topic
- Worked with Adobe Creative Suite, HTML, and CSS to update and maintain CSPN website and maintained CSPN Facebook page

Research Assistant, University of Washington, Department of History 2014, 2015

- Generated approaches and research plans for addressing Professors’ research questions regarding the Columbia Basin Project and Global Environmental History
- Conducted extensive research independently, identified primary and secondary sources in digital, private, and university archives and at regional Seattle NARA holdings, honed information gathering skills and techniques

- Developed assessment of sources, evaluated sources for historical context and potential biases, and summarized them in concise and factual manner, further developed critical analysis skills acquired through coursework

Volunteer & Research Assistant, Corporación Red Arborizadora Campo y Progreso, Quito, Ecuador **2013**

- Constructed and planted community tree nursery
- Translated research questions on forestry and sugarcane production from English to Spanish
- Transcribed and conducted interviews with community members in Ecuadorian sugarcane producing regions

Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of North Carolina School of Law, Environmental Law **2009**

- Gained familiarity with legal databases
- Researched exemplary and local, if possible, NEPA cases
- Curated articles from Law Databases for inclusion in Open Access Environmental Law Textbook

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, University of Washington, Department of History **2014-2015**

Courses Assisted: "Environmental History of the U.S." (HSTAA/ENVIR 221); "Military History of the U.S." (HSTAA 212); "Medicine, History, and Society" (HSTRY 410)

Teaching Assistant, Appalachian State University, Department of History **2010-2012**

Courses Assisted: "U.S. History" (HIS 1200); "World Empires" (HIS 1400); "Themes in Global History" (HIS 1130)

Museum Education Intern, North Carolina Museum of History **2008-2009**

- Presented talks on artifacts in the museum's collection to the general public
- Produced lesson plans utilizing museum archives and artifacts for elementary education programs on NC history
- Wrote short articles on topics related to new accessions for the public in the museum's newsletter

Digital & Public Humanities Training

Lancaster University, Lancaster, United Kingdom **Summer 2015**

European Research Council, Summer School in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for the Humanities Certificate

University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada **Summer 2017**

Digital Humanities Summer Institute, "Developing a Digital Project (With Omeka)" Certificate

KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden **Autumn 2017**

ENHANCE Innovative Training Network, Summer School in Public Environmental Humanities Certificate

Grants & Awards

- University of New Orleans Travel Grant for International Workshop, Electrifying the World, 2018
- Andy Studebaker Fund Travel Grant, 2018
- ENHANCE Innovative Training Network Scholarship for Summer School in Public Environmental Humanities, 2017
- Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory (HASTAC) Scholar Research Grant, 2016-2017

- Simpson Center for the Humanities Award to attend the Digital Humanities Summer Institute at the University of Victoria, 2017
- Simpson Center for the Humanities Graduate Research Cluster Award for Environmental Humanities, 2016-2017
- Cornell University's John Nolen Research Fund Award, 2016
- Friends of Princeton University Library Research Grant, 2016
- UW Department of History Summer Digital History Fellowship, 2015
- Thomas M. Power Prize Fund for Excellence in History: Outstanding Graduate Student Paper- Honorable Mention, 2014
- Andy Studebaker Fund Travel Grant, 2014
- Cratis D. Williams Society- Academic graduate society based on faculty nomination, 2012

Digital Humanities & Language Skills

Microsoft Office, Outlook, and Access (Proficient); Adobe Creative Suite (Proficient); HTML/CSS (Basic); GIS (Basic); Spanish (Advanced); French (Intermediate)

Associations

Society for History in the Federal Government, Member
American Historical Association, Member
Environmental Humanities Graduate Research Cluster, Leader
Young Appalachian Leaders and Learners (Y'ALL), Member
American Society for Environmental History, Member
Phi Beta Kappa, Member