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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### EDUCATION

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**Boston University** 2013 - present  
Ph.D. in American & New England Studies, expected May 2018  
*Emphases:* American architecture, cultural landscapes, historic preservation, Mormon studies  
*GPA:* 3.96

**University of California, Berkeley** 2006 - 2012  
B.A. received May 2012  
*Major:* (1) Architecture; (2) American Studies  
*GPA:* 3.81  
*Accomplishments:* Graduated with high honors in architecture and highest honors in American studies; member of Golden Key International Honors Society since December 2011

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Editor, *Buildings & Landscapes***, Journal of the Vernacular Architecture Forum Aug - Dec 2015

- Proofread paper copies of the VAF's biannual journal: *Buildings & Landscapes*
- Provided editorial services totaling 90 hours over the semester in exchange for financial aid

**HABS-SAH Sally Kress Tompkins Fellow**, National Park Service, DOI June - Aug 2015

- Worked at the Heritage Documentation Program in Washington, D.C., 40 hours per week
- Conducted archival research at various archives in Washington, D.C. and Utah
- Documented the Unification Church on Sixteenth Street including photographic fieldwork
- Composed an Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) report for the Unification Church (formerly the LDS Washington Chapel) to be recorded and published by the Library of Congress

**Teaching Fellow**, AH 201: Understanding Architecture, Boston University Jan - May 2015

- Collaborated with Professor Keith Morgan on crafting the syllabus, paper assignments, exams
- Attended lectures 3 days a week and held undergraduate office hours 2 hours each week
- Prepared and presented 3 hour-long lectures on readings associated with architectural theory
- Administered 2 rounds of hour-long course review sessions before the midterm and final exam
- Graded two-thirds of the three paper assignments and two exams and calculated final grades

**Historian**, National Park Service, Department of the Interior June - Aug 2014

- Interned with the Heritage Documentation Program in Washington, D.C., 40 hours per week
- Conducted archival research at the National Archives in Maryland and in New York City
- Assisted in measurements of the employee housing on Liberty Island and conducted fieldwork
- Composed four individual Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) reports totaling 94 pages recorded and published by the Library of Congress

**Associate: Building Design,** Kevin Stephens Design Group

Sept 2012 - Feb 2013

- Interned with an architectural firm in San Francisco, 20 hours per week
- Worked with AutoCAD to design micro-efficient, multi-use apartment structures
- Published weekly blog posts about sustainable architectural practices

**SMART Research Mentee,** Graduate Division: UC Berkeley

June - Aug 2012

- Conducted independent archival and library research for a graduate student/mentor's history project, 20 hours per week
- Presented research at a culminating poster session

**In-home Respite Worker,** Berkeley, CA

Jan - Aug 2012

- Assisted a *Cal State East Bay* student living at home with diagnosed autism for 1.5 hours, four nights a week
- Tutored in the subjects of English composition, communication, and biology

## PRESENTATIONS

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June 6, 2015

*A Mormon Meetinghouse for Downtown Chicago: Urban Aspirations of a Suburban Church as Read in the Changing Mormon Cultural Landscape*

+presented at the Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF) 35th Annual Conference, Roosevelt University, Chicago

April 27, 2015

*The Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah: Developing an Institution to Mint Mormon Missionaries*

+presented in a Graduate Seminar, Boston University (Professor Keith Morgan)

April 21, 2015

*Henry Hobson Richardson, Trinity Church, and Architectural Photography: Transforming Visual Documents of the European Romanesque into an Internationally-Recognized American Icon*

+presented in an Upper Division Seminar, Boston University (Professor Kim Sichel)

December 8, 2014

*Linking the "Twin Relics of Barbarism" in a Mutual Defense: A Nineteenth-Century Justification of Slavery, Polygamy, and Patriarchy*

+presented in a Graduate Seminar, Boston University (Professor Nina Silber)

December 5, 2014

*Of Missiles and Mormons: The MX Missile System, Mormon Doctrine, and Cold War Era Patriotism*

+presented in an Environmental History Seminar, Boston University (Professor Sarah Phillips)

March 29, 2014

*"Building the Kingdom of God" by Building Mormon Meetinghouses: The Mormon Chapel at 2 Longfellow Park in Cambridge, Massachusetts*

+presented at the Eastern American Studies Association (EASA) Annual Conference, La Salle University, Philadelphia

Dec 10, 2013

*A Tale of Two Temples: The Ogden and Provo Temples, Cultural Taste, and the Extent of Modern Architecture in Mormonism*

+presented for the 20th Century Architecture Colloquium, Boston University (Professor Paolo Scrivano)

April 30, 2012

*Mormon Roots in the American Forest: God, the Devil, and Angels in the Nineteenth-Century New York Forest*

+presented for course on The American Forest, UC Berkeley (Professors Margaretta Lovell and Joe McBride)

## **CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

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The Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF) 35th Annual Conference, Chicago, June 2015

The Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) 68th Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2015

The American and New England Studies Program Graduate Student Association Conference:  
New England and the World, Boston, October 2014

The Eastern American Studies Association (EASA) Annual Conference, Philadelphia, March 2014

The Massachusetts Historic Preservation Conference, Lexington, October 2013

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

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**Treasurer**, AMNESP Graduate Student Association, Boston University Jun 2014 – May 2015

- Collaborated with the GSA President to produce an annual budget for the Association
- Administered reimbursements and kept the financial records and petty cash fund up-to-date

**Food Services Assistant**, Cal Dining: UC Berkeley Feb 2010 – May 2012

- Worked 15 to 20 hours a week as a full-time student serving food, cleaning tables, and washing dishes at the Late Night Cafeteria from 10PM – 3AM

**Missionary**, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints July 2007 – July 2009

- Rendered daily community service (such as teaching English) for two consecutive years in Malaysia and Singapore without compensation
- Served as an Office Elder for 4 months assisting the Mission President with record-keeping and clerical duties using Microsoft Word and Excel

## **AWARDS, SKILLS, & MEMBERSHIPS**

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Software Skills: *AutoCAD, Rhino 3D Modeling, Adobe Illustrator, and Microsoft Office*

HABS-SAH Sally Kress Tompkins Fellowship 2015

Vernacular Architecture Forum member Nov 2013 - present

Golden Key International Honors Society member Dec 2011 - present

Eagle Scout Award, *Boy Scouts of America* Dec 2005

Harvard Book Award, *Laguna Beach High School* June 2005