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Education

- Sept. 2011 - **Vanderbilt University** (Nashville, TN)
PhD and MA in History, Vanderbilt University, projected for Spring 2018.
Supervisors: Dr. Thomas A. Schwartz, Dr. Paul Kramer, and Dr. Leor Halevi.
Examination Fields: US in the World; Modern Middle Eastern and North African History; American History Since 1865, Spring 2014
- 2006-2010 **University of Toronto** (Toronto, Canada)
Honours BA with High Distinction, Specialist in History

Awards and Honors

- 2014-2017 Awarded the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Award to fund three years of doctoral study
- June 2017 Awarded SHAFR Conference Divine Travel Grant
- 2016-2017 Awarded Graduate Fellowship at Vanderbilt Center for Digital Humanities
- June 2016 Awarded the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference Global Scholars and Diversity Grant
- May 2016 Selected Participant in the Mellon Institute in Digital and Public Humanities for Early-Career Scholars
- Dec. 2015 Awarded the SHAFR Michael J. Hogan Foreign Language Fellowship
- Dec. 2015 Recipient of the William Campbell Binkley Graduate Education Fund
- 2015-2016 Selected as Visiting Research Associate at the American Research Center in Egypt (declined)
- July 2015 Selected as a participant in the National History Center's Tenth International Seminar on Decolonization, Washington DC
- June 2015 Awarded SHAFR Conference Divine Travel Grant
- April 2015 Awarded Vanderbilt University Summer Research Award
- Nov. 2014 Awarded the SHAFR Samuel Flagg Bemis Dissertation Research Grant
- Oct. 2014 Awarded Digital Humanities Summer Institute Tuition Scholarship
- 2014-2015 Recipient of Vanderbilt Institute of Digital Learning Graduate Student Fellowship
- Fall 2014 Awarded Visiting PhD Fellowship at the Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University
- Fall 2014 Awarded The Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Research Grant
- Aug. 2014 Awarded Vanderbilt University Summer Research Award
- Aug. 2014 Awarded the Sponsored Student Scholarship at Humanities Intensive Learning and Teaching, University of Maryland
- June 2014 Awarded The Herbert and Blanche Henry Weaver Summer Research Award
- 2013-2014 Awarded the Rodney G. Dennis Short-Term Visiting Fellowship in the Study of Manuscripts at the Houghton Library, Harvard University
- Fall 2013 Awarded the full Ibn Battuta Merit Scholarship for Peace and Diplomacy from Qalam wa Lawh Language Center, Rabat, Morocco to cover three months of intensive Arabic language study
- May 2013 Selected Participant "Summer Institute for Conducting Archival Research," George Washington University
- 2012-2013 Recipient of HASTAC Scholar award from the Vanderbilt Center for Teaching
- June 2012 Recipient of Vanderbilt History Department Summer Funding for language training in Morocco
- March 2012 Recipient of the William Campbell Binkley Graduate Education Fund
- 2011-2014 Recipient of Vanderbilt University Fellowship and Tuition Scholarship

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Presentations

- August 2017 “Archivlo: Digitizing the Archival Research Workflow” Poster, and Panelist on “Visualizing Futures of Networks in Digital Humanities Research” *Digital Humanities Conference*, Montreal, Canada
- July 2017 “Depictions of Decolonization: Anti-colonialism, Print Media, and Digital Image Analysis”, *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference*, Washington, DC
- July 2016 “They are all Lumumbas”: Anti-colonial Solidarities and Media Representations in the United Arab Republic During the Congo Crisis 1960-1” *International Decolonization Capstone Conference*, Washington, DC
- June 2016 “Dispatches from Cairo: The Digital History of the British and American Embassies in Cairo 1955-1965” co-organized panel “Bridging the Two DHs: Digital History and Diplomatic History”, *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference*, San Diego, CA
- Jan. 2016 “Egypt is Africa: David and Shirley Graham Du Bois in the United Arab Republic during the 1960s” co-organized panel “Blurring the Color-Line: Black Diplomacy in the Middle East and North Africa During the Early Cold War”, *American Historical Association*, Atlanta, GA
- Sept. 2015 “Cairo’s Congo Crisis” *The European Summer School on Cold War History*, Rome, Italy
- June 2015 “The Essence of Tragedy: American Protestant Missionaries, American Foreign Relations, and the Arab/Israeli Conflict during the early Cold War” *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference*, Washington, DC
- Feb. 2015 “The Cairo Conference: The Role of Movement, Ideas, and Place in the United Arab Republic’s Anti-Colonial Project” *Vanderbilt Graduate History Assoc. Conference*, Nashville, TN
- Nov. 2014 “Lawmaking and Prohibiting in International Islam: A History of Supranational Islamic Fiqh Academies and Islamic Legal Authority in the late Twentieth Century and early Twenty-First Century” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference*, Washington, DC
- Oct. 2014 “Towards the African Revolution: The United Arab Republic’s Role in Pan-Africanism” *Association for the Study of Middle East and Africa Annual Conference*, Washington, DC
- June 2014 “Run Off the Map: The Life of Alford Carleton and the History of American Protestant Missionaries in the Third World during the Cold War” *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference*, Lexington, KY
- April 2014 “Lawmaking and Prohibiting in International Islam: A History of the International Fiqh” Academy and Islamic Legal Authority in the Late 20th and Early 21st Centuries” *American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies Annual Conference*, Augusta, GA
- April 2013 “Visualizing A Forgotten American Vision: Mapping American Protestant Missionaries in the Middle East post-1945 with Neatline and Geographic Information Systems” *Humanities, Arts, Sciences, and Technology Advanced Collaboratory Conference*, York University, Toronto, ON

Invited Presentations

- Summer 2016 Interviewed by Derek Bruff on Vanderbilt Digital Pedagogy Podcast
- January 2015 Presenter in Vanderbilt History Seminar’s “Rituals of Belonging Workshop”

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- May 2014 “HASTAC” *Mellon Institute in Digital and Public Humanities for Early-Career Scholars*, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University
- January 2014 “Visualizing A Forgotten American Vision: Mapping American Protestant Missionaries in the Middle East post-1945 with Neatline and Geographic Information Systems” Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University
- April 2013 “HASTAC” *Digital Humanities Working Group Seminar*, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University
- January 2013 “Adding Spatial Dimensions to Teaching” *GradSTEP Workshop*, Center for Teaching, Vanderbilt University
- January 2013 “American Missionaries in the Middle East in the Nineteenth Century,” Guest Lecture in *JS256: Power and Diplomacy in the Middle East*
- October 2012 “The Cold War Comes to the Middle East,” Guest Lecture in *HIS173: The United States and the Cold War*

Digital Projects

- Dec. 2016 – *Image Lucida*
Web application to manage archival images and create datasets from images. Allows users to use a combination of OCR APIs, automated image segmentation, and tagging to organize and analyze their digital images from the archive. More information can be found at www.zoeleblanc.com/projects/image-lucida/
- Dec. 2016 – *Archivlo*
Web application to help researchers who work in archives find materials and share their findings. Intended to help add efficiencies to the archival research workflow through creating a clearinghouse for archival leads. Prototype built in Angular and firebase, currently deployed at www.archivlo.com. Beta version is currently being rebuilt in React, Elixir, GraphQL, and Postgres. Will be presented at DH 2017.

Teaching Experience

- Spring 2015 Teaching Assistant, *HIST287E: The Federalist Papers*, Vanderbilt University
Assisted the Chancellor with leading a senior seminar, and was lead instructor for three of the seminars. Responsible for grading and meeting with students.
- Spring 2014 Discussion Section Leader, *HIST120: The Arab Spring and Its Contexts*, Vanderbilt University. Facilitated discussion section and was responsible for grading exams and papers. Built a course website, arabspringanditscontexts.wordpress.com, and designed integrated digital activities for the course.
- Spring 2013 Discussion Section Leader, *JS256: Power and Diplomacy in the Middle East*, Vanderbilt University. Facilitated discussion section and was responsible for grading exams and papers. Built a course website, available at my.vanderbilt.edu/js256. Designed class assignments including: an online field trip to the “King – Crane Commission Archive” at Oberlin College and a twitter response assignment.
- Fall 2012 Discussion Section Leader, *HIS173: The United States and the Cold War*, Vanderbilt University. Facilitated discussion and responsible for grading.

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Membership and Service

Spring 2017 - Pres.	SHAFR Graduate Student Committee Member
Summer 2016 - Pres.	SHAFR Web Committee Member
Fall 2015 - Pres.	H-Decolonization Co-List Editor
Winter 2016	Co-organizer, "Vanderbilt History Seminar: Digital History Workshop"
Spring 2015	Co-organizer, "Conversations on Digital Pedagogy", Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and the Vanderbilt Institute of Digital Learning
2013-2014	Webmaster, Graduate Student Council, Vanderbilt University
2013-2014	Co-coordinator, "Geographic Imaginations and Spatial Humanities," Robert Penn Warren Center for Humanities Graduate Seminar
2013-2014	Graduate History Department Representative to the Graduate Student Council, Vanderbilt University
2012-2013	Co-President, Graduate History Association, Department of History, Vanderbilt University

Member, Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations

Member, Middle East Studies Association

Member, American Historical Association

Training

Summer 2016	<i>Nashville Software School</i> Intensive full stack software bootcamp for nine months. Awarded Tuition Scholarship and Catalyst Award for best all around developer
Summer 2015	<i>Digital Humanities Summer Institute</i> (Victoria, BC, Canada) Week long workshop on relational databases
Summer 2014	<i>Humanities Intensive Learning and Training</i> (College Park, MD) Week long workshop on humanities programming focusing on Ruby on Rails
Fall 2013	<i>Qalam wa Lawh Arabic Language Center</i> (Rabat, Morocco) Intensive advanced Arabic for five months
Summer 2012	<i>Qalam wa Lawh Arabic Language Center</i> (Rabat, Morocco) Intensive intermediate Arabic for three months
Summer 2010	<i>Qasid Arabic Institute</i> (Amman, Jordan) Intensive intermediate Arabic for three months

Languages

Awarded Honours Bilingual Certificate in French from the Ontario Government.

Fluent in French and advanced knowledge of Modern Standard Arabic.

Web languages:

Experienced: Angular, JQuery, Javascript, Sass, CSS, HTML

Currently using: React, Redux, Immutable.js, Thunk

Programming languages:

Experienced: Python, Django, SQL

Currently using: Elixir, Postgres, T-SQL

Web development practices:

Experienced: Git, Github/Bitbucket, Agile, Kanban, Project Management

Currently learning: SOLID principles, functional programming design patterns, U/X research