**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**LISA C. HIGHSMITH** [lisa.c.highsmith@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.c.highsmith@gmail.com)

**EDUCATION**

PhD Candidate in History **August 2017-Present**

Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas

Working Title: “Mourning Market: The Commercialization of Death in the *Banner of Light*.”

M.A. in Anthropology **August 2012–August 2015**

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

Thesis title: “Degenerative Joint Disease in the Wrist, Hand, Ankle, and Foot: A study of skeletons from the St. Nicholas Cemetery in Limassol, Cyprus.”

Minors in Biology and Classics

B.A. in History with minors in English and French **August 2008-May 2012**

Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Museum of Art + Light**

Collections Manager & Registrar **August 2023-Present**

**Geary County Historical Society and Museums**

Director of Programs & Education **June 2022-August 2023**

**Angelo State University, Mayer Museum**

Museum Curator **May 2021-June 2022**

**Kansas State University**

Editorial Assistant (*Kansas History)* **June 2018-May 2021**

Graduate Teaching Assistant **August 2017-May 2021**

Book Review Assistant (*A Contracorriente*)**June 2018-July 2018**

Research Assistant, Supervisor: Dr. H. McCrea **August 2017-August 2018**

**Buddy Holly Center**

Curatorial Assistant, Supervisor: J. Bober **September 2016-July 2017**

**Lubbock Municipal Garden & Arts Center**

Gallery Assistant, Supervisor: P. Griffith **October 2015-September 2016**

**Natural Science Research Laboratory, Museum of Texas Tech University**

Collections Assistant, Supervisor: H. Garner  **June 2015- July 2017**

Student Assistant, Supervisor: J. Cokendolpher **November 2012- June 2013**

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Kansas State University**

HIST 301A: Top/Death in US Culture **August 2020-December 2020**

HIST 101A: Rise of Europe **January 2020-May 2020**

HIST 101B: Rise of Europe **January 2019-May 2019**

HIST 101B: Rise of Europe **August 2018-December 2018**

HIST 101B: Rise of Europe (TA) **January 2018-May 2018**

HIST 529 A: Civil War & Reconstruction (TA) **August 2017- December 2017**

**Texas Tech University, Institute for the Development & Enrichment of Advanced Learners**

Forensics Instructor **June 2016- July 2016**

**Texas Tech University, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work**

ANTH 2100: Physical Anthropology **August 2014- May 2015**

ANTH 2302: Cultural Anthropology (TA) **August 2013- May 2014**

ANTH 3305: Linguistic Anthropology (TA) **August 2013- May 2014**

**DIGITAL HUMANITIES WORK**

**April 16, 2021**

“[The Frontier Demimonde: Prostitution in Early Hays City, 1867-1883](https://youtu.be/o5q8xyNdpjw).” LC Highsmith and Hollie Marquess. Interview for *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains Podcast.*

**December 29, 2020**

“[The Victory Loan Flying Circus in Wichita (May 1, 1919)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0RIbcYkMtuA).” LC Highsmith and Alan Roesler. Interview for *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains Podcast.*

**July 30, 2020**

“[A Journal Editor Looks Back: Thirty Years with Kansas History](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBdvyoTZDI0).” LC Highsmith and Dr. Virgil Dean. Interview for *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains Podcast.*

**May 18, 2020**

“[Quindaro: A Microcosm of Important Things](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtGT9mxyd-U&t=843s).” LC Highsmith, Dr. James Leiker, and Dr. Tai Edwards. Interview for *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains Podcast*.

**November 19, 2019**

*“*[A Congress of Women: The Woman’s Council at the Ottawa Chautauqua, 1892-1914](https://youtu.be/vkR8qZNUWzA).*”* LC Highsmith and S. Bell. Interview for *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains Podcast.*

**September 6, 2019**

*“*[Forgetting Strength: Coffeyville, the Black Freedom Struggle, and Vanished Memory](https://youtu.be/n0kxldhQj6Y)*.”* LC Highsmith and G. Newman. Interview for *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains Podcast*.

**June 5, 2019**

*“*[Bad Girls- Sex, Shame, Public Health, and the Forgotten Legacy of Samuel J. Crumbine](https://youtu.be/OgIQPsWsc-c)*.”* LC Highsmith and C. Lovett. Interview for *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains Podcast*.

**December 21, 2018**

*“*[Assembling A Buckle Of The Bible Belt: From Enclave To Powerhouse](https://youtu.be/72RJFQC6Fdo)*.”* LC Highsmith and J. Price. Interview for *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains Podcast*.

**October 5, 2018**

*“*[The Hull Baby Case & Women in 1870s Kansas](https://youtu.be/d3sex--Ua0A)*.”* LC Highsmith and K. Erby. Interview for *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains Podcast*.

**May 17, 2017**

*“*[The First Strat Hero](https://youtu.be/WUCcWOpJmEs)*.”* LC Highsmith and S. Forbush. Presentation for the Buddy Holly Center.

**May 17, 2017**

*“*[Operation Husky](https://youtu.be/X2lU-MgqQTw)*.”* LC Highsmith and S. Forbush. Presentation for the Silent Wings Museum**.**

**March 1, 2017**

*“*[The Frozen Rescue](https://youtu.be/XOc-u1VmdVc)*.”* LC Highsmith, S. Forbush, and D. Abbe. Interview for the Silent Wings Museum.

**February 1, 2017**

*“*[The Last Tour](https://youtu.be/fQOUG4em_kQ)*.”* LC Highsmith and S. Forbush. Presentation for the Buddy Holly Center.

**January 23, 2017**

*“*[New Year's Resolution](https://youtu.be/zu5_Il5KHBc)*.”* LC Highsmith and S. Forbush. Presentation for the Buddy Holly Center.

**January 23, 2017**

*“*[The Last Man](https://youtu.be/16ROr3fVEjY)*.”* LC Highsmith and S. Forbush. Presentation for the Silent Wings Museum.

**December 22, 2016**

*“*[Rock & Roll, Christmas, & The Radio](https://youtu.be/uN5PBVoG1kQ)*.”* LC Highsmith and S. Forbush. Presentation for the Buddy Holly Center.

**December 22, 2016**

*“*[Arriving in the Ardennes](https://youtu.be/LIzR4LBfeO8)*”* LC Highsmith and S. Forbush. Presentation for the Silent Wings Museum.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Shirley A. Martin Scholarship May 2023**

* Awarded by the Department of History to promote gender diversity within the College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of History.

**Harvey Hougen Memorial Scholarship May 2021**

* Awarded by the Department of History on behalf of the Hougen family to enhance the *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains’* digital presence.

**Florence M. Hamscher Graduate Research Fund May 2021**

* This award is for graduate students who have passed their Ph.D. preliminary examinations and plan to travel to research collections outside the state of Kansas for dissertation-related research.

**Cora Stewart Wilcoxon Graduate Fellowship May 2021**

* The purpose of this scholarship is to perpetuate the memory of George Dent Wilcoxon and his mother, Cora Stewart Wilcoxon, and to provide financial assistance to graduate students enrolled in Kansas State University’s Department of History needing to travel for research.

**Leroy E. and Mary Sullivan Page Fund for Graduate Students in History May 2021**

* This award funds doctoral student travel for research outside the state of Kansas.

**Harvey Hougen Memorial Scholarship January 2021**

* Awarded by the Department of History on behalf of the Hougen family to enhance the *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains’* digital presence.

**Dr. A. Bower Sageser Memorial Scholarship May 2020**

* The Sageser Award recognizes outstanding teaching, or the potential for such, among graduate students in the K-State Department of History.

**Leroy E. and Mary Sullivan Page Fund for Graduate Students in History May 2020**

* This award funds doctoral student travel for research outside the state of Kansas.

**Kenneth W. Jones Graduate Student Travel Fund May 2020**

* This award is for graduate students who have passed their Ph.D. preliminary examinations. This fund supports two types of travel: either travel to repositories outside the state of Kansas to do scholarly research leading to the writing of a Ph.D. dissertation; or travel to participate in a conference or conferences outside the state of Kansas that will benefit the applicant professionally.

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**Dorothy N. Bagwell Student Research Award March 2015**

* Awarded by Texas Tech University’s Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work in the amount of $500 to assist attending the 2015 national American Association of Physical Anthropology conference in St. Louis, Mo.

**Classical and Modern Language and Literature Graduate Scholarship March 2013**

* Awarded by Texas Tech University’s Department of Classical & Modern Languages & Literatures, in the amount of $1000, to go towards the costs for attending the Binchester Archaeological Field School for 2013. Accepted.

**Study Abroad Competitive Scholarship April 2013**

* Given by Texas Tech University’s Study Abroad Center, in the amount of $1500, on the basis of need and academic excellence to help towards the cost for attending the Binchester Archaeological Field School for 2013.Accepted.

**AWARDS**

**Texas Association of Biological Anthropologists 2014**

* 2nd place in podium presentation at the Sam Houston State University’s conference.

**Texas Intercollegiate Press Association 2013**

* 1st place in the Organization/Greek Writing category for “Characters Welcome” article written for Texas Tech’s *La Ventana* 2012-2013 Annual.

**Columbia Scholastic Press Association 2013**

* 3rd place in the Organization/Greek Writing category for “Characters Welcome” article written for Texas Tech’s *La Ventana* 2012-2013 Annual.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**January 21, 2021**

“Mourning Edition: The Spiritualist Marketing Strategy to Combat “Bad Death” in The Banner of Light” in “Death at the Intersection: Selling, Investigating, and Processing Death in 19th and 20th-Century America.” LC Highsmith. Panel Presentation at the American Historical Association Conference.

**March 29, 2019**

*“*Teaching the Past with Present Technology.*”* LC Highsmith. Paper presentation at the Annual Kansas Association of Historians Conference, Manhattan, Kansas.

**February 21, 2019**

*“*Too Far Gone? Representations of Mental Health and Redeemability in Video Games*.”* LC Highsmith and ML Highsmith. Paper presentation at the 40th Annual Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**April 15, 2016**

*“*Degenerative Joint Disease and its Relation to the Osteological Paradox: A Study of Modern Geriatric Cypriot Skeletons*.”* LC Highsmith and RR Paine. Poster presentation at the 2016 American Association of Physical Anthropology Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

**October 24, 2015**

*“*Degenerative Joint Disease in Modern Geriatric Skeletons and its relation to the Osteological Paradox.” LC Highsmith and RR Paine. Podium presentation at the 2015 Texas Association of Biological Anthropologists Conference, Lubbock, Texas.

**April 9, 2015**

*“*Degenerative Joint Disease in the Wrist, Hand, Ankle, and Foot Relative to Sex, Age, and Body: A study of skeletons from the St. Nicholas Cemetery in Limassol, Cyprus.” LC Highsmith. Podium presentation at the Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honors Society Research Symposium, Lubbock, Texas.  **March 26, 2015**

*“*Degenerative Joint Disease in the Wrist, Hand, Ankle, and Foot Relative to Sex and Body Mass: A study of skeletons from the St. Nicholas Cemetery in Limassol, Cyprus.” LC Highsmith and RR Paine. Poster presentation at the American Association of Physical Anthropology Conference, St. Louis, MO.

**November 15, 2014**

*“*Degenerative Joint Disease in the Wrist, Hand, Ankle, and Foot: A study of skeletons from the St. Nicholas Cemetery in Limassol, Cyprus.” LC Highsmith and RR Paine. Podium presentation at the Texas Association of Biological Anthropologists Conference, Huntsville, Texas.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Graduate Student Representative **October 2019- December 2019**

Kansas State University’s Department of History Hiring Committee

Co-Graduate Student Advisor **January 2019- April 2019**

Kansas State University Open House

Student Assistant **November 2018**

Girls Researching Our World (GROW) Workshop “The Science Behind the News”, Manhattan, KS

**FIELD EXPERIENCE/SCHOOLS**

Field Assistant **November 7-8, 2014**

Forensic Case in Brewster County, Texas

Participant **June 2- July 2, 2014**

Field Research in Skeletal Biology: Cyprus

Research Assistant **June 30 – July 27, 2013**

Binchester VINOVIA project: Binchester, England

**MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association, History Graduate Student Association, Lambda Alpha , Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha Chi, Sigma Tau Delta

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

American Civil War, Spiritualism, Commercialization of Death, Medicine, Print Media