

CURRICULUM VITAE

LISA C. HIGHSMITH

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EDUCATION

PhD Candidate in History **August 2017-Present**
Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas
Working Title: "Mourning Market: The Commercialization of Death in Nineteenth-Century America."

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

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**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kansas State University

Graduate Editorial Assistant (*Kansas History*) **June 2018-present**
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

Intern

San Angelo’s Historic “Old Fort Concho” Museum

January 1- May 10, 2012

Intern

Angelo State University’s West Texas Collection

January 1- May 10, 2011

SCHOLARSHIPS

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 in the amount of \$2000. Accepted.

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 for the amount of \$2200. Accepted.

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 in the amount of \$700. Accepted.

Florence M. Hamscher Graduate Research Fund

May 2020

- 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 in the amount of \$900. Accepted.

Shirley A. Martin Scholarship

May 2020

- Awarded by the Department of History to promote gender diversity within the College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of History in the amount of \$2000. Accepted

Shirley A. Martin Scholarship

June 2019

- Awarded by the Department of History to promote gender diversity within the College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of History in the amount of \$2114.77. Accepted

Harvey Hougen Memorial Scholarship **June 2019**

- 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 in the amount of \$885.23. Accepted

Harvey Hougen Memorial Scholarship **June 2018**

- 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 in the amount of \$1500. Accepted

Cora Stewart Wilcoxon Graduate Fellowship **May 2018**

- 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. The Fellowship is given in the amount of \$1000. Accepted.

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. Accepted.

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.

CARR Scholarship **August 2008-May 2012**

- Given on the basis of need and academic excellence used to help fund my undergraduate degree. 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 7-10, 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. Accepted.

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.

DIGITAL HUMANITIES WORK

July 30, 2020

“A Journal Editor Looks Back: Thirty Years with Kansas History.” LC Highsmith and Dr. Virgil Dean. Interview for *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains Podcast* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBdyoTZDI0>).

May 18, 2020

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

November 19, 2019

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

September 6, 2019

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

June 5, 2019

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

December 21, 2018

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

October 5, 2018

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

May 17, 2017

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

May 17, 2017

“Operation Husky.” LC Highsmith and S. Forbush. Presentation for the Silent Wings Museum (<https://youtu.be/X2IU-MgqQTW>).

March 1, 2017

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

February 1, 2017

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

January 23, 2017

“New Year's Resolution.” LC Highsmith and S. Forbush. Presentation for the Buddy Holly Center (https://youtu.be/zu5_I5KHBC).

January 23, 2017

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

December 22, 2016

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

December 22, 2016

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

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

Nov. 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 VINOVA project: Binchester, England

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

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

LANGUAGES

French (Intermediate)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Civil War, Spiritualism, Commercialization of Death, Print Media