

MELANIE LYNN HIGHSMITH

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in History** (Ongoing) **August 2018-Present**
Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas
- M.A. in History** **August 2016-August 2018**
Thesis: *Negotiating Power: Constructing Authority at St. Elizabeths Hospital*
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
- M.A. in Anthropology** **August 2012-December 2015**
Thesis: *Experimental Assessment: Heavy Bladed Tool Mark Analysis in Relation to Dismemberment and its Implications for Forensic Identification*
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
Minors: Classics and Biology
- B.A. in History** **August 2008-May 2012**
Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas
Minors: French and English
Summa Cum Laude

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Kansas State University, Department of History

- HIST 151B: U.S. History to 1877 **Jan. 2020- May 2020**
HIST 151A: U.S. History to 1877 **Aug. 2019- Dec. 2019**
HIST 251A: U.S. History to 1877 **Jan. 2019- May 2019**
HIST 112A: World History from 1450, Supervisor: Dr. A. Orr **Aug. 2018- Dec. 2018**

Texas Tech University, Department of History

- HIST 2300: American History before 1877, Supervisor: Dr. E. Skidmore **Jan. 2018- May 2018**
HIST 2300: American History before 1877, Supervisor: Dr. M. Stoll **Aug. 2017- Dec. 2017**

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

- ANTH 2100: Physical Anthropology Lab **Aug. 2014- May 2015**
ANTH 2302: Cultural Anthropology, Supervisor: Mr. L. Siu **Aug. 2013- May 2014**
ANTH 2306: Anthropology At the Movies, Supervisor: Mr. L. Siu **Aug. 2013- May 2014**
ANTH 2315: Intro to Language and Linguistics, Supervisor: Mr. L. Siu **Aug. 2013- May 2014**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Intern

Riley County Historical Musuem, Supervisor: Allana Saenger-Parker **Jan. 2020- May 2020**
Manhattan, KS

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Plant Stress & Germplasm Development Research

Biological Science Aid GS 0404, Supervisor: Dr. J. Chen **June 2015- Aug. 2018**
Lubbock, TX

Natural Science Research Laboratory, Museum of Texas Tech University

Dermestid Colony Operator, Supervisor: H. Garner **Sept. 2012- Aug. 2013**
Lubbock, TX

Intern

Railway Museum of San Angelo/ Santa Fe Train Depot **Jan. 2011- May 2011**
San Angelo, TX

Intern

San Angelo's Historic "Old Fort Concho" Museum **Jan. 2011- May 2011**
San Angelo, TX

SCHOLARSHIPS

History Department Research and Conference Travel Grant Oct. 2017

- Awarded by the Texas Tech University History Department on the basis of need and academic excellence to assist in costs to attend the SWPACA Conference in New Mexico for 2018.

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.

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.

Terry J. Lehmann Scholarship Aug. 2011– May 2012

- Awarded by the Angelo State University History Department to the undergraduate student with the highest GPA.

Robert Byrd Honors Scholarship Aug. 2008-May 2011

- Federally funded award designed to recognize exceptionally able high school seniors who show promise of continued excellence in postsecondary education.

CARR Scholarship Aug. 2008-May 2012

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

PRESENTATIONS

March 29, 2019

Negotiating Power: Constructing Authority at St. Elizabeths Hospital. ML Highsmith. Paper Presentation: 93rd Annual Kansas Association of Historians Conference, Manhattan, KS.

Feb. 21, 2019

Too Far Gone? Representations of Mental Health and Redeemability in Video Games. ML Highsmith and LC Highsmith. Paper Presentation: 40th Annual Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Feb. 9, 2018

Death is Sexy: Exploring the Macabre and the Morbid in the Creation of America's Museums. ML Highsmith and JA Domeischel. Paper Presentation: 39th Annual Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

April 14, 2016

Machete and Axe Tool Mark Assessment Using Fully Fleshed Pigs. ML Highsmith and RR Paine. Poster Presentation: 85th Annual American Association of Physical Anthropologists Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

Oct. 24, 2015

Machete and Axe Tool Mark Assessment Using Fully Fleshed Pigs. ML Highsmith and RR Paine. Poster Presentation: Texas Association of Biological Anthropologists, Lubbock, Texas.

Nov. 15, 2014

Experimental Assessment: Heavy Bladed Tool Mark Analysis in Relation to Dismemberment and its Implications for Forensic Identification. ML Highsmith and RR Paine. Paper Presentation: Texas Association of Biological Anthropologists, Huntsville, Texas.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

History Student Graduate Organization

Co-Graduate History Student Advisor

Kansas State University Open House
Manhattan, KS

Jan. 2019-April 2019

Student Assistant

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

Nov. 2018

FIELD WORK

Field Assistant

Forensic Case in Brewster County, Texas

Nov. 7-8, 2014

Field School Student

Field Research in Skeletal Biology: Cyprus

June 2 - July 2, 2014

Research Assistant

Binchester VINOVA project: Binchester, England

June 30 - July 27, 2013

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

History Graduate Society Organization

Lambda Alpha

Phi Alpha Theta

Alpha Chi

Sigma Tau Delta

LANGUAGES

French (Intermediate)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Illness and Medicine, Social Deviancy, Asylum Construction