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Research Interests:

- Medical anthropology
- Health Care Systems
- Commercialization and Commodification of Health
- Health Care Policy
- Culture, Health, and Identity

Education:

Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

Bachelor of Arts

Anthropology and History, May 2018

Research Experience:

Student Researcher, collaborative project with Dr. Brian Leech and the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, 2017

- Collaborated with faculty, students, and the Research Center to create an education online game about Swedish immigration to the United States.
- Used various sources to analyze the history and culture of Swedish migration
- Compiled qualitative and quantitative information to create the script for the game

Archive Assistant, Children's Art Project with Jose Javier Garza at Historical Research Center, MD Anderson Cancer Center, 2017

- Completed a full inventory of an archival project
- Developed an understanding of the history of the Children's Art Project at MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Coded inventory into EAD format and converted to html standards
- Digitized the project images and encoded archival information to the online repository

Student Research, Senior Inquiry Project with Dr. Carolyn Hough, Dr. Adam Kaul, and Dr. Lendol Calder, 2017-2018

- Conducted qualitative interviews with U.S. combat Vietnam War veterans regarding Agent Orange illness experience and veteran identity

- Utilized public transcripts from The Vietnam Center and Archive to analyze historical implications and complexity of Agent Orange beyond the Vietnam War

Academic Honors:

- O.F. Ander Outstanding History Graduate Award - History Department, Augustana College
- Awarded with Augustana College Dean's List for 12 consecutive trimesters (Fall 2014 - Spring 2018)
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude in May of 2018

Certifications:

- National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Extramural Research - Protecting Human Research Participants through Augustana Coffice
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act - Practice Velocity LLC

Conferences:

- "The Things We *Still* Carry: Agent Orange Illness Narratives." Augustana College, Celebration of Learning Symposium. May 2018.

Professional Associations:

- Phi Beta Kappa - American Academic Honor Society
- Alpha Kappa Delta - International Sociology Honor Society
- Phi Alpha Theta - American History Honor Society

Publications:

- "Children's Art Project Archives" (finding aid). Web.
<https://mdanderson.libguides.com/CAP>
- "The Swedish Immigrant Trail" (educational video game). Web.
<http://road2america.ml/game/>