

# Megan Whirley

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## **Education:**

- 2018 M.A., History; Lyon G. Tyler Department of History, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA.
- 2018 Graduate Thesis Portfolio: “Corrupting the Mother Tongue//Broken Constitutions.”
- Part I: “Corrupting the Mother Tongue: Comparing the Effects of Residential Schools on the Cultures and Languages of Native American and Deaf Students.”
- Part II: “Broken Constitutions: Veterans of the American Revolution and the Language of Disability.”
- 2016 B.A., History; *Cum Laude*. Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL.  
Minors: English, Spanish, and chemistry
- 2015 Undergraduate Thesis: “The American Renaissance: American Romantic Writers and Their Efforts to Define American Culture.”

## **Professional Experience:**

- 2019-present Teaching Assistant, History Department, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL.  
Courses: *Early American History (1492-1865)*; *Modern American History (1865-present)*; *History of Radicalism in America*
- 2017-2018 Digital History Assistant, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Williamsburg, VA.  
Projects: *Ben Franklin’s World* podcast and applications; *OIEAHC website and social media accounts*; *Women Also Know History website*; *Georgian Papers Programme*
- 2016-2017 AVID Tutor/Educational Assistant, Robbinsdale Cooper High School, Robbinsdale, MN.  
Subjects: *History*; *chemistry*
- Spring 2016 Teaching Assistant, History Department, Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL.  
Course: *History of Disability in America*
- 2015-2016 Writing Tutor, Learning Center, Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL.
- 2012-2015 Daycare Teacher; Elmhurst Childcare Center, Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL.

## **Publications:**

- 2018 “Strength in Hope.” *America’s Emerging Writers: An Anthology of Nonfiction*. (2018). pp. 52-53.

- 2018 "Strength in Hope." *Minnesota's Emerging Writers: An Anthology of Nonfiction*. (2018). pp. 21-24.
- 2014 "Where the Water Meets the Sky." *MiddleWestern Voice*. (2014). pp. 3-9.

### **Conferences and Presentations:**

- 2018 "*Corrupting the Mother Tongue//Broken Constitutions*." College of William and Mary, May 2018. Williamsburg, VA.
- 2015 "*Labor Activism to Feminism*." Elmhurst University Political Science Panel, November 2015. Elmhurst, IL.
- 2015 "*Tracing the Disability Rights Movement in America*." Elmhurst University Annual Research Forum. May 2015. Elmhurst, IL.
- 2014 "*Conquering Language and Culture*." Elmhurst University Annual Research Forum. May 2014. Elmhurst, IL.

### **Awards:**

- 2016 *History Senior of the Year*, Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL.
- 2015-2016 *Glorianna Berger Scholarship*, Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL.
- 2014-2015 *Garlichs Scholarship*, Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL.
- 2012-2016 *Elmhurst Grant*, Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL.
- 2012-2016 *Presidential Scholarship*, Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL.

### **Extracurricular Activities and Affiliations:**

- 2017-2018 History Graduate Student Association, College of William and Mary
- 2017-2018 Modern American Reading Group, College of William and Mary
- 2017-2018 Journal Club, College of William and Mary
- 2015-2016 Habitat for Humanity, Elmhurst University
- 2015 Pi Gamma Mu, Elmhurst University Chapter
- 2012-2016 International Club, Elmhurst University  
*Vice President 2015-2016*
- 2012-2016 P.A.W.S/S.A.A.S, Elmhurst University
- 2012-2014 Best Buddies, Elmhurst University
- 2012-2014 Beta Beta Beta, Elmhurst University
- 2012-2013 Chemistry Club, Elmhurst University

**Languages:**

Fluent in written and spoken Spanish; proficient in American Sign Language contact signing.