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## **EDUCATION**

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**University of California, Irvine**, School of Humanities, Irvine, CA  
Expected June 2025

- Candidate for Master of Arts in History; GPA: 4.0
- Master's Thesis (in progress); Advisor: Professor Sharon Block

**University of California, Santa Barbara**, College of Letters and Science, Santa Barbara, CA  
Received June 2024

- Candidate for Bachelor of Arts in History; GPA: 3.99/4.0
- Honors Thesis: “‘Spiritually Unsexed’: Beliefs, Critics, & Early Histories of the Publick Universal Friend, 1776-1835.” Advisors: Dr. Jarett Henderson & Professor Hilary Bernstein

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

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### **June 2024**

Capstone Experience (Academic Engagement Award), UC Santa Barbara  
College Honors, UC Santa Barbara  
Highest Honors, UC Santa Barbara  
Distinction in the Major, UC Santa Barbara  
Senior Honors Thesis Award, UC Santa Barbara  
Best Italian Language Student, UC Santa Barbara  
Library Award For Undergraduate Research (1st), UC Santa Barbara  
A. Russell Buchanan Award, UC Santa Barbara  
William R. Reardon Undergraduate Award, UC Santa Barbara  
LSAA Lead Peer Scholar, UC Santa Barbara

### **December 2023**

UCSB URCA Grant, UC Santa Barbara  
Parker-Tiampo Family Scholar, UC Santa Barbara

### **September 2021- June 2024**

Dean's Honors, UC Santa Barbara  
Engaging Humanities Fellow, UC Santa Barbara  
Honors Student, UC Santa Barbara  
Middle-Class Scholarship, UC Santa Barbara

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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18th-and 19th-Century United States History  
Gender & Sexuality  
History of Race  
Women's History  
Intellectual History  
History of religion

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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***Undergraduate Journal of History Editorial Intern, History Department, UC Santa Barbara***  
March 2023 – Present

Under faculty supervision, with a team of 8 interns to produce an issue of the UCSB History Department's Undergraduate Journal, solicit undergraduate contributions, assign peer reviewers, and facilitate revisions with authors. Organize the Journal's Instagram/Twitter platforms with deadlines and news on undergraduate research.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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***Independent Researcher, History Department, UC Irvine***

June 2024- December 2024

**Advisor:** Professor Sharon Block

Conducted research on the history of Early American cultural, social, and political notions on sex and gender concerning the experiences of the American soldier, Deborah Sampson, starting from their enlistment in 1782 to their death in 1827. Research primarily centered around collecting secondary historical scholarship on themes of revolution, gender performance, book history, and trans-gender theories.

***Independent Researcher, History Department, UC Santa Barbara***

June 2023- June 2024

**Advisor(s):** Professor Jarett Henderson & Professor Hilary Bernstein

A continuation of previous research on the Publick Universal Friend and the concepts of sex and gender in Early America for my Senior Honors Thesis. Regarding the broader implications of the histories of sex and gender within the development of the early United States, I further investigate and analyze the extent of news media outreach on the Friend from the 13 colonies, and their sect, as well as reactions and responses of contemporaries towards the Friend based on 18th-19th century notions of sex and gender.

***Independent Researcher, History Department, UC Santa Barbara***

April 2023- June 2023

**Advisor:** Professor Jarett Henderson

Conducted research on the history of Early American cultural, political, and religious notions on sex and gender through the experiences of the American preacher, the Publick Universal Friend from 1776 to 1821, with a focus on newspaper articles, personal correspondence, and other archival sources.

**PRESENTATIONS**

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“Trans-Atlantic Responses to a Genderless Spirit: The Publick Universal Friend, 1776-1819.” Presented at the Queer History Conference 2024. California State University, Fullerton, CA, June 2024.

“‘Spiritually Unsexed’: Beliefs, Critics, & Early Histories of the Publick Universal Friend, 1776-1835.” Presented at the University of California, Santa Barbara Department of History Senior Honors Colloquium. Santa Barbara, CA, May 2024.

“‘Spiritually Unsexed’: Beliefs, Critics, & Early Histories of the Publick Universal Friend, 1776-1835.” Presented at the University of California, Santa Barbara URCA Conference. Santa Barbara, CA, May 2024.

“Revelations Beyond the Binary: The Publick Universal Friend 1776-1819.” Poster presented at the University of California, Santa Barbara URCA Poster Colloquium. Santa Barbara, CA, May 2024.

“Fireside Chat VII: History and HPPL Honors Thesis.” Guest speaker as a former Honors Thesis student at the University of California, Santa Barbara History Club. Santa Barbara, CA, April 2024.

“Revelations Beyond the Binary: The Publick Universal Friend 1776-1819.” Poster presented at the American Historical Association 137th Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, January 2024.

**PUBLISHED WORKS**

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Kawamoto, H. L. (2024). “‘Spiritually Unsexed’: Believers, Critics, and Early Histories of the Publick Universal Friend, 1776-1835. *UC Santa Barbara: Library*. Retrieved from <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/1wm1k964>.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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### **UCSB Disabled Students Program**

*DSP Notetaker*, September 2022– June 2024

Volunteer position to provide personal notes for DSP students in specified courses.

### **UCSB National Society of Leadership & Success**

*Treasurer, Club Officer*, September 2021– June 2022

Participated in a leadership club that facilitates personal growth and career success. Managed club's funds, membership count/attendance, and leadership workshops.

## LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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### **UCSB Kids In Nutrition**

*Member/Volunteer Instructor*, January 2023 – June 2024

Volunteer position as an instructor of second-grade students throughout Goleta on leading healthy and sustainable lives through good nutrition/food sustainability education.

### **UCSB History Club**

*Member*, September 2022 – June 2024

Connect with students of all majors and backgrounds interested in History as a field of study, career path, or hobby. Activities include participation in history faculty meet-and-greets, student-taught presentations on specific topics, and viewing historical documentaries.

### **Long Beach Junior Lifeguards**

*Junior Lifeguard Instructor*, June 2022 – Present

A division of the Long Beach Fire Department/Marine Safety, where I provide summer instruction to 60 kids ages 9-11 on lifeguard training, history of lifeguarding, memory, rescue techniques, basic life-saving skills, marine ecology, and public service. In 2024, I received an award from Long Beach's Marine Advisory Commission for demonstrating commitment and skill within Marine Safety work that benefits Long Beach's communities.

### **UCSB Triathlon Club**

*Member*, September 2021 – June 2024

Member of a competitive club sports team with structured daily group training for all levels that facilitates physical strength, team camaraderie, and engagement with the history of the sport.

### **Long Beach Fire Department/Marine Safety**

*Non-Career Lifeguard*, June 2020 – Present

Tasked with watching an assigned section of the Long Beach oceanfront, answering calls for help, administering first aid, advising the public, engaging in public history, and volunteering. Recently filled and distributed over 2,000 sandbags across Long Beach in preparation for Hurricane Hilary.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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Committee on LGBT History (2023- Present)  
National Society of Leadership & Success (2021- Present)  
United States Lifesaving Association (2020- Present)  
The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History (2019- Present)

## **LANGUAGES**

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Near-native proficiency in Spanish; Basic reading and writing competence in Spanish  
Basic Italian; Basic reading and writing competence in Italian

## **REFERENCES**

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Prof. Sharon Block, UC Irvine, Dept. of History: sblock@uci.edu  
Dr. Jarett Henderson, UC Santa Barbara, Dept. of History: jhenderson@history.ucsb.edu  
Prof. Kate McDonald, UC Santa Barbara, Dept. of History: kmcdonald@history.ucsb.edu