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PROFILE

Fulbright alum and master's student at the University at Buffalo's Graduate School of Education. My primary research interest relates to how the intersectionality conceptual framework can be applied to the unit and lesson plans implemented within middle/high school classrooms.

EDUCATION

Master's Student, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
Fields:

- Thesis: -
- Advisor: Dr. Timothy Monreal

B.A., University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
Major: History

- Summa cum laude
- Honors thesis: "Our leaders is just we ourself": The Women's Political Council and the Civil Rights Movement in Montgomery Alabama
- Advisor(s): Dr. Cari Casteel, Dr. Andreas Daum
- Completion of the University at Buffalo's History Honors Program, 2021-2022
- Dean's List, 2019-2023

CERTIFICATION(S)

- New York State Initial Certification (pending), Social Studies Adolescence Education (Grades 5-12), May 2024
- Fundamentals of TESOL (Self-Study) IIE, TESOL International Association, September 2023
- Foundations in Health and Safety e-Learning, presented by Early Childhood Education and Training Program, New York State Office of Children and Family Services, July 9, 2023
- Identifying and Responding to Anaphylaxis, presented by Early Childhood Education and Training Program, July 9, 2023
- Mandated Reporter Training: Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse and Maltreatment, Sponsored by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, July 8, 2023

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

- Graduate Forum Travel Award, 2024
- Graduate School Association Conference Funding Grant, 2024
- LAI-GSA Conference Funding Grant, 2024
- Fulbright Award Recipient, The Fulbright Program, September 2023-June 2024
- Best of Conference Undergraduate Paper Winner, Phi Alpha Theta New York State Regional Conference, 2023
- College of Arts and Sciences' Outstanding Senior Award, University at Buffalo's Department of History, 2023
- Best Undergraduate Thesis Prize Winner, University at Buffalo's Department of History, 2022

- UB Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creativity Award, University at Buffalo, 2022
- Joyce J. and John D. Milligan and Family Scholarship, University at Buffalo's Department of History, 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Student Teacher Resident, Hutchinson Central Technical High School, September 2024-Present

- Co-teaching Advanced Placement U.S. History alongside Mrs. Mary Manley.

Fulbright English Teaching Assistant, the Fulbright Program, September 2023-June 2024:

- Led instruction and co-taught in English classrooms at Ethnomartiras Kyprianos Lyceum.
- Created unit and lesson plans for various English classrooms.
- Oversaw and created numerous school programs/organizations:
 - Director of the Model European Parliament Program
 - Coordinator for the British Council's Stronger Together for Social Action Program
 - Organized an event with the U.S. embassy, featuring guest speakers Benjamin Witorsch and Anna Agrotou
 - Team website: <https://sustainability0.wordpress.com/>
 - Coordinator for the school's By Annual Peer to Peer Social Awareness Seminars
 - Teacher Supervisor for the school's Mentorship Program
 - Initiated and led professional development workshops for students
 - My website: <https://russelba.wixsite.com/careerbuilder>
 - Organized a Pen Pals program
 - Launched a school book club

Lead Teacher, Say Yes Buffalo, June 2023-July 2023

- Created and implemented lesson plans for students entering the 9th, 10th, and 11th grade.
- Gained on the field experience managing a high school classroom.

Substitute Teacher, Amherst Central School District, June 2022-June 2023

- Taught in a variety of classrooms, ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade.

History Tutor, Buffalo Center for Arts and Technology, September 2021-July 2022

- Employed as a history tutor for 11th grade students challenging the Advanced Placement World History examination.
- Worked in both individual and group settings with students.

Assistant Camp Counselor, Buffalo Museum of Science, June 2021-August 2021

- Provided daily instruction and guidance to students (age range: 5-13 years old) attending the Museum's discovery camp.
- Collaborated with Directors of the museum's science camp to create engaging and worthwhile science based lessons for students.

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, University at Buffalo, October 2024-Present

- Working with Dr. LaGarrett King, Associate Professor of Social Studies Education, at the Center for K-12 Black History and Racial Literacy Education.

Graduate Research Assistant, University at Buffalo, November 2024-Present

- Involved in a CSE collaborative research project with Dr. Kenny Joseph, Associate Professor of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University at Buffalo.

Student Ambassador for the University at Buffalo's UBTeach Program and Social Studies Education, July 2024-Present.

- Blog Post: <https://link.unibuddy.co/unibuddy/3ADseP1x1izwnTRo9>

Graduate Research Assistant, University at Buffalo, July 2024-Present

- Conducted extensive data analysis and reviewing of literature for Dr. Dalia Muller, Associate Professor of Latin America and Caribbean History at the University at Buffalo.

Student Research Assistant, University at Buffalo Graduate School of Education, May 2023-July 2023

- Researched alongside Dr. Timothy Monreal, Assistant Professor of Learning and Instruction with the University at Buffalo's Graduate School of Education.

Senior Page, Page, Clarence Public Library, June 2020-June 2021, January 2017-2019

- Interacted with patrons and assisted librarians with a wide variety of tasks.
- Facilitated children-oriented programs such as the annual Battle of the Books competition.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "Centering peace, hope and possibility in lessons on war and conflict for secondary education classrooms." 2024 Annual CUFA Conference.
- "Teaching the 1955-1956 Montgomery Bus Boycott through an Intersectional Conceptual Framework." 2024 Teaching Black History Conference.
- "Where Might Arturo Schomburg Fall in This Standard?: Examining Afro-Latinxs in New York State Social Studies Standards." New York State Foundations of Education Association (NYSFEA) Annual Conference. Paper co-authored alongside Dr. Timothy Monreal and Dawnavyn James, 2024.
- "Where Might Arturo Schomburg Fall in This Standard?: Examining Afro-Latinxs in New York State Social Studies Standards." 2023 Annual CUFA Conference. Paper co-authored alongside Dr. Timothy Monreal and Dawnavyn James.
- "Our leaders is just we ourself": The Women's Political Council and the Civil Rights Movement in Montgomery, Alabama. 2023 Phi Alpha Theta Research Conference.
- "Our leaders is just we ourself": The Women's Political Council and the Civil Rights Movement in Montgomery, Alabama. 2022 Celebration of Student Academic Excellence.
- "The American Flag: Unifying Symbol of False Hope." 2021 Phi Alpha Theta Research Conference.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Bassarath, R. (2024, November). *Teaching for Peace*. Invited Lecture presented at the University at Buffalo.
- Member of the 2024 Planning Committee of the University at Buffalo's Graduate School of Education Research Symposium.
- Guest speaker for the University at Buffalo's History Undergraduate Association, 2024
- Presenter at Dean Robin Schulze's Advisory council session, April 2023
- Panelist speaker at the University at Buffalo's College of Arts and Sciences Accepted Students Day, April 2023
- Representative on the Undergraduate Academic Grievance Pool, October 2022-May 2023
- Leadership team member, Phi Alpha Theta, May 2022-May 2023
- Ambassador for the College of Arts and Sciences, March 2021-May 2023

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Exchange Alumni, U.S. Department of State
- EU-US Young Leaders Seminar Alumni
- University at Buffalo College Democrats
- Phi Alpha Theta, University at Buffalo

REFERENCES

- Ms. Louise Lalli, Academic Advisor, University at Buffalo Graduate School of Education, (716)-645-6622, lmlalli@buffalo.edu
- Dr. Andreas Daum, Professor, University at Buffalo Department of History, (716)-645-8421, adaum@buffalo.edu
- Dr. Cari Casteel, Clinical Assistant Professor/Phi Alpha Theta Advisor, University at Buffalo Department of History, (716)-645-8429, caricast@buffalo.edu
- Dr. Timothy Monreal, Assistant Professor/Department of Learning and Instruction, University at Buffalo Graduate School of Education, (716)-645-5042, tpmonrea@buffalo.edu