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EDUCATION 

**University of Houston** August 2018- December 2023

B.A. Spanish & History Cumulative GPA: 4.0

Distinctions:

* Dean’s List (all semesters)
* Leizer Rose Horowitz Scholarship Spring 2021
* Del Barto Scholarship Spring 2022 (Nominated by faculty and awarded to the highest-ranking History majors who have accomplished outstanding work in their discipline)
* “Outstanding in History” Certificate Spring 2023 (Nominated by faculty as graduating senior to exhibit strong overall performance in discipline)
* Welcome Wilson Houston History Intern Summer 2023 (Given to students who demonstrate excellence in the public history discipline)
* Foundations in Digital Humanities Project Development Certificate (Undergraduate)

**University of Houston, Center for Public History**

M.A. Public History January 2024- Present

Ph.D. History

Distinctions:

* D.W. Mitchell Scholarship
* Foundations in Digital Humanities Project Development Certificate (Graduate)

RESEARCH GRANTS AND EXPERIENCE 

**University of Houston and Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS)** August 2024- Present

*Lydia Mendoza Fellowship*

Chosen as a graduate student in good academic standing to further research into Latinx topics. This involves being a research assistant for the Houston History magazine focusing on publications documenting local Latinx stories.

**Summer Internship in Public History and Digital Humanities (SIPHDH)** May 2024- August 2024 **UH Center for Public History**

*Graduate Student Program Manager*

Intern guide and assistant to the SIPHDH director, acting as a mentor for undergraduate interns, facilitating cohort discussions, and performing various administrative tasks. Experience includes program development, team leadership, curriculum building, project presentation, and professional writing.

**American Red Cross- Greater Houston Branch** May 2024- December 2024

*Graduate Internship*

Lead Curation Intern for the Next Century of Service project, archiving items and curating exhibits celebrating one hundred years of Red Cross volunteer service in the Greater Houston area.

**University of Houston & The Center for Public History** January 2024- May 2024

*Environmental Justice Activism and the Arts in Houston, 1970 - Present*

Team leader in charge of organization, communication, and group participation for the bibliography team and the Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services research team. This is part of a project in conjunction with the Climate Justice Museum of Houston.

**Jason P. Theriot Consulting, LLC** August 2023- Present

*Research Assistantship*

Paid research assistant to do archival and digital research on projects concerning regional Texas history.

**University of Houston & The Center for Public History** Summer 2023

*Undergraduate Internship Program – Houston History Magazine*

Paid internship to research, write, edit, and collect photos for articles of the Fall 2023 issue of the *Houston History* magazine.

**University of Houston & the Mellon Foundation** January 2022- April 2023

*Mellon Research Scholars Fellowship*

“Spanish in Relation to Socioeconomic Status Overtime in America.” Selected for cohort of underrepresented humanities researchers, where I was funded to conduct an IRB approved sociolinguistics project in which I interviewed 12 Latinx Americans and extensively researched heritage language transmission related to social factors.

**University of Houston & The Center for Public History** Summer 2022

*Undergraduate Internship Program – “Sharing Stories from 1977”*

Paid internship to research the 1977 National Women’s Conference in Houston and present data

through a digital exhibition.

**University of Houston and the Holocaust Museum of Houston** Spring 2022

*The Sephardic Latinx Oral History Project*

Granted funding by the Cougar Initiative to Engage program to interview Houston Sephardic

Jews of Latin origin who immigrated to the US in the late 20th century for the new Latino Initiatives Program at the Holocaust Museum of Houston. Analyzed the transcriptions, presented biographical information on research posters, and spoke on a panel discussing my experience and the significance of the project.

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE 

**Public Historians at Work: Series on the Third Ward** Spring 2024

*Center for Public History podcast episode*

“A Conversation on Death in the Third Ward.” Recorded and edited a 15-minute podcast episode about the strength of community support through Third Ward institutions supporting grieving families during the funeral process. Supervised by Dr. Kristina Neumann.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS 

*Conference Presentation.* “An Evolution into Inconclusive American Jewish Pluralism.” Poster presentation on the historiography of American Jewish Studies at the ERAH Graduate Student Conference at Southern Methodist University in November 2024.

*Video presentation*. “Sharing Stories Student Showcase.” Invited to speak on experience and research done as an intern for *Sharing Stories from 1977*, a digital humanities project, in March 2024.

*Podcast guest speaker*. “Recovering Hidden Stories: The Sephardic Latinx Oral History Project.” Guest on the Public Historians at Work podcast in November 2023 to discuss my work on creating an oral history archive for Sephardic Latinx Jews in Houston.

*Oral presentation*. “Transformation Through Teamwork.” Finalist for exCITE talks speaking on experience as *Houston History* magazine intern in Fall 2023.

*Poster presentation*. Product of Research Grant. “Spanish Language Preservation in Relation to Socioeconomic Status Overtime in America.” University of Houston Undergraduate Research Day 2023.

*Discussion on panel*. “Untold Stories: The Sephardic Latinx Oral History Project.” Research panel on the oral history project led by the University of Houston, Houston Holocaust Museum’s Houston’s Latino Initiatives Program, and CITE (Cougar Initiative To Engage) program in Spring 2022.

TECHNICAL SKILLS 

**Languages** Spanish (Fluent), Hebrew (Basic)

**Software & Tools** MS Office, Excel, Canva, Social Media, Photoshop

**Certificates** 500hr. Yoga Teacher Training

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES 

**Hillel at the University of Houston** August 2021- Present

*Organization member*

Attending social and religious events.

**Memorial Herman Hospital** August 2023- December 2023

*Volunteer*

Visiting patients and doing office work.

**Virtual Language Exchange Clubs**  January 2020- Present

*Participant*

Speaking with people from Latin countries in English and Spanish.

**Cambly**  July 2023- Present

*English Teacher*

Teaching English to second language learners of English.

**Fluenz Language Learning Program** March 2019- January 2023

*Advanced Student*

Analyzed real world Spanish sources at the highest level with a certified Spanish linguistic coach once-a-week for 90 minutes as an advanced student.

**Memorial Administrative Service (MAM)** May 2021- December 2021

*ESL Teacher*

Taught English 4 hours a week to immigrants from different countries to help them learn

basic vocabulary and grammar related to skills needed to find a job, pay bills, or help their kids

with school.

**National Honor Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS)** August 2020- December 2021

*Social Chair*

Worked in conjunction with other board members to lead members through leadership activities

and goal-setting exercises.

Planned virtual social events like trivia and worked in collaboration with other UH organizations

for informative presentations on specific topics.

**Soldier’s Angels** January 2017- March 2020

*Volunteer*

Wrote letters to overseas veterans and volunteered in the Veterans’ hospital by passing out

refreshments and socializing with veterans.

WORK

**University of Houston** January 2024- May 2024

*Teaching Assistant*

**Jason P. Theriot Consulting, LLC** August 2023- May 2024

*Research Assistant*

**River Oaks Planthouse** August 2017- December 2021

*Salesperson*

**Lifetime Inc.** October 2021- January 2022

*Yoga Teacher*

**Fitness Journey**  November 2020- September 2021

*Yoga Teacher*

ADVANCED COURSES TAKEN IN MAJORS AND GRADUATE COURSES

**Spring 2024**

HIST 6358 U.S. Historiography from 1877

HIST 6382 Research in Public History: Environmental Activism and the Arts in Houston

Internship with American Red Cross

**Fall 2023**

HIST 3336 History of US Latinx Music

HIST 4391 Public History Internship

SPAN 4343 Health and Society in the Hispanic World

**Spring 2022**

SPAN 4367 US Hispanics and Language

HIST 4365 Women in Latin America

HIST 3369 Colonial Mexico

HIST 4379 Sex and Violence in the Old South

**Fall 2021**

SPAN 3305 Spanish Grammar Review

SPAN 3339 Spanish for Global Professions

HIST 3325 Mexican American Civil Rights in the 20th Century

HIST 3394 The Early American Republic

HIST 3395 Ancient World Through Film

**Summer 2021**

SPAN 3384 Intro to Hispanic Literature

SPAN 3375 US Hispanic Culture and Civilization