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#### Education

M.A., Public History, Middle Tennessee State University, August 2023-May 2025.

Field: Public History

GPA: 3.60

B.A., History, Lee University, August 2019-May 2023.

Field: History GPA: 3.77

# Awards/Scholarships

Recipient, Honor Scholarship, 2019-2023.

Recipient, Tennessee HOPE Scholarship, 2019-2023.

Honoree, Lee University Dean's list, 2019-2020.

Cum Laude, Lee University, 2023

#### **Conference Presentations**

2022. Williamson, Logan. "Progressive America: How Labor Parties Failed to Develop in the United States Compared to its European Counterparts." Hesse-Thompson Colloquium, Lee University, Cleveland, TN.

#### **Professional Experience**

Co-curator, Albert Gore Research Center, Middle Tennessee State University, May-October 2024. Responsibilities:

- > Curated the "The Art and History of Political Campaign Communication: Selections from the Johnny Hayes Political Memorabilia Collection" for the Albert Research Research Center.
- ➤ Developed and evaluated strategic promotion plans to enhance public engagement with the exhibit.
- ➤ Identified and selected key artifacts within the Johnny Hayes Political Memorabilia Collection for public display in the exhibit.
- > Executed over 150 hours of metadata analysis and documentation using PastPerfect Museum Software
- > Preserved and encapsulated a wide range of historical posters utilizing archival best practices to ensure long-term conservation.

Archival intern, Albert Gore Research Center, Middle Tennessee State University, May-August 2024. Responsibilities:

- ➤ Reorganized and reaccessioned communication memorabilia records related to prominent Tennessee political figures to improve archival accessibility and integrity.
- Processed, digitized, and cataloged photographs, correspondence, and senatorial records of former U.S. Senator William "Bill" Frist, enhancing their discoverability and long-term preservation.

Archival intern, Department of History, Political Science and Humanities, Lee University, January-May 2023.

# Responsibilities:

- ➤ Appraised the Hines Collection, tangible artifacts from 1886-1931, to assess historical value, condition, and relevance for institutional acquisition.
- ➤ Accessioned the collection into the department's archival holdings, ensuring compliance with archival standards and institutional protocols.
- > Developed a comprehensive finding aid to enhance research accessibility and support long-term collection management.

Archival intern, Dixon Research Center, Lee University Squires Library, August 2021-December 2022. Responsibilities:

- > Evaluated archival collections for historical significance, research value, and physical condition to guide acquisition and retention decisions.
- ➤ Accessioned, reaccessioned, and deaccessioned collections in alignment with institutional policies and archival best practices.
- Coordinated the secure transport of archival materials between storage and processing areas to maintain physical integrity.
- > Stabilized and encapsulated fragile white and cyanotype blueprints using preservation-grade materials to prevent deterioration.
- Conserved and encapsulated digitally printed photographs to support long-term protection and access.
- Entered detailed metadata and descriptive records into ArchivesSpace to enhance collection discoverability and user navigation.

# **Exhibitions, Projects, Publications, etc.**

Co-Author, Collections Policy Management for the Bedford County Archives, May 2024. <u>Responsibilities</u>:

- > Co-authored a comprehensive collections management policy for the Bedford County Archives to align practices with current archival standards and ethical guidelines.
- > Surveyed the physical facility and archival holdings to evaluate environmental conditions, storage methods, and collection accessibility.
- ➤ Analyzed the existing collections management policy to identify gaps, outdated procedures, and areas for improvement.

> Researched industry best practices and professional standards in archival collection management to inform policy development and institutional recommendations.

Co-Curator, "The Art and History of Political Campaign Communication," October 2024. Responsibilities:

- Curated The Art and History of Political Campaign Communication: Selections from the Johnny Hayes Political Memorabilia Collection, shaping the narrative and interpretive framework for public engagement.
- > Designed and implemented promotional strategies to increase visibility and attendance for the exhibition.
- > Selected and contextualized key artifacts from the Johnny Hayes Political Memorabilia Collection to support the exhibit's historical themes.
- Conducted in-depth metadata research using PastPerfect Museum Software to enhance item-level description and discovery.
- Encapsulated historically significant posters following professional conservation standards to ensure their long-term preservation and safe display.

Historic Preservation project manager, Cannonsburgh Assessment Plan, Murfreesboro, TN, December 2024.

#### Responsibilities:

- Photographed and analyzed historic buildings and structures to document architectural features and assess current conditions.
- ➤ Conducted a comprehensive architectural survey to evaluate structural integrity, historical significance, and preservation needs.
- ➤ Authored detailed architectural descriptions and conservation recommendations for key site features including the L&N Train Caboose, Windmill/Well, and Pavilion.
- ➤ Developed an interpretive framework for the spatial layout of Cannonsburgh Village, emphasizing historical context and visitor engagement strategies.

Museum Management project manager, Cannonsburgh, Murfreesboro, TN, December 2024. Responsibilities:

- > Evaluated the Haynes Museum's military, education, small industrial tools, Native American, and post-Revolutionary collections to determine historical significance, physical condition, and interpretive potential.
- ➤ Recommended accession, reaccession, or deaccession actions based on institutional priorities, relevance, and preservation standards.
- Advised on preservation and conservation strategies to stabilize and protect vulnerable artifacts across multiple collection areas.
- ➤ Authored the introduction and comprehensive evaluations for the Collections Assessment Report (CAR), offering in-depth analysis and strategic recommendations for the museum's key holdings.

## **Memberships**

Society of American Archivists, 2024. Association of Graduate Students in History, 2024.

# **Community Service**

Volunteer, Bradley Healthcare & Rehab Center, TN, 2019.

## Responsibilities:

- > Provided empathetic, one-on-one counseling to patients, offering emotional support and guidance to promote mental and emotional well-being.
- ➤ Led and participated in recreational activities to encourage social interaction, reduce stress, and support holistic patient care.
- > Supported administrative operations by organizing records, scheduling appointments, and facilitating daily office functions to ensure smooth workflow and patient service delivery.

Volunteer, Urban Outreach in Nashville, TN, 2020.

# Responsibilities:

- ➤ Distributed clothing and meals to homeless individuals, addressing immediate basic needs and promoting dignity and care.
- ➤ Offered compassionate ministry and emotional support to homeless community members, fostering trust and providing spiritual guidance.

Volunteer, SPCA of Bradley County, TN, 2021.

## Responsibilities:

- > Designed and crafted homemade fleece dog toys to promote animal enrichment and support shelter adoption efforts.
- ➤ Provided comprehensive animal care, including feeding, cleaning, and exercising dogs to ensure their health and well-being.
- > Coordinated and delivered outreach programming to engage the community, raise awareness, and foster support for animal welfare initiatives.

Volunteer, Fort Hill Cemetery Tours in Cleveland, TN, 2023.

## Responsibilities:

- Conducted engaging and informative tours, delivering historical and cultural insights to diverse visitor groups.
- ➤ Coordinated and served meals for actors, ensuring timely and efficient support during rehearsals and performances.
- > Researched genealogical records with precision, tracing lineage and verifying historical family data to support academic and personal inquiries.

### References

Dr. Louis M. Kyriakoudes, Middle Tennessee State University Director of the Albert Gore Research Center, Professor of History Louis.Kyriakoudes@mtsu.edu

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