

**EDUCATION**

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2022

**High 2:1 with Distinctions****London School of Economics** (with Columbia University), London, UK | **MSc in International History**

- **Thesis:** “*City of London v. Strangers: The London Steelyard and the Shifting Political Economy of Tudor England*”
- **Courses:** East Asia in the Age of Imperialism (1842–1945), Asian Borderlands, Maps, History, and Power: The Spaces and Cultures of the Past

2022

**GPA: 3.88****Columbia University** (with London School of Economics), New York, NY | **MA in International History**

- **Courses:** GIS & Spatial History, Modern China, Europe’s Commercial Revolution, Local History in Tibet, The Idea of Europe

2017

**GPA: 3.62 | 3.71 Major****University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL | **BA in History, with Honors**

- **Thesis:** “Solitary Refinement: Understanding Isolationism and the Anglo-Japanese Alliance”
- **Courses:** Rupture and Continuity in Modern Japan, Early Modern Japan, Frontiers and Expansion in Modern China, History of Ancient China, Five Classics of Pre-Qin China, Europe 1815–1914, Europe 1914–Present, America in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

2013

**Sidwell Friends High School**, Washington, DC | **High School Diploma**

- **Capstone historical research paper:** “Barbed: A History of the Wire That Conquered the American West”
- **Courses:** Spanish Language and Literature, American Studies, Environmental History, Philosophy of the European Enlightenment, Modern Middle East

**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE**

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2025–pres. **Freelance Writer**, *PC Gamer*, Bath, UK2024–pres. **Communications and Operations Specialist**, Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian, Cambridge, MA2023–2024 **Senior News Assistant on Defense, Politics, Climate, Health, and Science**, *The Asahi Shimbun*, Washington, DC2023 **Senior News Assistant on Politics, Climate, Health, and Science**, *The Asahi Shimbun*, Washington, DC2022–2023 **News Assistant on Politics, Climate, Health, and Science**, *The Asahi Shimbun*, Washington, DC2021–2022 **News Researcher**, Kaiser Health News, Washington, DC, and London, UK2018–2020 **Barista**, Swing’s Coffee, Alexandria, Virginia

- 2017–2018 **Editor and Publisher**, *Pétain's Praise and Other Incongruities* (family memoirs)
- 2017 **Editorial Intern**, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC
- 2016–2017 **Copy Editor**, *The Chicago Maroon*, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2016–2017 **Editor**, *Red Bull Media House*, Chicago, IL
- 2016 **Editorial and Web Design Intern**, *Fashionweek Magazine*, New York, NY

## **PUBLICATIONS (ACADEMIC)**

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- 2023 ["City of London v. Strangers: The fall of the Hanse in England, and the rise of state-sponsored trade,"](#) *Eras Journal* 24, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
- 2023 ["Border Typologies and Their Anti-Imperial Usage in East and Southeast Asia,"](#) *The Webster Review of International History*, London School of Economics, London, UK
- 2022 ["Against a rupture narrative: Japanese 'western learning' from Tokugawa to Meiji,"](#) *Columbia Journal of Asia*, Columbia University, New York
- 2022 ["Isolationism in Vogue,"](#) *EPOCH Magazine* Issue #9 at the University of Lancaster, Lancaster, UK
- 2022 ["The Changing Tides of Baltic Sea Trade: A Case Study of the Gotland Invasion,"](#) *The Webster Review of International History*, London School of Economics, London, UK
- 2021 ["Europa Universalis IV: An Interactive Idea of Europe,"](#) *The Webster Review of International History Blog*, London School of Economics, London, UK
- 2021 ["Baltic Frontiers,"](#) *Columbia Journal of History*, Columbia University, New York

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (JOURNALISM & PUBLIC RELATIONS)**

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- 2026 [\*Cosmos for All — "A Life in Astronomy with Jonathan McDowell"\*](#), Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian, Cambridge, MA
- 2025 ["This Experience is Unforgettable': 80 Undergraduates Present Summer Research at the CfA,"](#) Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian, Cambridge, MA
- 2025 ["Real-life rally racing is dying and triple-A rally games are dead, but the sport's gotten a second life thanks to these excellent indie racers,"](#) *PC Gamer*, Bath, UK
- 2023 ["「産業革命以来、最大の変革」 国内外で気候テックが注目される理由](#) [Eng. "The biggest change since the industrial revolution': Why climate tech is attracting attention both domestically and internationally"], *The Asahi Shimbun*, Tokyo, Japan
- 2023 ["Smithsonian museum to show A-bombed cities in 2025,"](#) *The Asahi Shimbun*, Tokyo, Japan
- Japanese-language version: ["原爆投下後の写真、スミソニアン博物館が展示計画 世論反発の過去も"](#)
- 2023 ["中国系研究者の「米国離れ」加速、スパイ対策の「意図しない結果」](#) [Eng. "Chinese researchers are leaving the US in greater numbers, the 'unintended consequences' of anti-espionage measures"], *The Asahi Shimbun*, Tokyo, Japan

2023 [“Interview: Don’t neglect Japan-U.S. friendship ‘garden,’”](#) *The Asahi Shimbun*, Tokyo, Japan

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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2022 **Published Poet** in *The Clare Market Review*, London, UK

2021 **Alliance Fellowship**, Department of History, Columbia University

2020 **Tuition Reduction Fellowship**, Department of History, Columbia University

2017 **Honors** in the College, University of Chicago

2017 **Honors**, BA History Thesis, Department of History, University of Chicago

2016 **Published poet** in *Sliced Bread Magazine*, Chicago, IL

2013–2017 **Dean’s List**, University of Chicago

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2025 **Acting Early Career Researcher Coordinator**, Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian

2023 **US History Teaching Assistant/Grader**, OnRamps dual-enrollment education program, University of Texas at Austin Department of History

2020 **Teaching Assistant**, “History of Astronomy,” Lexington Community Education

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

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2023 **Presentation: “City of London v. Strangers: The fall of the Hanse in England, and the rise of state-sponsored trade,”** New York State Association of European Historians annual conference, St. Francis College, New York, NY

2023 **Presentation: “Europa Universalis IV: Historical grand strategy simulation games as historiography,”** Brian Bertoti Innovative Perspectives in History Graduate Research Conference, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

2022 **Presentation: “Against a rupture narrative: Japanese ‘western learning’ from Tokugawa to Meiji,”** Columbia Journal of Asia launch, New York, NY

2022 **Conference Organizing Assistant**, New York State Association of European Historians annual conference, Niagara University, Niagara, NY

2022 **Presentation: “Anglo-American Rhetoric on the Chinese ‘Open Door’ of 1899,”** Inaugural LSE International History Graduate Student Conference, London, UK

2021 **Presentation: “The Fall of the Steelyard,”** International History Prospectus Conference, Columbia University, New York, NY

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2021 **Rare Books and Manuscripts Library Research Assistant** for published book [Shirley Hazzard: A Writing Life](#) (with named acknowledgement), Dr. Brigitta Olubas, Macmillan: Farrar, Straus and Giroux

- 2021 **Rare Books and Manuscripts Library Research Assistant**, Dr. Amanda Ciafone, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 2013–2014 **Exhibit Research and Collections Intern**, [American Enterprise](#), National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

## SERVICE TO PROFESSION

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- 2025 **Peer Reviewer and Editor**, *Columbia Journal of Asia*, Columbia University
- 2025 **Volunteer Organizer and History Guide**, Cambridge Explores the Universe, Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian
- 2024 **Peer Reviewer and Editor**, *Columbia Journal of Asia*, Columbia University
- 2024 **Volunteer Organizer**, 50<sup>th</sup> Annual DC History Conference, DC History Center and DC Public Libraries, Washington, DC
- 2023 **Volunteer Organizer**, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual meeting, Arlington, VA
- 2022 **Peer Reviewer and Editor**, *Past Tense Graduate Review of History*, University of Toronto
- 2022 **Blog Editor**, *The Webster Review of International History*, London School of Economics

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Historical Association (AHA)
- Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)
- New York State Association of European Historians (NYSAEH)
- Japan-America Society of Washington, DC (JASWDC)

## RELATED SKILLS

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- Produces videos analyzing inaccuracies and history in early modern political and grand strategy simulation Europa Universalis IV for up to 150,000 international viewers
- Publishes and edits select history and related papers, at [erichlilienfeld.com](#)
- Software: ArcGIS, data entry and visualization, WordPress, web design, Adobe Creative Suite, Zotero, YouTube, Audacity, Sony Vegas Pro (video and audio production software)

## LANGUAGES

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- Japanese** Intermediate speaking, beginner reading/writing
- German** Intermediate reading/writing, beginner speaking
- Spanish** Intermediate reading/writing, beginner speaking