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EDUCATION

B.A. Concordia University Irvine, 2016

- History & Political Thought, Honors, *summa cum laude*
- Minor in Philosophy
- GPA: 3.99
- Specialized Courses
 - The Enlightenment
 - Classical Readings in Christian Thought
 - Origins of the American Political System
 - Christians and Ethics
 - Religious Bodies in America
 - Religion and Politics in America
 - Biblical Hebrew 101, 102, and 201

Research Papers

- “Puritanism and the Enlightenment: The Lost Story of Cotton Mather, America’s First Public Intellectual,” President’s Academic Showcase, March 2016.
- “Complicated Protestantism: Christianity and the Enlightenment,” President’s Academic Showcase, March 2015.

Research Interests

- The Enlightenment
- Colonial American History
- Intellectual and Theological History
- Political Philosophy
- Transatlantic Religion and Society

HONORS AND AWARDS

- University Honors Scholar, 2016
- Regent’s Scholarship Recipient, 2012-2016
- Dean’s List, 2012-2016
- History & Political Thought Department Outstanding Senior, 2016

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2017- Present **1517 The Legacy Project**, Irvine, CA

Publishing Assistant

- Compile royalty reports on all titles for data analysis and payment processing
- Submit requests for copyright and Library of Congress cataloging information
- List titles on various platforms and send books to reviewers

2016 **Heritage Foundation**, Washington, D.C.

Intern, Media Relations

- Screened calls for the press line and tracked Heritage's media presence in print and online media.
- Pitched drafts of tweets and headline summaries to increase press bookings of Heritage experts.

2015- 2016 **Concordia University Irvine**, California

Lead Teaching Assistant, History & Political Thought Department

- Graded assignments and updated gradebooks for upperclassmen history classes
- Proctored exams in professors' absences and assisted professors in their research and proofread publications

2015- 2016 **Concordia University Irvine**, California

Cui Bono Student Coordinator

- Planned lectures, events, and retreats that facilitated extra-curricular discussion between professors and students.

2014-2015 **Concordia University Irvine**, California

Core Peer Tutor

- Assisted students with weekly reading assignments, research papers, and exam preparation for history and literary courses

REFERENCES

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