Savannah Flanagan

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## education

* **Baylor University,** Waco, TX

Ph.D. History, Anticipated May 2027

Fields: Religious history, women’s history, and history of medicine

* **Virginia Tech,** Blacksburg, VA

M.A. History, May 2022

Certificate in Public History, May 2022

Thesis: *Unruly Sisters*: Moravian Women, Dissent, and the 18th Century North Carolina Piedmont

GPA: 4.0

* **North Carolina Wesleyan College-** Rocky Mount, NC

B.A. History, *summa cum laude,* April 2020

Thesis: *What was Lost in the Fight*: Exploring the Process and Results of Educational Desegregation in the Rural South Through Oral History.

B.A. Theatre, *summa cum laude,* April 2020

B.A. Religious Studies, *summa cum laude,* April 2020

GPA 3.86

## Professional Experience

**TEACHING ASSISTANT-**Virginia Tech

August 2020 – May 2022

* Tasks included grading, leading discussions, making course content, and office hours for assistance.

Courses-

* Sexuality in American History
* U.S. History to 1877
* Native American History
* Murder in America
* Colonial America

**MADE BY HISTORY SOCIAL MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS INTERN**- Washington Post

August 2021 – May 2022

* I collaborated with the Made by History team to develop a weekly newsletter that highlights the connections between current events and historical conversations. I also ran the Twitter account for Made by History and shared articles daily.

**SOCIETY OF EARLY AMERICANISTS DIGITAL FELLOW**- SEA Conference Online

February 2021 – March 2021

* Assisted with the execution of the SEA 2021 conference. Acted as a technical assistant and assisted running panels

**SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION LEADER –** North Carolina Wesleyan College

August 2019 – April 2020

* Attended an introductory U.S. history class, The United States to 1865, and provided three weekly review sessions for the students in the class to assist students in understanding and retaining course material. Job tasks also included providing practice exams to students and grading a pool of exams for the professor.

**WRITING CENTER CONSULTANT**- North Carolina Wesleyan College

August 2018- April 2020

* I provided tutoring for students in all major programs in elements of writing. I also assisted the director with research for presentations about different topics relevant to writing.

**EDGECOMBE COUNTY VETERANS’ MILITARY MUSEUM INTERNSHIP-**Tarboro, NC

May 2019-July 2019

* Created a finding aid for over uniforms and other clothing items in the museum’s collection. Attended as well as assisted with presentations held at the museum.

## Research Experience

**UNRULY SISTERS DIGITAL PROJECT-** Blacksburg, VA

August 2021 – Present

* Creating a digital project that will highlight specific stories of Moravian women in Salem, North Carolina, from 1770 to 1800. In addition to their individual stories, this project includes a bibliography to encourage further research and an interactive map to show the spaces women were navigating.

**THOMAS WEST RESEARCH INTERNSHIP-** Blacksburg, VA

June 2021 – August 2021

* Collaborated with a team of interns to complete research and present digital content related to Thomas West. This internship resulted in an extensive primary and secondary source annotated bibliography, a Storymap and Timeline through Knightlab, lesson plans for high schoolers and undergraduates, and a website.

**SOUTHERN FOODWAYS ALLIANCE ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS**

June 2021

* Conducted an oral history interview with Dr. Jessica Taylor

**THE AMERICAN SOLDIER PROJECT RESEARCH ASSISTANT**-Virginia Tech

May 2021 – June 2021

* Organized data for the American Soldier transcriptions in Google Sheets and collaborated with other assistants to create lesson plans.

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT-** Virginia Tech

August 2020 – May 2021

* Assisted Dr. Rachel Midura with her digital project on travel itineraries from Europe. We used the Transkribus program to transform Italian itinerary books from the 1600’s into a format that the program will be able to automatically read.

**INTERSTATE 581 PROJECT-** Virginia Tech

August 2020-December 2020

* Collaborated with a team of Virginia Tech graduate students to gather information about the construction of interstate 581 in Roanoke, VA. I specifically researched how the interstate affected Roanoke’s African American community. This project resulted in an Omeka Website containing an overview and primary sources.

**CIVIL RIGHTS IN ROCKY MOUNT, NC-**

August 2019-December 2019

* Conducted an oral history interview with a leader of educational desegregation in Eastern North Carolina. This project resulted in a 23-page research paper that contextualized their story and argued that Educational Desegregation was a difficult process in this area and had mixed results for black students.

**WARD HOUSE MUSEUM INTERNSHIP**- Bethel, NC

July 2019-October 2019

* Conducted research on local church organizations and unique individuals connected to Bethel. Research will be included in presentations and future exhibits.

## Conferences

**Popular Culture Association National Conference- Spring 2022**- Presenting Food and Fellowship: How the Love Feast Encouraged Unity Amongst the 18th-Century Moravians in Salem, North Carolina

**Brian Bertoti Innovative Perspectives on History Conference-Spring 2022-** Presented Secret Meetings: How Moravian Single Sisters’ Disobedience Shaped the Evolving Policies of the Moravian Church

**Popular Culture Association National Conference- Summer 2021**- Presented Exposing the Witch: How Restrictive Puritan Sexuality Created the Salacious Witch Trials -1692

**Brian Bertoti Innovative Perspectives on History Conference-Spring 2020-** Presented What was Lost in the Fight: Exploring the Process and Results of Educational Desegregation in the Rural South Through Oral History (Canceled due to COVD-19)

**Southeastern Writing Center Association Conference- Spring 2019-** Presented Growing Pains: Four Consultants Discuss the Changes and Challenges of Working in a Small Writing Center During a Director Transition

## Professional Membership and Commitees

**History Graduate Studies Association (HGSA)-** Virginia Tech- Secretary/Publicity Chair-May 2021-May 2022

**Southern Association of Women Historians Member-** 2021-Present

**Popular Culture Association Member-** 2020- Present

## Publications

Savannah Jane Flanagan, review of *The Brethren: A Story of Faith and Conspiracy in Revolutionary America*, by Brendon McConville, Harvard University Press, 2021, https://pasttensejournal.com/2021/10/16/review-the-brethren/

Savannah Jane Flanagan. “What was Lost in the Fight: Exploring the Process and Results of Educational Desegregation in the Rural South Through Oral History” *Omnium: The Undergraduate Journal of North Carolina Wesleyan College,* 2020.

## Honors and awards

**Omnium: The Undergraduate Research Journal at North Carolina Wesleyan University**

First Prize Winner of the 2020 Academic Writing Competition- Social Sciences

**North Carolina Wesleyan College**

*History Major Outstanding Student Award,* for attaining the highest academic performance in the department of history, 2020

*Religious Studies Award,* for outstanding performance inside and outside the classroom, 2020

*President’s Honors List, 2017-2020*

**Scholarships**: NCWC Gold Transfer and President’s Honor Scholarship