**David Drake Criscione**

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**Research Interests**

Atlantic World, Ethnohistory, History of Science, Imperialism, World Christianity, Digital History

**Education**

Baylor University, Waco, TX 2020 - present

Ph. D. History candidate

Topic: *“The New World and the New Science: Colonial Amerindian Missions and an Atlantic Scientific Revolution in the Seventeenth Century.”*

Advisors: Philip Jenkins, Thomas S. Kidd

University of St Andrews, St Andrews, UK 2019

M.Litt., Early Modern History, *with merit*

Thesis: *“The Anglo-Wabanaki Wars: A Reappraisal of Colonial Violence in the Northeastern Borderlands, 1675-1727.”*

Advisor: Emma Hart

University of Chicago, Summer Language Institute, Chicago, IL 2018

*Reading French for Research Purposes* **-** Achieved a High Pass on the Academic Reading Comprehension exam.

Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL 2018

B.A., History and International Relations, double major, *cum laude*

Completed graduate-level coursework in History of Christianity MA program, Reformation track.

Study abroad, Camino de Santiago, Summer 2017

Study abroad, Germany and Switzerland, Summer 2015

**Digital Humanities Projects and Blog Posts**

“Science in New France: Reading the Jesuit Relations (1613-1791).” August 9, 2022. [Access Visualization.](https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/david.drake.criscione/viz/ScienceinNewFrance/Dashboard1)

“Novel Ideas on Religious Toleration during the Age of Enlightenment.” Contributor to *Religious Toleration in Enlightenment Europe.* [Access Article.](https://sites.baylor.edu/his5320f22/novel-ideas-on-religious-toleration-during-the-age-of-enlightenment%EF%BF%BC/)  [Access Visualization.](https://sites.baylor.edu/his5320f22/the-database/)

“Fearing the Witch: Margaret Hamilton, Fred Rogers, and Brian Levack’s The Witch-Hunt in Early Modern Europe,” *The Anxious Bench,* October 27, 2021. [Access Article.](https://www.patheos.com/blogs/anxiousbench/2021/10/fearing-the-witch-margaret-hamilton-fred-rogers-and-brian-levacks-the-witch-hunt-in-early-modern-europe/)

**Presentations**

Papers Presented

“Powwows, Plagues, and Physicians: Disease and Spiritual Association in Praying Indian Confessions (1616-1676),” The 2021 Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, November 12, 2021.

Campus Talks

Q&A, “Applying to Graduate School,” Historiography, Baylor University, November 18, 2021.

“Specimens and Souls: Baptist Naturalists and Bioprospecting in Brazil,” Gallery Talk at the Mayborn Museum, presented September 14, 2021 and September 17, 2021.

**Fellowships & Honors**

Graduate School Fellowship, Baylor University, 2020-2024

Graduate Academic Chair, Baylor History Department, 2023-2024

Data Research Fellow, Baylor University Libraries, 2022

Data Scholar Certification, Baylor University Libraries, 2022

Conyers Scholar, Baylor University, 2021-2022

Bryce C. Brown Research Fellowship, Mayborn Museum at Baylor University, 2021

Phi Alpha Theta, National History Honor Society

**Skills and Languages**

Digital Humanities: Certified in text data mining, data visualization on Power BI, Tableau Public, and ARCGIS, Python data scripting, and research data management.

Paleography:Experience transcribing early modern English, Scottish, and colonial American handwriting.

Oral History:Experience organizing, conducting, and transcribing oral history interviews.

Other Skills: Archival and database maintenance, manuscript maintenance, editorial proofreading.

Languages: Scholarly proficiency in French, Spanish, and Latin

**Academic and Volunteer Experience**

Researcher, Historic Moody Mansion, Galveston Island, Texas 2023

Searched and scanned collections at the W. R. Poage Legislative Library for display at the Libbie Moody Thompson Exhibit at Historic Moody Mansion.

Teaching Assistant, History Department, Baylor University

History of the United States in Global Perspective, Spring 2023

American Legal History to 1877, Fall 2021

Research Assistant, History Department, Baylor University 2022

Served the research and administrative needs of supervisors for their publications and courses.

Leader, Graduate Writing Group, Baylor University Fall 2022–Spring 2023

Organized a weekly writing group consisting of fifteen graduate students from the History and Religion Departments and designed protocol to optimize participant focus and output.

Coordinator, Conference on The History of Evangelicals and Religious Freedom October, 2021

Coordinated and provided technical assistance for international Zoom conference hosted by David Bebbington and Baylor University’s Institute for the Study of Religion.

Oral History Project Coordinator, Baylor University Institute of Oral History Spring 2021

Conducted an oral history project of the student organizers and participants in protests for the removal of Judge R.E.B. Baylor’s statue from campus.

Research Assistant, History Department, Baylor University Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

Collaborated with the Commission on Historic Campus Representations and the Texas Collection to research Baylor University’s slaving past and the identities of enslaved people connected to the institution.

Mentor, Graduate Undergraduate Mentorship Program, Baylor University Fall 2020-Spring 2021

Mentored undergraduate McNair Scholar to help prepare for entry to graduate school.

Volunteer Docent, St Andrews Preservation Trust Museum Summer 2019

Welcomed visitors to the museum, provided them with information, and led community activities.

Teaching Assistant, History Department, Wheaton College 2017 - 2018

Searched online archives to create a database on the history of housing in Chicago’s Austin neighborhood.Maintained class portals, handled primary documents, edited book proposals, and assisted in map work.

**Memberships**

American Historical Association

Texas Oral History Association

Maine Historical Society

Falmouth Historical Society