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| Hannah Elizabeth Palsa  2020 Tunstall Circle, Apt 11  Manhattan, KS, 66502  317-509-5303 hepalsa@ksu.edu |
| Education Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas August 2019- Doctor of Philosophy PhD Candidate as of Spring 2022, Prospectus Defended October 2024 Dissertation title: “We love dogs, but we love our soldiers more”: Dogs for Defense and the American Public in World War II, 1942-1945 Major Field: 20th Century US History Minor Fields: War and Society during the World Wars, US Social History 1900-1950, Animal Studies Major Professor: Dr. Michael Krysko   Northern Illinois University, Dekalb IL August 2016-December 2018 Master of Arts: History Area of Concentration: 20th Century US History, Public History Advisor: Dr. Andrea Smalley, Dr. Eric Mogren MA Essay: “Donate Dogs or Dollars to Defense: The Use of War Dog Propaganda by Dogs for Defense”  Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN August 2010-May 2014 Bachelors of Arts: History, Minor: English Literature |

**Work Experience**  
Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art

Student Curatorial Assistant

October 2, 2019-

* I am responsible for assisting the curators with research pertaining to upcoming exhibits and those still in development. My research tasks include researching information concerning artists and artwork, contacting artists about various artworks, and making checklists for upcoming exhibitions.
* In addition to research, I also perform clerical tasks as requested and assist with putting together mileage reimbursement requests.
* I have a bit of training in TMS and helped the registrars update the museum inventory files

Major Exhibits assisted on:

*Gordon Parks: “Homeward to the Prairie I Come”,* September 7, 2021 – May 28, 2022

* Responsible for researching information about photographs to be included in the exhibition.
* Created exhibition checklists of items to be featured in exhibition.
* Created and edited the bibliography to be used in the upcoming publication in conjunction with the exhibition.

*Do You See What I See?* September 6, 2022 – May 27, 2023

* I compiled reference sheets to be used by visitors and education staff which centered on various artworks in the exhibition created by artists such as Grant Wood, Paul Rucker, Archie Scott Gobber, and John Baldisseri.
* I put together a checklist that included measurements, object names, photographs, and credit lines that were used by our exhibition designers to help create the layout for the exhibit

*To the Stars Through Art: A History of Art Collecting in Kansas Public Schools, 1900–1950*, August 22, 2023 – May 11, 2024

* Researching the public art programs in Kansas schools from 1900 to 1939
* Documenting change over time in how Kansas schools interpreted art, collected art, and held art shows for their students.
* Created spreadsheets from artist Birger Sandzen Art Registrar Books that document schools receiving artwork from Sandzen, artwork shipped to school art shows from Sandzen, and individual winners of the Midwest Art Contest
* Researching the Museum Extension Project in Kansas, and how schools throughout the state created or showcased museum quality materials in their classrooms
* I compiled a list of superintendents throughout the Kansas statewide school system to invite to an educator’s conference held on November 4, 2023.

Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art

Lobby Host

August 22, 2021 – August 1, 2023

* I maintained the front desk area of the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art. My duties included answering the phone and transferring calls to the appropriate persons on staff, taking messages for staff as needed, greeting visitors upon their arrival to the museum, informing visitors of museum policies, and selling books in the gift shop.

Chapman Center for Rural Studies

Graduate Student Assistant

August 1, 2023 –

* I was hired to create a digitization project guide to explain how to begin digital history projects by providing step by step instructions
* I constructed an Excel spreadsheet that provides an overview of various collections held by the Chapman Center for Rural Studies
* I assisted in the scanning project for Pioneer Bluffs Ranch which comprised of scanning various photographs and memorabilia related to the Historic Rogler Family Ranch in Matifled Green, Kansas and helped oversee undergraduate students scanning materials related to Pioneer Bluffs.

Kansas State Historic Costume and Textile Museum

Graduate Student Assistant

August 21, 2023 –

* I reorganized the HCTM’s library which contained over 100 volumes of various texts relating to the history of fashion, historic costumes, and designers. Over a period of several weeks, I organized the books into various categories and shelved them accordingly.
* In October 2023, the museum received a donation of three feed sack quilts created by women from Kansas. I provided background research for the quilts, accessioned them, and took pictures to put on the museum’s online collection page.
* I am in the process of photographing, cataloging, and doing research on the dresses from the 1930s collection that are housed in our storage. I am responsible for dressing mannequins, steaming dresses, photographing, and uploading the photos to PastPerfect under their respective accession number. Over winter break, I will be conducting research to fill out the notes of each dress related to the historical context.

Research Assistant Positions

* Research Assistant for Dr. Aparna Nair (June 2022 to August 2023)
  + I was hired to assist Dr. Nair with research related to the experiences of Black guide dog owners from the 1930s until the early 2000s. Dr. Nair is a historian of disability and animal studies, and she is currently working on a project examining the guide dog throughout United States history.
    - I conducted research at the Indiana Historical Society, and at the Veterinary Medical Library at Kansas State University. I also corresponded with the Seeing Eye Institution in New Jersey and the Schomburg Center for Black Culture in New York City.
* Research Assistant for Carol Seaton and Dr. Elizabeth Seaton (October 2021 to January 2024)
  + I was hired to compile an annotated bibliography of sources related to Senator James B. Pearson of Kansas. Dr. Seaton is finishing a biography of Pearson started by her late father.

Northern Illinois University  
Teaching Assistant  
August 2016-December 2018

**August 2016**

HIST 251 for Dr. Kenton Clymer  
**Spring 2017**  
HIST 252 for Dr. Stanley Arnold  
**Fall 2017/Spring 2018/Fall 2018**  
HIST 252 for Dr. Eric Mogren

* Graded papers and assignments that were submitted by students and entered grades on Blackboard.
* Held office hours twice a week and helped students who needed assistance with class material or assignments
* Answering student’s emails in a timely manner to assist with small questions or concerns.

J. F. Glidden Homestead and Historical Center

Internship

August 2018-December 2018  
Dekalb, IL

* I researched and created a series of blog posts on the relationship between barbed wire founder Joseph F. Glidden and the Percheron horse for completion of the public history concentration at Northern Illinois University for my Master’s.
  + The first post can be seen: <https://gliddenhomestead.wordpress.com/2018/09/19/the-percheron-plow-a-history/>

Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site

Internship

May 2013 – August 2013

Indianapolis, Indiana

* I completed an internship under Jennifer Capps, the curator at the BHPS during the summer of 2013.
* I assisted with loan condition reports on items received from the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis and on outgoing loans for items returning to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kansas.
* I completed monthly inventory checks to ensure that all items on display were accounted for and reported any missing items to Jennifer’s attention
* I used PastPerfect software to inventory various ephemera related to Benjamin Harrison

Volunteer Experience

Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site

Docent

May 2012 – August 2016

Indianapolis, Indiana

* I gave tours to visitors who passed through the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site. I catered my tours to Victorian culture, and the Harrison’s daily life while they were in Indianapolis.
* I sold books and other souvenirs in the gift shop.
* During the Halloween Victorian theater, I navigated guests throughout the museum to see the various plays and assisted with the elevator as needed.

Awards Received

* Colonel Peter Cullen Military History Scholarship and Shirley A. Martin Scholarship, Kansas State University, May 2023
* Amos St. Germaine Paper Prize: Best Graduate Student Paper, “Tommy and his Dog Hurry: War Dog Children’s Books and Films of World War II,” North Eastern Popular Culture Association, award received October 2022
* Colonel Peter Cullen Military History Scholarship, Kansas State University, May 2022
* Colonel Peter Cullen Military History Scholarship, Kansas State University, May 2021
* Colonel Peter Cullen Military History Scholarship, Kansas State University, May 2020
* Earl W. Hayter and Alfred F. Young Endowment Grant, Northern Illinois University, May 2017

Public Peer Reviewed Publications

* *“Country Before Dog”* for *Contingent Magazine*, published January 30, 2021.  
  <https://contingentmagazine.org/2021/01/30/country-before-dog/>
* *“Topper’s GI Benefits, a Good Home, and No Vivisection:* The Treatment of World War II War Dog Veterans” for NursingClio.org, published May 6, 2021.<https://nursingclio.org/2021/05/06/toppers-gi-benefits-good-homes-and-vivisection-fears-the-treatment-of-world-war-ii-war-dog-veterans/>

Book Reviews

* Palsa, Hannah, E. Review of Margret Grebowicz. *Rescue Me: On Dogs and Their Humans.* H-Net Environment, H-Net Reviews. April 2023.
* Palsa, Hannah E. Review of Tracy Campbell, *The Year of Peril: America in 1942* for the *Journal of Home Front* Studies.
* Palsa, Hannah E. “Children at War 1914-1918: ‘It’s My War Too!” *Journal of Military History* 85, no. 1 (January 2021): 234-35.
* Hannah Palsa. Review of Schilp, Jill Lenk. *Dogs in Health Care: Pioneering Animal-Human Partnerships.* H-Environment, H-Net Reviews. October 2020

Conference Papers Presented

* Paper presentation, “That Doggone Draft: Dogs for Defense, Purebreds, and the Dog Draft,”

Northeastern Popular Culture Association, annual conference  
October 12, 2023

* Paper presentation, “Fur and Litter Boxes: American Society, Dogs, and World War II,”  
  Northeastern Popular Culture Association, annual conference  
  October 22, 2022 (virtual conference)
* Paper presentation, “Walt Disney and Dogs for Defense.”   
  Popular Culture Association, annual conference  
  April 13-April 16th, 2022 (virtual conference)
* Conference organizer, and paper presentation, “Goofy Comes Home: War Dog Veterans in Post-World War II America”  
  Kansas State History Graduate Student Organization Conference  
  April 8, 2022 (virtual conference)
* Paper presentation, “Tommy and His Dog, Hurry”  
  Northeastern Popular Culture Association, annual conference  
  October 21-23, 2021 (virtual conference)
* Panel organizer, “Beasts on the Battlefield: Animals and Warfare from the American Civil War to World War II.” Paper to be presented: Writing for the Dogs: Dogs for Defense and the Writers’ War Board  
  Society for Military History, annual conference  
  May 20-23, 2021 (Norfolk, VA – virtual presentation)

American Society for Environmental History, annual conference  
April 10-14, 2019 (Columbus, Ohio)

Invited Talk

* Presenter for “Inaugural WWII Emerging Scholars Symposium” partnership with Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, Harry S. Truman Library, and Franklin D. Roosevelt libraries. Topic presented “Children and Dogs for Defense.” (June 1, 2021)
* “So, You Said Goodbye to Your Dog: Propaganda and Dogs for Defense,” virtual talk for Air University (April 14, 2021)

Public Talks

* Guest Contributor on *Disney Undressed* Podcast.  
  Episode: Oliver and Company and 80s Fashion – An examination of fashion and pet culture in the 1988 Disney film *Oliver and Company*.
* Guest Contributor on *War Stories*.  
  Episode: Bats! The Musical – A brief look at animals use in the military throughout history.

Oral Interviews

* Wynne, Bill. Interviewed by Hannah Palsa. Phone interview. Indianapolis, IN, May 7, 2019.

Institutional Support

* Kansas State History Graduate Organization: Secretary
  + August 2020-May 2021
* Kansas State History Graduate Student Organization: President

August 2021-May 2022

* Served on Search Committee for Director of the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art (May 2022-December 2022)

Professional Memberships

* Animal Studies Institute
* Kansas Museum Association
* Indiana Association of Museums
* Northeastern Popular Culture Association

**Research Interests:** animal history, human animal relationship, World War II, Great Depression, New Deal, cultural history, social history, Disney history, themes of pets and petkeeping within Disney films, Indiana history