

## Joseph Bienko

6495 Salt Road, Clarence, NY 14031 | 716-698-0418 | jpb6617@psu.edu

### EDUCATION

- 2020-Present M.A. (March 2022), The Pennsylvania State University  
History  
MA Papers: “The Rest Must of Necessity Perish: Environmental Small Wars in Cromwell’s Western Design,” and “Nothing Reigns but Confusion and Anarchy: Disease and Military Discipline in the Late-Eighteenth-Century Caribbean.”
- 2016-2020 B.A. (May 2020), State University of New York (SUNY) at Geneseo  
History and Spanish, *summa cum laude*  
History Honor’s Thesis: “The Gates of Mercy all Shut Up: Sieges, Soldiers, Civilians, and the Laws of War in the English Civil Wars, 1642-1651.”

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

British Empire of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries; Environmental History; Atlantic World; Military History; Social and Cultural History; Early Modern Print Culture

### AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2022 Recipient of 1<sup>st</sup> Place Honors for the Best Pre-ABD Research Paper at the Annual Penn State History Awards Ceremony
- 2022 Recipient of the Charles and Harriett Penack Endowment for Summer Research
- 2021 Recipient of the David Underdown Memorial Prize for Best Paper Read by a Graduate Student, Awarded by the Northeast Conference of British Studies: “The Rest Must of Necessity Perish: Environmental Small Wars in Cromwell’s Western Design.”
- 2020 Recipient of the Val Rabe Prize for Best 400-Level Research Paper: “‘This Country Shall not be Merely Overrun but Destroyed’: Violence on the Northern Revolutionary Frontier, 1778-1779”
- 2016-2020 SUNY Geneseo Dean’s List
- 2019 Phi Alpha Theta, History Honor Society
- 2019 Recipient of the Student Association Scholarship to Cádiz, Spain
- 2019 SUNY Geneseo President’s List
- 2019 Recipient of the SUNY Geneseo’s Undergraduate Research Grant to London, England for Honor’s Thesis (Award received November 22, 2019; Visited London from January 8-16, 2020)
- 2018 Golden Key International Honor Society

### PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 “The Rest Must of Necessity Perish: Environmental Small Wars in Cromwell’s

- Western Design.” Britain and the World Conference. The University of Plymouth, UK (June 14-17)
- 2022 “Nothing Reigns but Confusion and Anarchy: Disease and Military Discipline in the Late-Eighteenth-Century Caribbean.” The Mid-Atlantic Conference on British Studies. The College of William and Mary (April 23-24)
- 2021 “The Rest Must of Necessity Perish: Environmental Small Wars in Cromwell’s Western Design.” The Northeast Conference on British Studies. Virtual (Oct. 22-23)
- 2021 “Papists, Treason, Plot: Parliamentarian Anti-Catholic Propaganda and the Politics of Conspiracy during the First English Civil War, 1641-1646.” Britain and the World Conference. Virtual (June 14-15)
- 2019 “Inca Mummies from the Sixteenth Century to the Present.” Poster Presentation, Hispanic Heritage Month Talk on Pre-Columbian Civilizations. SUNY Geneseo (October 9)
- 2019 “Galileo: Science and Power in Seventeenth-Century Europe.” Poster Presentation, SUNY Geneseo GREATDay 2019. SUNY Geneseo (April 17)
- 2019 “Language Education Policy in Galicia.” Poster Presentation, SUNY Geneseo GREATDay 2019. SUNY Geneseo (April 17)

### **RELATED EXPERIENCE**

- 2019 Studied abroad at Universidad de Cádiz (May-June)
- 2019 Interned at Buffalo and Erie County History Museum (June-August)  
Conducted primary and secondary research. Contributed to timeline commemorating the 2021 bicentennial of the county.

### **SERVICE**

- 2021-2022 Secretary, History Graduate Student Association, The Pennsylvania State University

### **LANGAUGES**

- English – native language  
Spanish – speak, read, and write fluently  
French – intermediate