

**SAMANTHA DAVIS**

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**EDUCATION**

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Doctoral Candidate, Colonial Latin American History	[May 2023]
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Graduate Minors in Art History, Latin American Studies	
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The Pennsylvania State University	
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Advisor: Matthew Restall	
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<i>Master of Arts, History</i>	May 2019
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The Pennsylvania State University	
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<i>Bachelor of Arts, History – magna cum laude</i>	May 2016
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Assumption College, Worcester, MA	
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Minors: Spanish and Education, Honors Program	
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Foundations of Western Civilizations Minor and Honors Certificate	
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**FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS (EXTERNAL)**

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2019	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Yucatec Maya – Vanderbilt University, accepted
	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Yucatec Maya – University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, declined
	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Yucatec Maya – Tulane University, declined
2018	Graduate Student Travel Grant, American Historical Association Annual Conference
	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Yucatec Maya – University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, accepted

**FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS (INTERNAL)**

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2019	Graduate Program Fund Travel Grant – Penn State University, History Department
2018	Mark and Lucy M. Stitzer Graduate Program Fund Travel Grant – Penn State University, History Department
	Graduate Student Travel and Research Award – Penn State University, Latin American Studies Program
2017	McCourtney Family Graduate Scholarship in American History – Penn State University
	Robert W. Graham Endowed Fellowship – Penn State University

**AWARDS**

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2019	Award for Best Historiography Paper, First Place – Penn State University, History Department
2018	Helen Hornbeck Tanner Student Paper Award – American Society for Ethnohistory

2018	E-Tu Zen Junior Teaching Assistant Award – Penn State University, History Department
2017	Graduate Scholar Award – Penn State University, College of Liberal Arts
2016	Honors Award in History – Assumption College, History Department Moggio Research Prize – Assumption College, History Department
2015	Augustine Scholar – Assumption College Moggio Essay Prize – Assumption College, History Department

### RELEVANT LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE

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2019	Yucatec Maya Summer Institute, held in Merida, Yucatan and Valladolid, Yucatan, run through UNC-Duke Consortium (Intermediate Level)
2018	Yucatec Maya Summer Institute, held in Chapel Hill, NC and Valladolid, Yucatan, run through UNC-Duke Consortium (Beginner Level)

### LANGUAGES

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Yucatec Maya (modern orthography) – intermediate proficiency speaking, reading, and writing. Language exams passed Summer 2018 and 2019

Spanish – proficiency speaking, reading, and writing. Language exam passed Fall 2017

Yucatec Maya (16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> centuries) – intermediate reading and paleography

Spanish (16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> centuries) – intermediate reading and paleography

French – basic reading

### PUBLICATIONS

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2019	Clara Drummond and Samantha Davis, <i>Indigenous Roots/Routes: Contested Histories, Contemporary Experiences</i> . Exhibition Pamphlet, Penn State University
2015	Carl Keyes, Samantha Davis, and Andrew Lampi, “Guest Post: Revisiting Women of the Republic with Linda Kerber at the American Antiquarian Society.” <i>The Junto</i>

### CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

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2019	Co-Curator, <i>Indigenous Roots/Routes: Contested Histories, Contemporary Experiences</i> . Special Collections Exhibition, Penn State University September 2019 - March 2020
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### EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

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2019	Editorial Assistant, <i>Hispanic American Historical Review</i>
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### CONFERENCES

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2019	“Imaging and Imagining Maya Women in Nineteenth-Century Yucatan: Looking Through a Masculine Imperial Lens” <i>The Newberry NCAIS Graduate Student Conference, Forthcoming</i> “Adapting the Maya Woman’s Huipil: The Roots of an Ethnographic Reality in Nineteenth-Century Yucatan” <i>American Society for Ethnohistory</i>
2018	“Blurred Boundaries: The Racial Implications of the Proposed Fortifications in San Francisco de Campeche, 1600-1700” <i>American Society for Ethnohistory</i>

**INVITED LECTURES**

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- 2019 “Rethinking Conquest in the Maya World: Primary Source Methods and Analysis”  
Encounters in the Sixteenth Century Americas, Penn State University  
“Curating Contested Roots/Contemporary Histories” Colonial Latin America, Penn State University
- 2018 “Introduction to Early Inca History” Introduction to the Art and Architecture of the  
Mayas, Aztecs, and Incas, Penn State University  
“The ‘Conquest’ of Mexico: Who Killed Montezuma?” World History II, Penn State University  
“1,000 Years of History: Art and Empire-Making in Iberia” Art and Empire, Penn State University

**SERVICE**

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- 2020 Advisor to 2020 American Society for Ethnohistory Annual Conference to be held at  
Duke University, November 4-8, 2020
- 2019 Graduate Assistant to Conference Chair, Exhibitions Committee Member, Organizing  
Committee Member, Local Arrangements Committee Member, and Program Committee  
Member, American Society for Ethnohistory Annual Conference held at Penn State  
University September 25-29, 2019

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant, World History II with Christopher Heaney – Penn State University
- Spring 2018 Teaching Assistant, Western Heritage I with Christopher Lawrence – Penn State  
University
- Fall 2017 Teaching Assistant, Western Heritage II with Christopher Lawrence – Penn State  
University
- Spring 2016 Teaching Aide, Seventh and Eighth Grade Special Education – Forest Grove Middle  
School, Worcester, MA

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- American Historical Association  
American Society for Ethnohistory  
Conference on Latin American History