

JESSICA POLMATEER

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EDUCATION

- PhDc** University at Albany, Public History
achieved candidacy status June 2024
- MA** University at Albany, Public History
Thesis: "Not McNamara's War"
Advisor: Dr. Richard Fogarty
Dec 2011
- BA** University at Albany, East Asian Studies/World History
Summa Cum Laude
Double Major
Dec 2009
- AA** SUNY Schenectady County Community College
Phi Theta Kappa
May 2006

HONORS AND AWARDS

- The Sherry Penney Award** 2024
Most Outstanding Woman Graduate Student in History
- Phi Alpha Theta** 2023
National Honors Society
- Summa Cum Laude** 2009
Highest Honors
- Phi Theta Kappa** 2006
National Honors Society

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Teaching Assistant** University at Albany
Fall 2022-Present
- AHIS 101 American Political and Social History II
2022

AHIS 100 American Political and Social History I
AHIS 158 United States and the World

2023
2024

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Village Historian, Alplaus

2018-Present

Grant Proposals

Research and writing for various publications

Speaking engagements

Monthly presentation to the Alplaus Residents Association Board

Historical preservation of archives

Digitization project with Schenectady County Historical Society

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Publications

Monthly articles, HomeTown News, October 2018-October 2020.

Polmateer, Jessica. "It was enough to have been a unicorn: Kurt Vonnegut in Alplaus," Schenectady County Historical Society Newsletter, vol. 63, no. 3, Summer 2019, p. 1-12.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Presentation, "Luna Park: A Theme Park of Three Names," Glencliff Elementary School, January 2023

Podcast, "History of Knitting and the Fabric Arts," Schenectady County Historical Society, May 2022.

UCALL Class Series, "Local Historians Preserving Local History," Union College, April 2022.

Lecture, "Kurt Vonnegut in Schenectady," Schenectady County Public Library, October 2020.

Podcast, “Kurt Vonnegut in the Local Area,” Electric City Archives, September 2020.

Presentation, “Kurt Vonnegut in Schenectady,” Mabee Farm Historic Site, March 2019.
canceled due to onset of COVID-19

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of Public Historians of New York State, 2021-Present
Member

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Therapy Dogs International, Inc.
[Certified Therapy Dog Handler], 2018-Present

Glenville 2020
[Historical Preservation Society], 2018-2019

LANGUAGES

English: Native Language

Spanish: Novice

Japanese: Novice

COMPUTER SKILLS

Applications: MS Office, G-Suite, Email, Web, Social Media

Platforms: Microsoft Windows, macOS

REFERENCES

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History

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