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Educational Background

B.A. 2005: University of San Francisco, *summa cum laude*
ABD 2007: University of California, Merced

Selected Awards and Honors

2005, Frank Beach Award for Top History Major, Class of 2005
2005, Ruth Aubrey Award for Outstanding Honors Student, Class of 2005
2005, Finalist, Valedictorian, USF Graduating Class of Spring 2005
2005, Nominee, Dean's Medal, USF Graduating Class of Spring 2005
2005, Nominee, Outstanding Philosophy Student, Class of 2005
2005, Invitee, Alpha Sigma Nu

Selected Talks and Panels

Conference Presentations

"Visualizing the Past" Roundtable on the use of digital humanities in representing historical and anthropological data, UC Merced, March 2009

"The Hidden Hand of Climate Change" Focus the Nation Teach-In, UC Merced, January, 2008

"A Song Dynasty Historical Gazetteer: Data Modeling for Spatial History Research" PNC and ECAI 2007 Annual Conference and Joint Meetings, UC Berkeley, October, 2007

"The Sandai World System: Understanding the Effects of Climatic and Geographic Barriers at the Historic Horizon" The End of the Ancient World Conference, UCLA, Summer, 2007

"The Wikipedia Article as Dynamic Document" The Curious Lives of Documents Conference, UC Davis, Spring, 2007

Unsupported Assertions: An Analysis of Criticism of Wikipedia and Possible Solutions (Revised). Wikimania, Fall 2006 – The international Wikimedia conference at Harvard Law School.

Here There Be Dragons – Dynamic Maps in for Wikipedia (Poster) Wikimania, Fall 2006 – The international Wikimedia conference at Harvard Law School.

"Unsupported Assertions: An Analysis of Criticism of Wikipedia and Possible Solutions" ECAI Meetings, Spring 2006 - Cultural Heritage and Cyberinfrastructure held in conjunction with Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology (CAA)

"Roman Arabia" Phi Alpha Theta Northern California Conference, Chico State University, 2004.

Work Experience

Spring 2008-9, , University of California at Merced, Lecturer, School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts - "Introduction to Environmental History"

2007-Present, University of California at Merced, Research Assistant, School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts
Summer 2008, University of California at Merced, Lecturer, School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts – “Climate Change and World History”
2005-2007, University of California at Merced, Teaching Assistant, School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts
1998-2001, Network systems administration

Papers

“Appendix: The Digital Gazetteer of Song China”, Ruth Mostern with Elijah Meeks, Harvard Press as part of Dividing the Realm in Order to Govern: The Spatial Organization of State Power in Song China (Accepted for publication)

Projects

Song Digital Gazetteer, a georeferenced database of political change in medieval China 2007-Present

MySQL, PHP, database design, interface design, query design, tolerance testing, fault testing, accuracy testing.

XConq, an open-source strategic engine. <http://www.sf.net/projects/xconq>, 2001-2005

C++, GDL (proprietary scripting language), Interface design, simulation, electronic gaming.

Languages

Mandarin Chinese: some reading, writing and speaking

French: some reading, writing and speaking

Memberships in Academic Societies

Phi Alpha Theta