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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles **Sep 2021 - Present**

Ph.D., Department of History

- *Advanced to Candidacy*
- Dissertation: “‘Who Makes the Luddites Rise?’: Technoscientific Resistance and the History of Luddism in Britain, 1880-1980”
- Committee: Soraya de Chadarevian (Chair), Elizabeth O’Brien, Hollian Wint, Ramesh Srinivasan

University of California, Los Angeles **Sep 2024**

M.A., Department of History

- Awarded as an interim degree within the Ph.D.

Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire **Sep 2014 - June 2018**

B.A., Department of History (High Honors)

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

External:

Short-Term Research Fellowship, The Huntington **September 2026**

Ischia Summer School on the History of the Life Sciences **June 2026**

Research Fellow, Consortium for History of Science, Technology, & Medicine **2025 - 2026**

Visiting Doctoral Student, HPS Department, University of Cambridge **April - June 2025**

Lisa Jardine Grant, Royal Society, London **Jan - April 2025**

The Peter Baldwin UCLA History Fellowship, The Wende Museum, Los Angeles **Jan - Dec 2024**

Fulbright Research Fellowship, Berlin, Germany **2020**

- Awarded grant to research at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (*Cancelled due to Covid-19 Pandemic*)

Internal:

Research Travel Award, UCLA Department of History **Sept 2026, Feb 2026, April 2025**

Travel Grant, UCLA Center for European and Russian Studies **Nov 2024**

Doctoral Student Travel Grant, UCLA **June 2023**

Summer Mentored Research Fellowship, UCLA **June 2021**

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

“Who Makes the Luddites Rise?: Popular History, Satire, and Late Victorian Technoscientific Dissent” European Society for the History of Science/History of Science Society Joint Meeting 2026, University of Edinburgh	July 2026
“Between Radicalism and Technocracy: The Council for Science and Society and the Politics of Risk and Expertise, 1973-1990” History of Science Society 2025, New Orleans	Nov 2025
“Assemblages and Afterlives: From the Luddites to Luddism” Graduate Workshop, HPS Department, University of Cambridge	June 2025
“Laboratory Luddism and Activist Science” 14th International Conference on the History of Chemistry, Valencia, Spain	June 2025
“A Laboratory for Critique: British Radical Science (1968-1990)” Materialist Approaches to the History of Knowledge Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia	April 2025

PUBLICATIONS

Votava, Claire. “The Council for Science and Society and the Politics of Expertise, 1972-1990,” in “New Approaches to the Relationship between Science and Democracy during Crises,” <i>Minerva: A Review of Science, Learning and Policy</i> (DOI: 10.1007/s11024-026-09668-5)	September 2026
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

History of Neoliberalism , Teaching Assistant for Prof. Robin D.G. Kelley	Fall 2026, Fall 2024
Western Civilization 1715-Present , Teaching Assistant for Prof. Stella Ghervas	Fall 2025
Rage Against the Machine: Resistance to 20th Century Technoscientific Developments , Instructor on Record	Spring 2024
Data, Justice, and Society , Teaching Assistant for Team of Professors	Fall 2023, Winter 2024
History of Africa 1800-Present , Teaching Assistant for Prof. William Worger	Spring 2023
History of Modern Medicine , Teaching Assistant for Prof. Amir Alexander	Winter 2023
History of Science: Renaissance-1800 , Teaching Assistant for Prof. Amir Alexander	Fall 2022

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Committee on Education and Engagement (CoEE) Member , History of Science Society	Jan 2026 - Present
Co-Chair , Graduate and Early Career Caucus, History of Science Society	Jan 2024 - Jan 2026
Co-Convener , Consortium for the History of Science, Technology, & Medicine	Sep 2022 - May 2024
• Science, Capitalism, and Knowledge Commodities Working Group	

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

Convener , UCLA History of Science Graduate Workshop	Fall 2025 - Present
Graduate Representative , UCLA Social Science Council	Fall 2024 - Summer 2025
Graduate Student Assistant , UCLA History of Science Colloquium	Fall 2024 - Winter 2025
Graduate Student Assistant , UCLA European History Colloquium	Fall 2023 - Fall 2024
Co-Chair , History Graduate Student Association, UCLA	Fall 2022 - Summer 2025

WORK EXPERIENCE

Latham & Watkins LLP , Los Angeles, CA	
• Business Intelligence Analyst, Data Science Team	June 2018 - June 2021
Whitney Museum of American Art , New York, NY	
• Intern, Director's Office and General Counsel	June - August 2017
Science Museum , London, England	
• Research and Curatorial Intern	Jan - March 2017

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Languages: English [Native], German [Translation], French [Translation]
Technical: Python, SQL, Tableau, STATA, R, Photoshop, Microsoft Office