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EDUCATION

University of Waterloo, Faculty of Arts, Waterloo, ON

Ph.D. in history, June 2025

Fields: global history, digital history, Canadian disability history, cultural history, fan studies

Dissertation nominated by department for Governor General's Gold Medal: "[Freacking Fans: An Oral History of Disability in Fan Spaces](#)"

Co-supervisors: Dr. Ian Milligan, Dr. Jay Dolmage

Committee members: Dr. Jeffrey Preston (external, King's University College), Dr. Adan Jerreat-Poole

(internal-external), Dr. Andrew Hunt (reader), Dr. Kimberly Martin (reader, University of Guelph)

University of Waterloo, Faculty of Arts, Waterloo, ON

Master of Arts in history, 2018

Wilfrid Laurier University, Faculty of Arts, Waterloo, ON

Bachelor of Arts in history, research specialization, with honors and high distinction, 2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Associate. Faculty of Arts, Spring 2025-Present. Assisted Dr. Ian Milligan on a web history and popular perceptions of current events. Compiled database of editorials and letters from major North American newspapers, analyzed and summarized documents, and maintained organization of digital files on the cloud for Dr. Milligan's research.

Research Assistant. Faculty of Arts, Spring 2021-Spring 2024. Worked under Dr. Ian Milligan's supervision on analyzing popular perceptions and conspiracy theories of recent events. Copy-edited drafts of Dr. Milligan's work, while preparing PDFs for further research.

Research Assistant. Faculty of Arts, Spring 2017. Assisted Dr. Ian Milligan in

constructing visualizations of website hyperlink database using the network visualization software GEPHI.

Junior Archivist. The Laurier Centre for Military, Strategic, and Disarmament Studies, Spring 2015. Maintained organization of LCMSDS archive and holdings and digitized aerial photography.

Research Assistant. The Laurier Centre for Military, Strategic, and Disarmament Studies, Spring 2013 and Spring 2014. Worked under Professor Terry Copp's supervision on studying the conscription crisis of 1917 in Montreal. Compiled relevant newspaper articles digitized from microfilm and online databases.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed articles

Vero, Eric. "Towards a Global History of Fandom: A Network Analysis of Science Fiction Fans, 1926-1947." *Journal of Fandom Studies*. Accepted and forthcoming.

Vero, Eric. "An Oral History of the Electrical Eggs: Science Fiction, Disability Activism, and Fan Conventions." *The Canadian Journal of Disability Studies*. 14 (2), 1-32. <https://cjds.uwaterloo.ca/index.php/cjds/article/view/1262>

Vero, Eric. "'An Address To All Patriotic Britons!': An Examination of British Propaganda During The Invasion Scare of 1803-1805." *Minerva: Laurier's Undergraduate Journal* vol 1., 2015.

Vero, Eric. "'The Deeds of My Forefathers: A Study of Roman Elite Historical Memory in Funerary Inscriptions.'" *Minerva: Laurier's Undergraduate Journal* vol. 1, 2015.

Non-refereed popular publications and articles

Vero, E. A. "The Queer Kids Are Alright." *Riddle Fence*, Summer 2024. <https://riddlefence.com/feature/the-queer-kids-are-alright/>.

Vero, E. A. "When Hypomania Calls." *Open Minds Quarterly*, Winter 2023.

Vero, Eric. "Rural Ontario, 1937: Coping With Mental Illness Through Tabletop Role-playing Games." *First Person Scholar*, 2022, <http://www.firstpersonscholar.com/rural-ontario-1937/>.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Co-instructor. Faculty of Arts, University of Waterloo. Fall 2023. **History 205: A History of Western Sport.** Prepared and presented class lectures, administered class discussions and activities, graded papers, and provided classroom support.

Guest Lecturer. Faculty of Arts, University of Waterloo. Winter 2023. “A History of Asylums Globally: Eugenics, Race, and Disability in a Global World,” **History 201: An Introduction to Global History.** Prepared and delivered lecture on the global interconnectedness of asylums in the English-speaking world during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Invited Tutorial Leader. Faculty of Arts, University of Waterloo. Spring 2024. Led tutorials of high school students invited for the department of history’s high school history students’ day.

Teaching Assistant. Faculty of Arts, University of Waterloo. Fall 2016, Winter 2021-Fall 2024. Assisted members of the history department with various survey courses in leading discussions, grading projects, and supporting students in the classroom.

Writing Centre Student Tutor. Wilfrid Laurier University. Summer 2013-Summer 2016. Conducted drop-in and full-hour appointments with peers to address writing concerns.

Latin Tutor. Accessible Learning, Wilfrid Laurier University. Fall 2014-Winter 2015. Conducted one-on-one tutoring sessions for students to work on Latin assignments and grammar.

Marker. Faculty of Arts, Wilfrid Laurier University. Winter 2015. **History 226: History of Ancient Rome.** Graded and proctored midterm exams.

Arts Outreach Instructor. Rose Theatre, City of Brampton. Winter 2018-Summer 2018. Led drama workshops for K-12 learners. Organized student Shakespeare festival.

CERTIFICATIONS

Fundamentals of University Teaching, Centre for Teaching Excellence, University of Waterloo, 2023.

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

Vero, Eric. "Embodying Dis/ability and Science Fiction Fandom: The Electrical Eggs and Fandom Access." Emerging Scholars Symposium. Montreal, Quebec; 2024.

Vero, Eric. "Exploring Access in Video Game Culture." Culture and Mental Health Research Unit, Jewish General Hospital and McGill University. Montreal, Quebec; 2024.

Vero, Eric. "Mental Health Roundtable." Jeux Accessibilité Montreal. Montreal, Quebec; 2023.

Vero, Eric. "Nerds Talking Politics: Fanzines as Historical Sources." Tri-University History Conference. Waterloo, Ontario; 2023.

Vero, Eric. "Video Game History." Games Institute, University of Waterloo. Waterloo, Ontario; 2016.

Vero, Eric. "'An Address To All Patriotic Britons!': An Examination of British Propaganda During The Invasion Scare of 1803-1805." Tri-University Undergraduate Conference, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario; 2016.

Vero, Eric. "'The Deeds of My Forefathers: A Study of Roman Elite Historical Memory in Funerary Inscriptions.'" Tri-University Undergraduate Conference, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario; 2015.

Vero, Eric. "The Quebec City Easter Riot of 1918." Tri-University Undergraduate Conference, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario; 2014.

ACADEMIC AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Seminar Speaker for Comprehensive Exams, Tri-University History program, 2024.

Graduate Student Mentor, Tri-University History program, 2021.

PhD Representative, Tri-University Graduate Student Association, 2020-2021.

Copy-editor, First Person Scholar, University of Waterloo, 2016-2017.

President, History Students' Association, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2014-2016.

VP Academic, History Students' Association, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2013-2014.

VP Admin, History Students' Association, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2012-2013.

First-year Rep, History Students' Association, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2011-2012.

HONOURS/AWARDS

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2024-2025.

Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, 2020-2024.

Exceptional Doctoral Award, University of Waterloo, 2020.

Canadian Graduate Scholarship (Master's), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, 2016-2017.

President's Graduate Scholarship, University of Waterloo, 2016-2017, 2020-2025.

History Department Book Prize, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2012.

In-Course Scholarship, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2011-2016.

Dean's Honour Roll, Faculty of Arts, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2011-2015.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Canadian Disability Studies Association

Canadian Game Studies Association