

KATHERINE E. BERGEN

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EDUCATION

Program in International and World History, Columbia University and the London School of Economics
Master of Arts/Master of Science, International and World History, with Merit 2020

School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Master of Science, Library and Information Science 2018

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Bachelor of Arts, History (High Honors) 2013

Honors Thesis: "The Queens of Good Taste: Patriots, Gentility, Femininity, and Fame in Virginia Society, 1780-1835"

Graduated with Distinction; James B. Angell Scholar; William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize

KEY EXPERIENCE

The Rare Commons (<http://therarecommons.com>)
Founder 2021-present

Monthly newsletter and social media suite guiding the internet through the best of libraries and museums online

Cook Instead (<http://cook-instead.com>)
Founder 2020-present

Weekly blog posts providing fun, instructional recipes for cooks of all skill levels; recipe development and research

Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Butler Library, Columbia University in the City of New York
Graduate Intern 2018- 2019

Curation and planning of joint digital exhibit on the French in North America with the National Library of France; Inventory and processing of the Dan Talbot papers; indexing of the John Jay Papers

Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Velde Public Services Graduate Assistant 2017 - 2018

Providing patron reference and information services; supervising a small team of undergraduate assistants; Planning and designing exhibitions; leading classes and instructional workshops

Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Project Cataloger 2016-2017

Creation of detailed and accurate original bibliographic records for rare books and other rare material in Italian, Latin, French, German, Spanish
Performance of high-level enhanced and copy cataloging
Writing original blog posts and social media posts

Weston Library, Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford
Library Collections Support Assistant 2014-2015

In-person and virtual reference assistance; inventory and resource management of select and restricted collections

Marketing Executive, The Casemate Group, Oxford, UK 2013- 2014

Writing, proofing and designing press releases, monthly newsletter, and twice-yearly trade catalogue
Reviewing and screening author submissions and book proposals
Social media, including Facebook, Twitter, and Wordpress

Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Research Assistant 2011-2013

Analyzing correspondence in 18th-century French; data entry and analysis

RELATED EXPERIENCE

RBML Practicum: "A Personal Atlas: Maps from an Italian Bibliophile's Collection"

Arrangement and description of maps from the Cavagna Sangiuliani collection and creation of finding aid 2018

Volunteer, Chicago History Museum

Processed and organized print and photographic collections; compiled and converted finding aids to XML using EAD schema 2017

Children's Literature Collections Intern, The Newberry Library, Chicago

Developed strategies to increase engagement with collections; social media; data management 2012

SERVICE

MSLIS Student Representative to the iSchool Alumni Association, University of Illinois

Representing student views to the board of the Alumni Association 2017-2018

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

RBMS: The Stories We Tell Iowa City, IA

2017

BOBCATSSS 2017 Tampere, Finland

"More than a Bulletin Board: Using Tumblr for online reference and user services in academic libraries"
Poster presented with Emily J. Hoch 2017

The Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery Oxford, UK

2015

LANGUAGES

French and Spanish - proficient

Italian, German, and Latin - basic

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

EAD, TEI: proficient

Python, SQL, Bash/Command line interface: basic Other technical experience: XPath

MEMBERSHIPS

American Library Association - Association of College and Research Libraries - Rare Book and Manuscript Section