

BRIENNE D. HAYES

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EDUCATION

M.A., English | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Expected 2023

Concentration: Literary Studies

Advisor: Dr. Tim Dean

B.S., Applied Mathematics | Summa cum laude | San Diego State University, 2020

Emphasis: Computational Science

Minor in English

Academic Certificates: Computational Linguistics and Text Analytics

HONORS AND AWARDS

Distinction in Mathematics (Spring 2020)

Golden Key Honor Society (Fall 2019)

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society (Spring 2019)

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (Spring 2018)

Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society (Fall 2018)

San Diego State University Merit Scholarship (Fall 2016)

Dean's List (Fall 2016-Spring 2020)

RESEARCH

“Pandemic in Cyberspace: Digital Spatiality in the Era of Quarantine.” Final project for a course in Electronic Literature (Spring 2020). Online at

<https://scalar.usc.edu/works/pandemic-in-cyberspace/index>

“Revolutionary Research: Feminism and the Fight for Women in STEM.” Final project for a course in Digital History (Fall 2019). Online at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nc0rk7ZNHol>

TEACHING

Writing and Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Fall 2021)

Taught one nineteen-student section of an introductory rhetoric and composition course. Coursework communicated conventions of scholarly writing, engaging with sources, and taking part in an academic conversation with an emphasis on writing as a tool for critical self-evaluation.

Ethical Data Science Workshop, Digital Humanities Center @ San Diego State University (Spring 2021)

Led a two-part workshop on the critical and ethical use of data. Workshop covered tools and strategies for gathering, analyzing, and visualizing humanities data with an emphasis on representative sampling, transparent methods, and subjectivity in presentation.

National Humanities Center Regional Graduate Student Podcasting Institute, Digital Humanities Center @ San Diego State University (Spring 2021)

Will assist in facilitating the January session of the NHC Podcasting Institute, which will be virtually hosted by San Diego State University. Will provide technical assistance and project guidance to a cohort of 50 graduate students in the humanities as they learn to produce public-facing research in the form of a podcast.

Science, Science Fiction, and Social Justice, MIT Cascade (Guest lecture, Fall 2020)

Delivered a lecture titled “Queerness and Categories” to a class of Boston area high school students as part of MIT’s Cascade program. Lecture covered the different dimensions of queer identity and social and technological constraints on queerness in the context of the short story *We’re Here, We’re Here* by K.M. Szpara.

ACADEMIC SERVICE & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Departmental Steward, Graduate Employees’ Organization at UIUC (Fall 2021)

Served as a union steward for the English department, representing needs and concerns of graduate student workers to the GEO. Helped present a letter of COVID-19 safety demands, signed by more than 80 graduate students and 40 members of English faculty, to the department leadership and ensured all demands were met within ten days.

Student Representative to Departmental Advisory Committee (Fall 2021)

One of four representatives elected by graduate students to represent student concerns at meetings of the English department’s advisory committee.

Member, Rhetoric Advisory Committee (Fall 2021)

Worked with other members of the advisory committee to develop program-wide evaluation criteria for a complete assessment of the rhetoric program in 2022.

Member, Social Justice Praxis Working Group (Fall 2021)

Part of a group of graduate students investigating new approaches to social justice pedagogy with an emphasis on disability and racial equity.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Postproduction Supervisor, Rise Up Story Team (Fall 2020-Winter 2020)

Worked with a team of documentarians and journalists to develop a system for collecting crowdsourced footage of protests and demonstrations, curating footage, and distributing footage to media organizations on a one-hour turnaround. Also developed a system for archiving collected footage and preserving relevant metadata.

Data Visualization Volunteer, COVID Tracking Project (Fall 2020-Spring 2021)

Developed graphics and data visualizations to communicate the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the United States with an emphasis on portraying the increased risk the virus poses to minority communities.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Interdepartmental Steward, Graduate Employees' Organization at UIUC (Fall 2021)

Worked alongside stewards in the College of Applied Health Sciences to learn about the experiences of graduate students in that college, educate them about the GEO, and establish a foundation for future student leadership.