

Kyle Parks

Education

University of Delaware Newark, DE – Master of Arts in History (expected May '21)
Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies

McDaniel College Westminster, MD – Bachelor of Arts in History, *Summa Cum Laude* (May '18)
Minors in New Media Journalism & Spanish

Professional Experience

Park Interpreter & Education Staffer, Kalmar Nyckel Foundation | Wilmington, DE (June '21 – present)

- Creating and implement museum and park programs, aiding in education program delivery.
- Providing interpretation and management for Fort Christina National Historic Landmark.

Interpreter & Social Media Manager, Old Swedes Historic Site | Wilmington, DE (July '18 – present)

- Giving tours of site; assisting with marketing, media, and website; completing research for interpretive programs and events; curating social media posts.

Graduate Assistant, Delaware Humanities | Wilmington, DE (June '20 – May '21)

- Maintaining and organizing collection and institutional memory; conducting interviews with stakeholders; developing programs to commemorate organization's 50th anniversary.
- Completed research and found guests for *A Matter of Facts* podcast (June-Aug. 2020).

E. Lyman Stewart Intern, New Castle Historical Society | New Castle, DE (June '20 – Aug. '20)

- Focus of internship: interpretation and programs.
- Developed *Liberty and Intelligence: Secrets Are Afoot*, an outdoor, self-guided, nontraditional tour to guide visitors around Historic New Castle while social distancing.
- Created educational video series, *New Castle Narrated*.

Teaching Assistant, University of Delaware Department of History | Newark, DE (Aug. '19 – May '20)

- Placements: *Europe and the World I* (Fall 2019) and *East Asian Civilization: Japan* (Spring 2020).
- Attended classes, held office hours, assisted students, graded.

Team Member, University of Delaware Museum Studies SWAT Team | Wilmington, DE (Jan. '20)

- Catalogued, organized, and maintained collections at Greenbank Mills & Philips Farm.
- Annual collections triage for small museums by the University of Delaware Museum Studies Program.

Museum Interpreter/Educator, Delaware Historical Society | Wilmington, DE (Sept. '18 – Aug. '19)

- Delivered and developed education and outreach programs; helped in Research Library.

Visitor Services Associate, Brandywine River Museum of Art | Chadds Ford, PA (Nov. '18 – Aug. '19)

- Improved guest experience; assisted with admissions and retail sales.

Education Intern, Kalmar Nyckel Foundation | Wilmington, DE (June '18 – Sept. '18)

- Assisted with group education programs and oversaw creation of LEGO education program.

Peer Tutor, McDaniel College Writing Center | Westminster, MD (Sept. '16 – May '18)

- Tutored fellow students face-to-face in writing and multimedia projects in a fast-paced, diverse environment.

Professional Experience (continued)

Classroom Assistant, McDaniel College Department of History | *Westminster, MD* (Aug. '16 – Dec. '16)

- Created lesson plans for a history seminar course; guided classroom discussion.

Community Involvement & Leadership

Docent, Rockwood Museum & Park | *Wilmington, DE* (Sept. '18 – June '19)

- Led tours of museum, helped visitors, and assisted with special events.

Editor-in-Chief & Multimedia Editor, McDaniel Free Press | *Westminster, MD* (Sept. '14 – May '18)

- Student newspaper of McDaniel College.
- Served as Staff Reporter from Aug. '14 – May '15, Multimedia Editor from May '15 – May '18, and Editor-in-Chief from May '16 – May '18.
- Wrote and edited articles, oversaw all visual materials, designed print issues, and managed the paper.

Member & President, McDaniel College Gender & Sexuality Alliance | *Westminster, MD* (Sept. '17 – May '18)

- Oversaw club meetings and events, led advocacy and inclusion initiatives, ran social media, planned major events.

Committee Member, McDaniel College SafeZone Committee | *Westminster, MD* (Sept. '17 – May '18)

- Attended regular meetings to promote inclusion of LGBTQ+ students at McDaniel College.
- Researched gender inclusive housing options to promote comfortable dorm options for transgender students; brought concerns of LGBTQ+ students forward to college administration.

Band Member, McDaniel College Pep Band | *Westminster, MD* (Sept. '16 – May '17)

- Helped establish McDaniel College's first pep band in 50 years.

Club Member, McDaniel College History Club | *Westminster, MD* (Sept. '14 – May '17)

- Attended meetings, participated in history-focused discussions and activities.

Contributor, Contrast Literary Magazine | *Westminster, MD* (April '17)

- Published photographic works in the publication's 2017 issue.

Garden Assistant & Social Media Team, Hagley Museum & Library | *Wilmington, DE* (June '15 – Sept. '16)

- Assisted with various gardening tasks and created videos for museum website.

Research, Presentation, & Conference Experience

"The Underground Railroad in Delaware" | *Bethany Beach, DE* (Feb. '19)

- Prepared and delivered presentation at the South Coastal Library to an audience of 80 for the Delaware Historical Society.

2018 Phi Alpha Theta Mid-Atlantic Conference | *Westminster, MD* (March '18)

- Presented abbreviated version of capstone project, "The Humble Iron Painter: Literati Representations of Tang Peng and *Tiehua* in the Qing Dynasty."

2017 ASIANetwork Annual Conference | *Chicago, IL* (April '17)

- Conference focus: Digital and Beyond: Ways of Knowing Asia.
- Participated in panel presentation "New Practices in Teaching Traditional Chinese Arts and Literature" based on summer 2016 research on iron painting (*tiehua*).

Research, Presentation, & Conference Experience (continued)

McDaniel College Summer Research Showcase | *Westminster, MD* (Sept. '16 and Oct. '17)

- Presented at poster sessions based on research from the summers of 2016 and 2017.
- Designed posters for groups to present, assembled research website for 2016 research, and organized findings into presentable format.

Student Research Fellow, McDaniel College Dep. of History | *Westminster, MD* (May '16 – Nov. '17)

- Summer 2017: "Seawalls and the Grand Canal in Qing China."
 - Completed environmental history project focusing primarily on illustrations and construction techniques of the seawall in Hangzhou Bay, China, and the Grand Canal.
 - Searched for, read, and tracked historical resources relating to the Hangzhou Bay seawall and proofread translations of sources.
- Summer 2016: "Digital Wuhu Iron Pictures (*Tiehua*)."
- Completed social and cultural history project analyzing the contexts of iron painting, native to Wuhu, Anhui Province, China.
- Maintained shared website showcasing examples of art as well as personal research blog on www.kyleschronicles.com.

Awards & Distinctions

Departmental Honors in History (May '18)

- Recommended by the history faculty of McDaniel College.
- Recognition for excellence in history, including a minimum 3.5 grade point average in all history courses and presenting an academic paper at a history conference.

Global Fellow (March '15 – May '18)

- Completed the Global Fellows Program at McDaniel College, a co-curricular global studies distinction.
- Earned through globally focused coursework, study abroad, workshops, and colloquia to master global thinking and cultural sensitivity.
- Study abroad experience: 2.5-week intensive study trip to Greece (Jan. 2017); 2.5-week intensive study trip to China (Jan. 2018).

Hugh Barnette Speir, Jr Prize (May '18)

- Awarded to the graduating history major at McDaniel College demonstrating the highest excellence in European history.

Western Maryland Norman E. Santorius Gift & Citation (May '18)

- Awarded biennially to the student responsible for the greatest contribution to moral and spiritual uplift in the student body at McDaniel College.

James D. Essig Memorial Scholarship (April '17)

- Awarded to a history major at McDaniel College with at least a 3.0 grade point average that demonstrates high academic and personal integrity.

President's List Honors (Sept. '15 and Sept. '16)

- Recognition for students at McDaniel College who attained a 4.0 grade point average for the previous academic year.

Academic Honor Societies

- Phi Beta Kappa, *liberal arts and sciences* (March '18)
- Phi Sigma Iota, *world language, literature, and culture* (April '18)
- Phi Alpha Theta, *history* (March '17)
- Sigma Tau Delta, *English language and literature* (April '17)