

Isabel Brady

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EDUCATION

Florida State University Tallahassee, FL
PhD Student, Art History 2024–Present

- Supervisor: Dr. Erika Loic

University of Cambridge, Magdalene College Cambridge, England, United Kingdom
Master of Philosophy, Medieval History 2020–2021

- Dissertation: “Shifting Settlement Characteristics from Anglo-Saxon to Norse for Agricultural Control of the Danelaw”
- Supervisor: Dr. Caroline Goodson

The Pennsylvania State University University Park, PA
Bachelor of the Arts, History, Art History, Medieval Studies 2016–2020

with Interdisciplinary Honors in History, Art History, and Medieval Studies, *Schreyer Honors College*

- Honors Thesis: “Highway to the Heart: Ordering Beauty & Organizing Rome-Bound Pilgrims on Siena’s Via Francigena”
- Supervisors: Dr. Benjamin Hudson, Dr. Amara Solari, Dr. Cathleen Cahill

The University of Kentucky Lexington, KY
Non-Degree Seeking Post-Baccalaureate Student 2023

- Class: HIS 650, “War & Memory” with Akiko Takenaka, Ph.D.
- Paper: “St. George, Relics, and the Myth-Making of Venice’s Maritime Empire”

LANGUAGES & SKILLS

- LATIN – 5 years – advanced in translation, composition, and comprehension.
- ITALIAN – Graduate training in reading and translation, proficient in communication.
- SPANISH – 5 years – proficient in reading and translation.
- PALEOGRAPHY – Graduate training in medieval Latin (c. 800–1200) paleography.

GRANTS & HONORS

Newberry Library Renaissance Consortium Grant 2024
Graduated with Interdisciplinary Honors in History, Art History, and Medieval Studies, *Schreyer Honors College, Pennsylvania State University* 2020

Graduated as a Paterno Fellow, <i>College of the Liberal Arts</i>	2020
Phi Beta Kappa – <i>member</i>	2020
Dean’s List, <i>College of the Liberal Arts, College of Arts and Architecture</i>	2016–2020
Diane & Craig Zabel Scholarship in Architectural History, <i>College of Arts and Architecture</i>	2019
Creative Achievement Award, <i>College of Arts and Architecture</i>	2019
Arts and Architecture Alumni Scholarship Recipient, <i>College of Arts and Architecture</i>	2019
Rodney A. Erickson Discovery Grant Recipient, <i>Pennsylvania State University</i>	2019
Phi Alpha Theta – Epsilon-Upsilon Chapter – <i>member</i>	2018
John Taylor Scholarship in the Department of History, <i>Pennsylvania State University</i>	2018

PAPERS PRESENTED

- “Every Man May Travel Freely: Security by Conquest in Siena’s Palazzo Pubblico”
 - 61st International Congress on Medieval Studies 2026, *Western Michigan University*
- “Who Hope in Talamone: City, Sea, and Countryside in Ambrogio Lorenzetti’s *Good Government*”
 - 101st Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America 2026, *Five Colleges Consortium*
- “St. George, Relics, and the Myth-Making of Venice’s Maritime Empire”
 - Multidisciplinary Graduate Student Conference 2025, *The Newberry Library*
- “The Making of an Early Medieval Manor”
 - 99th Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America 2024, *University of Notre Dame*
- “Dying *a Driffelda*: King Aldfrith and the Anglo-Saxon Identity”
 - Southeastern Medievalist Association Conference 2023, *Winthrop University*
- “These Boots Are Made For Walking, But Where Do They Rest? Urban Architecture & Accommodation for Rome-Bound Pilgrims in Siena, Italy”
 - Undergraduate Research Exhibition 2020, *Pennsylvania State University*
- “A Look to Die For: A Valuation System for Norse-Anglo-Saxon Burial Ornament”
 - SECAC 2019, *University of Tennessee, Chattanooga*
- “Rest in Pita: Bread & the Dead in the Viking Age”
 - 12th Moravian Undergraduate Conference in Medieval and Early Modern Studies 2017, *Moravian College*

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH & STUDY

- Master of Philosophy at University of Cambridge, England, UK (October 2020–October 2021)
- Undergraduate thesis research in Siena, Italy (June–July 2019)
- Study abroad in Todi, Italy (May–June 2019)

- Study abroad in Siena, Italy (January–May 2018)

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Art History Department, College of Fine Arts, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida – *Teaching Assistant*

August 2024 – Present

- Classes: Early Modern Prints and the Fuzziness of Ink (Fall ‘24), Modern & Contemporary African American Art (Spring ‘25), Introduction to Medieval Art (Fall ‘25)
- Created and presented lectures on selected topics.
- Facilitated class discussions on assigned readings for the day’s lecture as well as organizing, maintaining, and distributing class material; graded papers, discussion board posts.
- Tutored students in writing end-of-semester final research papers, instructed students on research methods, and assisted students in practicing for final oral presentations during twice-weekly office hours.

College of Education Office of Undergraduate Student Success, College of Education, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky – *Staff Support Associate II*

September 2023 – July 2024

- Support specialist to the Office of Undergraduate Student Success, comprising teams for advising, retention, and recruitment. Collaborated with Student Success team members to build student schedules, maintain records, manage data, and communicate with students, parents, staff, faculty, advisors, and off-campus constituents.
- Facilitated undergraduate student orientation (Big Blue Nation Orientation) for the College of Education; prepared student materials and information each day, usually comprising 35–50 students per session. Reviewed data to ensure every eligible student was registered for classes.
- Organized event planning, purchase orders, and contacting College members and supporters for College-wide events, including 100th Anniversary celebrations.
- Used SAP-GUI, Advising Hub, Tableau, and Microsoft 365 daily to update student records for advisor assignments, major/minor changes, registration, and degree changes/audits.

College of Arts & Sciences Advising Center, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky – *STEPS Administrative Assistant*

August 2022 – September 2023

- Administrative support to the A&S Advising team of sixteen; fourteen advisors, the Director of Advising, and Associate Dean of Advising. Provided academic support to students regarding advising, classes, campus assistance, orientation, and general campus information.
- Utilized the SAP-GUI system daily to update student records for registration, degree changes, degree audits, and advisor assignments; facilitated communications between students, advisors, and faculty of various colleges on course time conflicts, student overrides, and petitions.

**Arts & Sciences Business Center, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Kentucky,
Lexington, Kentucky – STEPS Administrative Assistant**

May 2022 – August 2022

- Verified and processed student awards and grants on behalf of the College of Arts & Sciences using the SAP-GUI system.
- Itemized and allocated payments on behalf of University-approved travels on the Concur system.

Starbucks Coffee Company, Lexington, Kentucky – Barista, Barista Trainer

August 2021 – May 2022

- Worked as a friendly, fast, and skilled barista during opening shifts; memorized over 100 coffee, tea, and beverage recipes and worked well with a team to complete over 500+ customer orders each day. Processed payment and refunds in cash, credit, and mobile apps.
- Trained incoming baristas in all aspects of job responsibilities: beverage recipes, sanitization and cleaning methods, equipment use, customer interactions, and company policies in order to best implement Starbucks' Third Place philosophy.

**Office of Global Programs, Pennsylvania State University – International Student Orientation
Leader**

June 2017 – August 2019

- Guided groups of twenty to fifty international students with varying levels of English competency for three- to five-day instruction and training through both university and federal regulations as well as acculturation to the United States.

INTERNSHIPS

American Saddlebred Museum, Lexington, Kentucky – Intern

May 2025 – August 2025

- Assisted in exhibition planning and installation for two new exhibits (*Untold Tails* and *ASB Museum X 75 Years of Breyer*), researched and wrote didactic labels, catalogued photographs and manuscripts (utilizing PastPerfect), wrote social media posts promoting new research and acquisitions, helped plan two museum fundraisers, and served as gift shop cashier/clerk.

Vernice Progetti Culturali, Fondazione di Monte dei Paschi di Siena, Siena, Italy – Intern

February 2018 – May 2018

- Translated technical descriptions of works of art from Italian to English while embedded in the Progetti's direct administration and conservation of Palazzo Sansedoni, which aims to further the public's understanding and restoration of great Siennese medieval and Renaissance historical monuments.
- Conducted tours and compiled critiques of foreigners' experience for internal review to suggest upgrades to current information layout and tour scripts.

Archivio di Stato di Siena, Siena, Italy – Intern

February 2018 – May 2018

- Translated technical descriptions of artwork from Italian to English and inscriptions on artwork from Latin to English for display and internal use in the museum and library while embedded in the Archive, which serves a dual function of both research center and museum.
- Conducted tours in English of the Archive, which is dedicated to collecting and conserving state and state-affiliated documents concerning the governing of the city of Siena from 735 to 1960 as well as art by major Italian artists from 1258 to the 16th century.

Museum Kunst der Westküste, Alkersum, Föhr, Germany – Intern

July 2015

- Assisted in the deconstruction of two exhibits and the construction of two new exhibits; taught in the pedagogy; and organized receptions as an administrative intern.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Mack Brady Memorial Soccer Fund, State College, PA – Co-Founder and Volunteer

January 2012 – Present

- Established and maintained the Mack Brady Soccer Fund, in memory of my brother, to raise money for the PSU Men's Soccer Team, including organizing annual soccer clinics for children and auctions prior to the annual Mack Brady PSUMT's game.
- Currently raised \$300,000+ over through emails, letters, and private fundraising events.

Penn State Dance Marathon – Committee Member

October 2016 – May 2020

- A committee member for Development and Alumni Engagement committees which focus on engaging small and corporate businesses, the local community, and students as donors to help in the fight against pediatric cancer, raising money for Four Diamonds at Penn State Health Children's Hospital.

SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

- PhD Representative, 2025–26 Graduate Student Symposium Committee, Department of Art History, Florida State University
- Member, Phi Beta Kappa
- Member, Phi Alpha Theta–Epsilon-Upsilon Chapter
- Member, Southeastern Medievalist Association
- Member, Medieval Academy of America