

Rachel Patterson

EDUCATION

Miami University, Oxford, OH

M.A. in History, 2023-2025

Master's Thesis: International Consequences of Insurgency: The Complex Relationship Between the Haitian Revolution and the Abolitionist Movement in the United States

Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX

B.A. in History, Minor in Global Studies, 2022

Awards: Dean's Honor Rolls (2021-2022); Global Education Outstanding Service Award (2022); Phi Alpha Theta Inductee (2022)

Study Abroad

France (July 2021), Berlin (June 2022), London (July 2022)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Removing George Washington from the Moral Pedestal: A Reevaluation of the Myths and Legends Surrounding the First President," Paper presented at the Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Convention (Albuquerque, NM), January 2023

"The Decision-Making Process to Bomb Laos," Paper co-presented with Dr. P. Mike Rattanasengchanh at the International Conference on Lao Studies (Online), November 2022

"The Acting President Edith Bolling Wilson: The First Lady's Struggle in the Presidency" Paper presented at the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference (Wichita Falls, TX), April 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & SCHOLARSHIP

Digitizer, Jennie Elder Suel Collection, Miami University, 2024

- Digitized and wrote descriptions for the Burns Family folder for the Jennie Elder Suel Collection at King Library
- Created metadata for online Collections

Research Assistant, 100th Anniversary of Midwestern State University Book Project, 2022

- One of five students asked to conduct research about the university's history for history department book project; published in 2024

EURECA Research Project, "Lao Voice in U.S.-Lao Relations during the Cold War," 2022

- Translated French documents from the *Lao Presse* newspaper to uncover how the people of Laos felt about the United States' involvement in Laos' politics
- Presented at university-wide research forum, EURECA, in spring 2022
- Researched bombing of Laos (1964-1965) for Legacies of War Newsletter

WORK EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Faculty, Midwestern State University History Department, August 2025-December 2025

English Instructor, Midwestern State University Global Education Office, September 2025-October 2025

- Prepared non-native English speakers for their language exam

Graduate Assistant, Miami University History Department, 2023-May 2025

- Taught undergraduate students American History courses, graded essays and exams.
- Fielded questions from students

Student Assistant, Midwestern State University Global Education Office, 2021-2022

- Fielded questions, calls, and emails about study abroad programs and international education

- Maintained student files and payments
- Created syllabi and scheduled excursions for professors

ON-CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Graduate Studies Committee, *Student Representative*, 2024-2025

- Reviewed the curriculum for BA/MA students
- Proposed a Humanities cluster for MA students to preserve graduate-only spaces.

History Club, *Vice-President*, 2021-2022

- Coordinated events including events with other clubs on campus and film nights

National Society of Collegiate Scholars, *Secretary*, 2021-2022

- Planned on-campus events and fundraising activities for Alzheimer's Association and Active Minds

LANGUAGE AND SKILLS

French (Advanced Intermediate)

Haitian Creole (Beginner)