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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### EDUCATION

Ph.D., Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, May 2021

Joint Degree in Public History and United States History

Dissertation: “*‘We heard sometimes their earnest desire to be free in a free country’: Enslaved People, Jesuit Masters, and Negotiations for Freedom on American Borderlands, 1823-1930*”

Defended with distinction and awarded Loyola Humanities Dissertation of the Year Award

M.A., Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, May 2016

Joint Degree in Public History and United States History, GPA: 4.00

B.A., Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 2014

Majors: Honors Bachelor of Arts (Classics: Latin, Greek, and Philosophy), GPA: 3.983;  
History, GPA: 4.00

Minors: Peace Studies, Philosophy, Gender and Diversity Studies

Cumulative GPA: 3.978

### PUBLIC HISTORY WORK

#### Research and Interpretation

- 2021-present **Washington University in St. Louis** (<https://slavery.wustl.edu/>)  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow for the WashU and Slavery Project  
Affiliated with African and African American Studies Department and the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity.
- 2021-present **St. Louis Visitation Heart and Mind Ministry Advisory Committee**  
Historical consultant  
Inform research, interpretation, and effective and appropriate dissemination of findings on people the Visitation Sisters of St. Louis held in bondage.
- 2021-present **Georgetown Visitation History of Enslaved Persons Project**  
Consultant  
Inform Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School and Monastery on updating their research, pursuing new leads, and furthering their work of understanding and responding to their slaveholding history.
- 2021 **Sisters of Loretto**  
Consultant  
Informed Sisters of Loretto on strategies for developing a project to research and address their slaveholding history.
- 2016-2021 **Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States & Saint Louis University** ([shmr.jesuits.org](http://shmr.jesuits.org))  
Research Coordinator for the Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project
- Fall 2020 **Black Catholic History Month Series**  
Organized four interpretive narratives on Black Catholics in Saint Louis History for presentation on panels and in e-newsletters for parishioners of Saint Margaret of Scotland Church and Saint Francis Xavier (College) Church of Saint Louis.
- Fall 2014 **“Faithful Service, Community, and Care: The Angel Guardian Orphanage and Misericordia Walking Tour”**  
Walking tour proposal for the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society, Chicago, Illinois.

- 2005-2015 **Western Female Seminary Living History Society**  
Formerly known as the Young Ladies Living History Society of Greater Cincinnati.  
Living historian; Former treasurer and president.
- 2013 **College Hill Historical Society**  
Portrayed Harriet Beecher Stowe for three local cultural history events honoring African American and abolitionist history.
- Summer 2013 **Jewish Community Center Krakow**  
Volunteered with the Jewish Community Center during the Krakow Jewish Festival.

### Museum Work

- Colonial Williamsburg Foundation**  
Summer 2015; Education Outreach Teacher Institute Intern  
Summer 2016 Facilitator and instructor for the Teacher Institute, a summer training program for elementary, middle, and high school teachers on how to teach American history and citizenship in their classrooms.
- National Underground Railroad Freedom Center**  
2014 Museum Experiences Specialist  
Researched and portrayed 19<sup>th</sup> century abolitionists and told narratives about abolition and the Underground Railroad.
- 2008-2015 Youth Docent Program Mentor, Teacher, and Research Project Assistant  
**Cincinnati Museum Center**
- 2008-2015 Volunteer guide and security in special exhibits including: Freedom's Sisters, America I AM, Cleopatra, Pompeii; Living historian in History Museum and at special events.  
**Heritage Village Museum**
- 2002-2015 Costumed Interpreter/Docent  
Led guided tours, period demonstrations, and interactive educational activities.

### Exhibition Development

- Fall 2021- Counter/Narratives: (Re)presenting Race & Ethnicity  
Spring 2021 (<https://library.wustl.edu/exhibitions/counter-narratives/>) Researched and wrote interpretive labels for "WashU & Slavery Crime Scenes" panels.  
<https://slavery.wustl.edu/counternarratives-mugshots>
- Fall 2014 "Household Racism: The Legacy of Minstrel Stereotypes in Domestic Objects"  
Researched and created panels intended for display at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.
- Summer 2013 "Souvenir, Talisman, Toy" Dialogue Team and Exhibit Volunteer  
Assisted with exhibit development. Exhibit volunteer and dialogue team member at the Krakow Jewish Festival.

### Digital Media

- 2022 *Slave Voyages*  
Operational Committee Member on behalf of Washington University.  
<https://www.slavevoyages.org/>
- 2022 *The Saint Louis Integrated Database of Enslavement*  
Project Manager.  
<https://sites.wustl.edu/enslavementstl/#:~:text=The%20St.,across%20different%20archives%20at%20once.>
- 2022 *Enslavement and its Wake: A Walking Tour of Washington University*  
Creator. <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/aaf28850b82542e5b96a31d584cc6896>  
(Optimized for viewing on a mobile device).
- 2017- present *Jesuits' Enslaved Communities*  
Creator. <https://kumu.io/KLS/jesuits-enslaved-communities>

- Relationship and community network visualization (in progress) of people enslaved to the Jesuits in the United States.
- 2016-present *Explore 'Common Sense': The Digital British Edition*  
 Creator. <http://explorecommonsense.com/>  
 Voted into the “Elite Eight” of the March Madness competition for digital history projects relating to Vast Early America hosted by *The Junto: A Group Blog on Early American History* (<https://earlyamericanists.com/2019/03/25/junto-march-madness-2019-elite-eight/>)
- 2016 *Slavery, Race, and the University*  
 Creator. <http://www.tiki-toki.com/timeline/entry/707741/Slavery-Race-and-the-University/>
- 2015-present *Chrysler Village History Project: Preserving and Sharing the Histories of Chrysler Village*  
 Webmaster and editor. <https://chryslervillageproject.wordpress.com/>
- 2015-2021 *The Lakefront Historian: A Student-Run Public History Blog from Chicago*  
 Contributor, 2015-2017; Administrator, 2017-2021. <http://lakefronthistorian.com/>.
- 2017-2018 *Kenilworth Centennial Structures*  
 Developer. <http://omeka.kenilworthhistory.org/neatline/fullscreen/kenilworth-centennial-structures>  
 (Web url has changed since commission; this link is now broken)
- Spring 2016-2017 *Clio in Cyberspace: Musings on Public History*  
 Blog for Public History New Media course and other digital humanities coursework.  
<https://clioincyberspace.wordpress.com/>.
- Spring 2016 *Evanston Women and the 19<sup>th</sup>*  
 Developer. <http://evanstonandthe19th.omeka.net/>  
 Interactive additions to a digital exhibit highlighting the role of women in Chicago’s Evanston neighborhood in the context of the national women’s suffrage movement.
- April 2014 *Antebellum Cincinnati: Social Intersections in the Queen City*  
 Webmaster and editor. <http://curiosity.cs.xu.edu/blogs/antebellumcincinnati/>  
 (Website in transition to a new site, link now broken)
- February 2014 “Cincinnati Race Riots: 1967 and 1968”  
 Video presentation at the Food and Drug Administration, Cincinnati, Ohio.

### Visitor Services and Evaluation

- Spring 2016 *Digital Paxton Project* (<http://digitalpaxton.org/>)  
 Developed an evaluation process for the Colored Conventions Project Frederick Douglass Day Transcribe-a-thon to inform transcription instruction for the *Digital Paxton Project*.
- Spring 2015 Glessner House and Clark House Museums Assessment Project  
 Developed an ongoing self-evaluation process to ensure the museums are fulfilling their mission and goals.
- 2014-2015 “RACE: Are We So Different?” Exhibition at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center  
 Visitor Evaluation Interviewer.

### Conservation and Collections Management

- Fall 2014 “Bomba Drum”  
 Artifact analysis and interpretation label written for the Segundo Ruiz Belvis Cultural Center, Chicago, Illinois.
- Summer 2013 **Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum**  
 Volunteered in collections and conservation departments.

### Cultural Resource Management

- Spring 2015-present Ambidexter Institute, Springfield, Illinois  
 National Register Nomination (in progress)
- 2014-2018 “Chrysler Village History Project: Preserving and Sharing the Histories of Chrysler Village”

Project proposal for using a recent National Register nomination to further benefit the community of Chrysler Village, Chicago, Illinois implemented into an oral history project and Community Day to highlight the neighborhood's unique history. <https://chryslervillageproject.wordpress.com/>.

October 2014  
& 2015      Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation  
Archaeological dig volunteer.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Summer 2022      **Washington University in St. Louis**  
Humanities Digital Workshop: St. Louis Integrated Database of Enslavement  
**Saint Louis University**

Spring 2020      Jesuits, SLU, and Slavery (1 semester)  
Co-instructor in course taught by Dr. Katrina Thompson-Moore

Fall 2020      Guest lecturer for Intro to African American History

Fall 2019      Substitute instructor for Intro to African American History  
**Villanova University**

Fall 2020      Guest lecturer for The Black Catholic Experience, taught by Dr. Shannen Dee Williams  
**Loyola University Chicago History Department Teaching Assistant**

2017-2018      History 203: American Pluralism (2 semesters)

2014-2016      History 101 & 102: Western Civilization (4 semesters)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Matilda Hawkins Tyler: Mapping One Woman's Geography of Kinship and Perseverance." Forthcoming in the *Journal of Auto/Biography*, Fall 2022.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Slavery and the Shaping of Catholic Missouri." *Missouri Historical Review* 116, no. 3, April 2022.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "'Without slaves and without assassins': Antebellum Cincinnati, Transnational Jesuits, and the Challenges of Race and Slavery." *U.S. Catholic Historian*, Diocese of Cincinnati, 1821-2021, 39, no. 2 (Spring 2021): 1–26.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "'Regulations for Our Black People': Jesuit Recordkeeping on Slavery in Antebellum Missouri." *Institute of Jesuit Sources*, Engaging Sources: The Tradition and Future of Collecting History in the Society of Jesus (Proceedings of the Symposium held at Boston College June 11-13, 2019), March 1, 2021.  
<https://jesuitportal.bc.edu/publications/symposia/2019symposium/symposia-schmidt/>.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "A National Legacy of Enslavement: An Overview of the Work and Findings of the Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project." *Journal of Jesuit Studies*, Jesuits and Slavery, 8, no. 1 (December 15, 2020): 81–107. [https://brill.com/view/journals/jjs/8/1/article-p81\\_81.xml](https://brill.com/view/journals/jjs/8/1/article-p81_81.xml).
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Enslaved Faith Communities in the Jesuits' Missouri Mission." *U.S. Catholic Historian*, Church and Slavery, 37, no. 2 (Spring 2019): 49–82.
- Fenton, Will, Kate Johnson, and Kelly L. Schmidt. "Digital Paxton: Collaborative Construction with Eighteenth Century Manuscripts." *The Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy* 14 (January 7, 2019). <https://jitp.commons.gc.cuny.edu/digital-paxton-collaborative-construction-with-eighteenth-century-manuscript-collections/>.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Privacy in the *Iliad*." *Xavier University Journal of Undergraduate Research* 1, no. (May 2013): 113–129.  
<https://www.exhibit.xavier.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1015&context=xjur>.

### Book Chapters

Schmidt, Kelly L. "A National Legacy of Enslavement: An Overview of the Work of the Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project." In *Essays on the Catholic Church and Slavery in the United States* (Working Title). Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, forthcoming.

### Book Reviews

Schmidt, Kelly L. Review of *Subversive Habits: Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African American Freedom Struggle*, by Shannen Dee Williams. Forthcoming in *The Journal of African American History*, Fall 2022.

Schmidt, Kelly L. Review of *Fugitive Movements: Commemorating the Denmark Vesey Affair and Black Radical Antislavery in the Atlantic World*, edited by James O'Neil Spady. Forthcoming in *American Nineteenth Century History*, Fall 2022.

Schmidt, Kelly L. Review of *Public Memory, Race, and Heritage Tourism of Early America*, edited by Cathy Rex and Shevaun E. Watson, and *Behind the Big House: Reconciling Slavery, Race and Heritage in the U.S. South*, by Jodi Skipper. Forthcoming in *Journal of Southern History*, Fall 2022.

Schmidt, Kelly L. "Liberty and Justice for All." Review of *The 1619 Project*, edited by Nikole Hannah-Jones. In *Women's Review of Books*, November/December 2021.

Schmidt, Kelly L. Review of *Facing Georgetown's History: A Reader on Slavery, Memory, and Reconciliation*, edited by Adam Rothman and Elsa Barraza Mendoza. In the *Journal of Jesuit Studies*, January 2022.

Schmidt, Kelly L. Review of *Standard Bearers of Equality: America's First Abolition Movement*, by Paul J. Polgar. *H-Nationalism*, March 2021. <https://networks.h-net.org/node/3911/reviews/7412568/schmidt-polgar-standard-bearers-equality-americas-first-abolition>.

### Encyclopedia Entries

Schmidt, Kelly L. "Mourning Clothes." In *The World of Antebellum America: A Daily Life Encyclopedia*. Greenwood: ABC-CLIO, September 2018.

### Other Publications

Schmidt, Kelly L. "The Pervasive Institution: Slavery and Its Legacies in U.S. Catholicism." *American Catholic Studies* Newsletter, April 5, 2022.

Schmidt, Kelly L. "Peter Hawkins and the Enslaved Community of St. Stanislaus." In *In the Walnut Grove: A Consideration of the People Enslaved in and around Florissant, Missouri*. Florissant: The Florissant Valley Historical Society, 2020.

Schmidt, Kelly L., and Billy Critchley-Menor. "To Jesuits Black Americans Were Objects of Ministry, Not Agents of Their Own Faith." *Daily Theology*, Symposium on Racism and White Supremacy October 28, 2020. <https://dailytheology.org/2020/10/28/to-jesuits-black-americans-were-objects-of-ministry-not-agents-of-their-own-faith/>.

Weis, Laura, and Kelly L. Schmidt. "The Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project." *Jesuits: Central and Southern*, July 22, 2019.

Johnson, Kate, Marie Pellissier, and Kelly L. Schmidt. "The Digital Tavern: Conceptualizing Parallels between Textual Networks in the Age of Revolutions and the Digital Humanities Today." *The Panorama: Expansive Views from the Journal of the Early Republic* in conjunction with *The Junto: A Group Blog on Early American History* as part of a joint series on Digital Research, Digital Age: Blogging New Approaches to Early American Studies, April 10, 2019. <http://thepanorama.shear.org/2019/04/10/the-digital-tavern-conceptualizing-parallels-between-textual-networks-in-the-age-of-revolutions-and-the-digital-humanities-today/>.

Schmidt, Kelly L. "Medusa" (pencil drawing) and "The Dying Gaul" (ink pointillism). *Xavier Athenaeum* (Spring 2013).

## LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, ROUNDTABLES, AND WORKSHOPS

- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Slavery, Faith, and the Pursuit of Freedom at St. Francis Xavier College Church" (tentative title). Forthcoming presentation at the St. Francis Xavier College Church Racial History Series, September 18, 2022.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Bridging Institutional Silos in Addressing the History and Legacies of Slavery." Presented for the "(Re)telling: Race and Slavery in Institutional Memory" roundtable at the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference, August 11, 2022.
- Schmidt, Kelly L., Sharon M. Leon, Mary Beth Corrigan, Emily Baldoni, Brenda Gunn, Stacey Lavender, Sam Smith, et al. "Records, Repair, and Reckoning." Working group panel at the National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, held virtually, May 2, 2022.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Sexual Abuse of Enslaved People in the U.S. Catholic Church." Presented at the "'Our transgressions before you are many, and our sins testify against us' (Is 59:12a): Re-Imagining Church in Light of Colonialism and Catholic Sexual Abuse" Conference, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, April 1, 2022.
- Schmidt, Kelly L., and Rashonda Alexander. "Reckoning with the Untold Stories and Legacies of People Enslaved to the Jesuits to Repair the Present and Future." Presented at the Joseph William & Madeline Eberle Klein Series, Saint Joseph's University, held virtually, February 24, 2022.
- Schmidt, Kelly L., Shannen Dee Williams, and Valerie Lewis-Mosley. "New Directions in African American Catholic Women's History." Roundtable presented at the American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, held virtually, February 21, 2022.
- Schmidt, Kelly L., Geoff Ward, and Bryan Jack. "Confronting Slavery & Higher Education in St. Louis." Webinar presented at the Americanist Dinner Forum, Washington University in St. Louis, held virtually, November 4, 2021. <https://slavery.wustl.edu/news/video-americanist-dinner-forum-confronting-slavery-higher-education>.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Remembering the History of Enslavement to the Jesuits." Presented at the Jesuit Slaveholding Curriculum Workshop, held virtually, October 19, 2021.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Unearthing Buried Narratives: Reconstructing the Experiences of Enslaved People through Jesuit Records." Presented at Fordham University, held virtually, September 23, 2021.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "The History and Legacies of Enslavement to the Jesuits in the United States." Presented at the Jesuit Novitiate History Course, Chicago, Illinois, July 7, 2021.
- Schmidt, Kelly L., Laura Masur, Adam Rothman, Elsa Barraza-Mendoza, et al. "Archaeologists vs. Historians." Panel conversation presented at the "Jesuit Thursday Luncheons" series hosted by the Journal of Jesuit Studies in cooperation with the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, held virtually, April 29, 2021.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Contextualizing Xavier's Historic Relationship with Enslavement and Racism." Commentator for three roundtable panels at the Xavier University Stained Glass Initiative, held virtually, February 16 to March 9, 2021.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Beyond Fenwick: Xavier University's Ties to Slavery and Legacy of Racism." Presented at the Xavier University Day of R.E.A.D., held virtually, September 15, 2020.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "The Enslaved People Who Shaped Saint Louis University and Saint Francis Xavier (College) Church." Presented at the #SolidarityStand, Saint Francis Xavier (College) Church, St. Louis, Missouri, July 7, 2020.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Slavery and the Diasporic Violence of the Archive." Keynote presented at the Catholic Research Resources Alliance Annual Meeting, held virtually, May 7, 2020.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Jesuit High Schools, Slavery, and the Legacy of Racism." Presented at the High School Leadership Group of the Jesuits Central and Southern Province, St. Louis, Missouri, February 8, 2020.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Jesuit Provinces and Slavery." Presented at the Saint Louis University Working Group on Slavery, St. Louis, Missouri, February 5, 2020.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Slavery at Saint Louis University: An Overview of Our Findings." Presented at the Saint Louis University Working Group on Slavery, St. Louis, Missouri, January 22, 2020.

- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Weaving Generational Stories, Mending Wounds: Using Public History to Seek Healing and Justice between Jesuits and Descendants of Their Enslaved." Community viewpoints roundtable presented at the National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, March 18, 2020.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Working with Descendant Communities at Sites of Slavery." Working group panel presented at the National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, held virtually, March 20, 2020.
- Schmidt, Kelly L., Cicely Hunter, and Ayan Ali. "Tracing the Families Enslaved to the Jesuits in Missouri." Presented at the St. Louis African American History and Genealogy Society Meeting, Missouri History Museum, St. Louis, Missouri, January 11, 2019.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "'Without Slaves and Without Assassins': Transnational Jesuits and the Challenges of Race and Slavery in Antebellum Cincinnati and the Missouri Province." Presented at the American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, New York, January 3, 2020.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Our Legacy of Slaveholding: Seeking Healing for the Past, Justice for the Present." Breakout session presented at the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, Washington, D.C., November 17, 2019.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Our Shared Inheritance: Addressing the Legacy of Slavery Across Jesuit Institutions." Presented at the Universities Studying Slavery Consortium, co-hosted by Xavier University and the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 10, 2019.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "The Legacy of Slavery at St. Xavier High School." Presented at St. Xavier High School, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 7, 2019.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Slavery at Saint Louis University." Presented at the Saint Louis University Board of Trustees Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri, September 27, 2019.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Igniting Hope by Co-Laboring with One Another as a Community of God in the Roots of Our Brokenness: Exploring the Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project." Keynotes presented at the Regis Jesuit High School, Denver, Colorado, September 24-25, 2020.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Our Inheritance: The Legacy of Slavery at Jesuit Schools." Presented at the Jesuit Schools Network Colloquium, Chicago, Illinois, June 26, 2019.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "'Regulations for Our Black People': Jesuit Recordkeeping on Slavery in Antebellum Missouri." Presented at the Engaging Sources: International Symposium on Jesuit Studies, Boston, Massachusetts, June 12, 2019.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Mapping Kinship in an Enslaved Community." Poster presented at the Chicago Colloquium on Digital Humanities and Computer Science, Chicago, Illinois, November 10, 2018.
- Schmidt, Kelly L., and Kate Johnson. "Digital Pedagogy and the Radical Networks of *Common Sense*." Presented at the International Conference of Thomas Paine Studies, New Rochelle, New York, October 12, 2018.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Insights and Methodologies for Researching Slavery at Religious Archives." Presented at the Association for Catholic Diocesan Archivists Conference, Mundelein, Illinois, July 24, 2018.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Enslaved Experience among the Missouri Jesuits: An Update on Our Finding." Presented at the Province Day of the Jesuits US Central and Southern Province, St. Louis, Missouri, June 8, 2018.
- Schmidt, Kelly L., Kate Johnson, and Marie Pellissier. "Crossing the Line: Facilitating Digital Access to Primary Sources." Working group panel presented at the National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 21, 2018.
- Schmidt, Kelly L., Kate Johnson, and Marie Pellissier. "'Explore *Common Sense*': A Digital Critical Edition." Presented at the Chicago Colloquium on Digital Humanities and Computer Science, Chicago, Illinois, November 19, 2017.
- Schmidt, Kelly L., Kate Johnson, and Marie Pellissier. "Exploring *Common Sense*." Presented at the Center for Textual Studies and Digital Humanities, Chicago, Illinois, September 13, 2017.

- Schmidt, Kelly L., and Marie Pellissier. "Explore *Common Sense*: A Digital Critical Edition." Poster presented at the American Association for State and Local History, Austin, Texas, September 8, 2017.
- Schmidt, Kelly L., Rachel Boyle, and Rob Bitjunjac. "The Middle or the Edge?: Sustaining, Transitioning, and Sunsetting Community Public History Projects." Presented at the National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 22, 2017.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "'Without Slaves and without Assassins: Transnational Jesuits in Antebellum Cincinnati, 1840-1866.'" Poster presented at the Urban History Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, October 14, 2016.
- Schmidt, Kelly L., and Rachel Boyle. "Chrysler Village: From Historic Preservation to Community Engagement." Poster presented at the American Association for State and Local History Annual Meeting, Detroit, Michigan, September 16, 2016.
- Schmidt, Kelly L., and Alexa Wallace. "Using the Element of Surprise to Challenge 'Mythconceptions' about the History of Race and Slavery." Poster presented at the National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, March 17, 2016.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Acknowledging a Complicated Past: Race and Slavery at Xavier University, 1830s-1870s." Presented *in absentia* at the Jesuits and Race Symposium, St. Louis, Missouri, November 11, 2015.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Slavery as Entertainment: Power Relationships in Ancient Roman Comedy." Presented at the Miami University 13th Annual Undergraduate Classics Conference, Oxford, Ohio, April 12, 2014.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Slavery as Entertainment: Power Relationships in Nineteenth Century Minstrel Shows." Presented at the National Conference of Undergraduate Research, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, April 3-5, 2014.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Slavery as Entertainment: Power Relationships in Ancient Roman Comedy and Nineteenth Century Minstrel Shows." Honors Bachelor of Arts Capstone Thesis Defense presented at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 26, 2014.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Privacy in the *Iliad*." Presented at the American Philological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, January 3, 2014.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Hardship in the Promised Land: Evaluating Public History's Portrayal of the Obstacles to Freedom and Abolition in Cincinnati." Presented at the Historians Against Slavery Conference, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 21, 2013.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Privacy in the *Iliad*." Presented at the Xavier Celebration of Student Research, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 15, 2013.
- Schmidt, Kelly L. "Privacy in the *Iliad*." Presented at the Miami University 12th Undergraduate Classics Conference, Oxford, Ohio, April 5, 2013.

### STUDY ABROAD

March 2014	Xavier University History Department Study Abroad to Quebec and Montreal region
Summer 2013	Xavier University Brueggeman Center Fellow Research in Poland
Summer 2012	Xavier University Honors Bachelor of Arts Study Abroad Program in Greece
Summer 2009	Enrichment Program in Rome

### FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2022	NEH Summer Institute Fellowship - Civil War Archives: A New Social and Cultural History
2020	Lived Religion in the Digital Age Research Fellowship
2020	Center for Missouri Studies Fellowship
2019	Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism Research Travel Grant
2012-2014	Winter-Cohen Family Brueggeman Fellow, Xavier University

Studied issues of discrimination and religious and ethnic identity in Poland, specifically the effects of individuals' discovery of their hidden Jewish heritage following the Holocaust.

2010-2014 Eigel Center Community-Engaged Fellow, Xavier University  
Dedicated ten hours per week to community work and education on its assets and needs.

### HONORS AND AWARDS

2022 Loyola University Chicago Humanities Dissertation of the Year Award  
2021 Fordham University Francis and Ann Curran Center for American Catholic Studies  
New Scholar Essay Prize for Catholic Studies in the Americas  
2020 P.E.O. Scholar Award  
2019 The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Illinois  
Award for Graduate Study in American History  
2017 Award of Merit for the "Chrysler Village History Project," American Association for  
State and Local History Leadership in History Awards  
2017 Honorable Mention, Alice Smith Prize in Public History, Midwestern History  
Association, for the "Chrysler Village History Project"  
2017 National Council on Public History Student Project Award for the "Chrysler Village  
History Project"  
2017 McCluggage Graduate Student Essay Award  
2014 Winterthur Program in American Material Culture Finalist  
2014 Gilder Lehrman Institute History Scholar Award  
2014 The Vincent and Hilda Gudorf Minority Studies Award  
2014 The Louis J. and Mildred V. Simon History Award  
2014 John M. Zahurancik Award for an outstanding Honors Bachelor of Arts Senior  
2014 Gold X-Key Leadership Award  
2013-2014 Ohio Campus Compact Charles J. Ping Student Service Award  
Awarded in recognition of outstanding leadership and contributions to the civic life  
of campus and community  
2013- Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society, Xavier University Chapter  
2012- Alpha Sigma Nu National Jesuit Honor Society, Xavier University Chapter  
Vice President for 2013-2014  
2011- Mortar Board, Xavier University Chapter  
Service Coordinator 2011-2014  
2010- Eta Sigma Phi National Classics Honor Society, Xavier University Chapter  
2010-2014 Benjamin Urmstrom, S.J. Peace Studies Scholarship, Xavier University  
2010-2014 National Latin Exam Scholarship  
2010-2014 Honors Bachelor of Arts Scholarship, Xavier University  
2010-2014 Edgecliff Scholarship, Xavier University  
2010-2013 Ohio Classical Conference Scholarship  
2010-2014 Dean's List, Xavier University  
2013 Alice D. Ragland Latin Award, Xavier University  
2010 The NJCL Margaret & Eugene Halligan Scholarship  
2010 Better Business Bureau Student of Integrity Award  
2010 History Department Scholarship, Xavier University

### MEDIA COVERAGE

Interview with Gabrielle Hays, "Researchers unearth the painful history of a Native boarding school in Missouri," *PBS NewsHour*, April 28, 2022.

- Interview with Claudio Ferlan, “La restituzione generative “libera” le scelte economiche,” *Avvenire*, April 20, 2022
- Interview with William Acree, “WashU & Slavery Project.” Everywhere With CRE2. <https://soundcloud.com/cre2/everywhere-with-cre2-s01-ep04-washu-slavery-project>.
- Research featured in, Weil, Julie Zauzmer, Adrian Blanco, and Leo Dominguez. “More than 1,800 Congressmen Once Enslaved Black People. This Is Who They Were, and How They Shaped the Nation,” *Washington Post*, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/interactive/2022/congress-slaveowners-names-list/>; Weil, Julie Zauzmer. “Asked to Help, Post Readers Sent Searing Evidence about Dozens More Enslavers in Congress.” *Washington Post*, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/interactive/2022/slaveowners-congress-post-readers-names/>.
- Research featured in Gabrielle Hays, “At Least 200 People Were Enslaved by the Jesuits in St. Louis. Descendants Are Now Telling Their Stories.” *PBS NewsHour*, December 8, 2021.
- Interview with Jia Lian Yang, “Speak Their Names,” *We Live Here*, August 22, 2021.
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- Interview with Molly Cruitt, “Catholics Uncover Slaveholding History to Seek Healing,” *The Grotto Network*, August 12, 2020.
- Interview with Angela Pancella for the “Parish and Community” Video Series by Saint Francis Xavier (College) Church, August 12, 2020.
- Interview with Philip Byers, “Slavery, Jesuits, and Freedom on American Borderlands,” *American Catholic Studies Newsletter*, Spring 2020.
- Research featured in “Learning the Stories of the Enslaved People Owned by the Jesuits,” *Jesuitical Podcast*, January 17, 2020.
- Interview with Sean Salai, SJ, for “Meet the Researchers Helping the Jesuits Address their History of Slaveholding,” *America Magazine* (Contents of interview blended into interview with Laura Weis), January 6, 2020.
- Interview with Sarah Straughn for “State Historical Society of Missouri Awards 2020 Fellowships,” *Columbia Missourian*, December 6, 2019.
- Interview with Suzanne Koziatek for “Research of Jesuit Slaveholding May Provide Links to Modern-Day Descendants in Illinois,” *Belleville Messenger*, November 18, 2019.
- Research featured in interview of Jonathan Smith by Kyra Banks, for “How a University is Publicly Taking Responsibility for its Role in Slavery,” *Raising Equity Podcast*, November 1, 2019.
- Interview with Conor Dorn for “Confronting SLU’s History with Slavery,” *The University News*, October 4, 2019.
- Interview with Jennifer Brinker for “Painful History and Reconciliation,” *St. Louis Review*, August 2, 2019.
- Interview with Clara Germani for “Jesuits Seek Descendants of Slaves who Helped Establish SLU,” *St. Louis American*, September 5-11, 2019.

## LANGUAGES

Latin, reading and writing knowledge with some speaking (8 years of education)

Ancient Greek, reading knowledge (4 years of education)  
 Polish, introductory knowledge (self-taught with online tools, books, and immersion)  
 Spanish, introductory knowledge (one semester of education)  
 French, introductory reading knowledge (self-taught with online tools, books, and immersion)  
 Italian, introductory knowledge (self-taught with online tools, books, and immersion)  
 American Sign Language, introductory knowledge (six weeks of education)

## MEMBERSHIPS

2022 St. Francis Xavier College Church Racial History Committee  
 2021-present Challenging History: A St. Louis Collaborative (<https://challenginghistory.org/>)  
 2021-present Catholic Religious Organizations Studying Slavery  
 Co-Founder  
 2020 St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Living Justice Ministries Racial Equity Committee  
 Co-chair, 2021-present  
 2016-present Universities Studying Slavery Consortium  
 2014-present National Council on Public History  
 Conference photographer, 2016, 2019; Volunteer, 2018  
 2019 American Historical Association  
 2016-2018 American Association for State and Local History  
 Conference volunteer, 2017  
 2016-2017 Urban History Association  
 Conference Volunteer, 2016  
 2013-2014 American Philological Association  
 2006-2015 Junior Classical League and Senior Classical League  
 2010-2014 Xavier University Office of Interfaith Community Engagement

## TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

2014; 2019 IRB Certification and Ethical Research Training

## CAMPUS LEADERSHIP

### Loyola University Chicago

2014-2018 History Graduate Student Association  
 Public History Committee Chair 2017-2018; President 2016-2017; Treasurer 2015-2016  
 2014-2016 History Graduate Student Association Conference Committee and Panel Moderator

### Xavier University

2010-2014 History Club  
 President 2013-2014; Vice President 2012-2013; Parliamentarian 2011-2012; Helped found and write the constitution, organized guest lectures and educational events. Earned Club of the Year Award in 2014.  
 2010-2014 Xavier Senior Classical League  
 Established and preside over Xavier chapter, dedicated to the promotion and appreciation of the classics. The organization hosts an annual academic classics tournament and helps run the annual Ohio Junior Classical League Convention.  
 2010-2014 Honors Council, Xavier University  
 Honors Bachelor of Arts President 2012-2014; Secretary 2011-2012.  
 2010-2011 Emerging Leaders Initiative and Retreat, Xavier University

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### Loyola University Chicago

2016 Urban History Association Conference

	Conference Volunteer and Photographer
2014	Crossings and Dwellings Conference Volunteer
<b>Xavier University</b>	
2014	History Department Asian History Candidate Student Interviewer
2013-2014	Fortin Award for Teaching Excellence Selection Committee
2013-2014	Xavier Way Solidarity Team Advisory Board Served as the student representative for establishing the “Solidarity” branch of Xavier’s five-year plan. The Solidarity branch focused on immersion engagement and service learning.
2010-2014	Scholarship Competition Day Host
2011-2012	GetAway Retreat Leader for New Students
2011-2014	St. Francis Xavier Day, Spirit Celebration and other liturgical events assistant.
2013	Title IX Coordinator Position Student Interviewer
2013	Baccalaureate and Commencement Assistant
2011	Manresa New Student Orientation Team Member

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT**

2021-present	Welcome Neighbor Family Partner; International Institute of St. Louis
Fall 2017	Girls Who Code Volunteer Mentor
2010-2014	Xavier University Community Action Day Board member 2011-2012; Co-chair 2012-2014; largest service day per semester.
Spring 2013	Xavier University Alternative Breaks Studied issues of hunger and homelessness in Washington, D.C.
2010-2011	Boys and Girls Club Volunteer
2006-2011	Habitat for Humanity
Summer 2010	Service and Immersion Trip in Monterrey, Mexico
Fall 2010	ConneXions Weekly Service, Xavier University
2010	Relay for Life, American Cancer Society

### **OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

2017	Loyola University Chicago History Department Public Media Assistant
2016	The Joan and Bill Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage Graduate Assistant
2015	Western Society for French History, Forty-Third Annual Conference Poster and Map Designer, Reception and Registration Attendant
2009-2014	Great Parks of Hamilton County (formerly known as Hamilton County Park District) Winton Woods Boathouse Cashier and Dock Attendant
2008-2012	Wunderland Banquet Hall Busser and Dishwasher