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Profile

History PhD student with a background in modern languages and an enthusiasm for communication and public engagement, looking to combine these skills in a career as a freelance academic editor.

Key Skills

EXCELLENT COMMAND OF ENGLISH

- Frequently edit English academic texts written by non-native speakers (for example, posts written by Chinese, German and Italian researchers for *History to the Public*)
- Experienced in teaching English grammar and vocabulary at a variety of levels as an EFL teacher

COMMUNICATION

- Capable of communicating complex material to many different audiences:
 - Have disseminated my doctoral research in a variety of formats: written (thesis, book review); oral (conference presentation) and graphical (research poster)
 - Have creatively reinterpreted my research and other historical topics in non-academic contexts (such as blog posts)
 - As an LSA, adapted teaching materials and differentiated work for pupils with a range of special educational needs

PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ORGANIZATION

- As a PhD researcher, able to identify and prioritize project goals and develop a reasonable timeline for completion
- Able to organize multiple writing projects (PhD thesis, conference presentations, book reviews and blog posts) concurrently
- Have worked effectively with limited supervision throughout my doctorate
- As Managing Editor of *History to the Public*, work with writers and other editorial staff to guide posts from conception to publication

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Have become versed in and complied with all relevant academic, ethical, administrative and typographical standards as a PhD researcher:
 - Familiar with the Chicago Manual of Style, MHRA, MLA and Elsevier Harvard standards
- As Managing Editor of *History to the Public*, have developed a conscientious approach to relevant copyright law (concerning image licensing, for example)

Other Skills

Languages English (native), German (CEF level C2+), Polish (CEF level B1), Russian (CEF level B1), French (CEF level B2)

Office software Microsoft Word & Excel, LibreOffice Writer, Calc & Base, Google Docs & Sheets

Project management Trello

Presentation software Microsoft PowerPoint, Google Slides, Prezi

Coding & Markup Markdown, LaTeX

CAT tools MateCat

Version control Git (GitHub, Bitbucket)

Operating systems Windows XP/Vista/7/10, Linux Debian/Ubuntu, Android 6.0

Education

Department of German, University College London

London

PHD IN COLD WAR HISTORY

2014–present

- Thesis title: 'Social perspectives on nationalism, normalization and East German–Polish relations, 1965–1985'
- Supervised by Professor Mary Fulbrook
- Awarded a full research council studentship for academic years 2014–2017, and additional research and travel grants throughout

School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES), University College London

London

MA IN HISTORY, PASS WITH MERIT

2013–2014

- Dissertation: 'The SED's positive *Polenbild* as a flawed instrument of East German–Polish reconciliation, 1972–1980'

Churchill College, University of Cambridge

Cambridge

MA IN MODERN AND MEDIEVAL LANGUAGES (GERMAN & RUSSIAN), CLASS I

2007–2011

- Year abroad in Russia (worked as an EFL teacher in Volgograd) and Germany (studied Philosophy for one term as an ERASMUS student at Würzburg University) 2009–2010
- Awarded Churchill College scholarships for academic years 2008–2009 and 2011–2012 for high examination results

Experience

EDITING & PROOFREADING

University of Toronto Press

Toronto

FREELANCE COPYEDITOR

2018–present

Enago

New York

FREELANCE COPYEDITOR

2018–present

Academic Language Experts

Ma'ale Adumim, Israel

FREELANCE COPYEDITOR

2018–present

Transportation Safety and Environment journal

Oxford University Press

FREELANCE COPYEDITOR

2018–present

Britain and the World journal

Edinburgh University Press

FREELANCE COPYEDITOR

2018–present

Central Europe journal

Taylor & Francis

FREELANCE COPYEDITOR

2018–present

Language and Semiotic Studies journal, Soochow University

Suzhou, China

ASSISTANT EDITOR

2017–present

History to the Public blog

London/Cambridge

CO-FOUNDER AND MANAGING EDITOR

2014–present

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Katherine & King's College of London

London

ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (EFL) TEACHER

2012

Preston Manor School, Wembley

London

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT (LSA)

2011–2013

Select English

Banbury

EFL TEACHER

July–August 2011

Language Link

Volgograd, Russia

EFL TEACHER

2009–2010