

John P. Pleming

Curriculum Vitae

Illinois State University | Master of Sciences anticipated May 2023

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Education

M.S. in History

- Illinois State University
- Degree completion anticipated May 2023

B.A. in History, with Minors in English and Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, May 2021

- West Texas A&M University, Attebury Honors Scholar

Research

“Lynch Law in the Land of Lincoln: African American Intellectuals Early Twentieth Century Race Riots”

- Investigation of how prominent Black thinkers and organizations responded to incidents of racial violence in Illinois in the early twentieth century.
- Master’s Thesis completed in 2023.

“Order, Anarchy, and Explosives at the Haymarket: Memorials to the Haymarket Bombing and the Creation of Historical Narratives.”

- Examination of the Haymarket Affair and the role of the police and anarchist memorials in shaping and creating historical narratives.
- Completed in 2022.

“When Hell Flamed in East St. Louis: African American Intellectuals, Agency, and the 1917 East St. Louis Race Riot.”

- Honors capstone project analyzing how black intellectuals responded to the East St. Louis Race Riot and the event’s place in African American history.
- Awarded first place at WTAMU’s 2021 Student Research Conference
- Completed in 2021

“Solidarity and Community in Tragedy: Worker Agency in the Hillcrest Mine Disaster.”

- Senior Seminar paper examining the creation of a multi-ethnic community of workers in the Hillcrest Mine Disaster of 1914.
- Completed in 2021.

Publications

Review of Rozelle, Ron. *Exiled: The Last Days of Sam Houston*. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2017. In *Panhandle-Plains Historical Review* 91 (2020).

Employment

Graduate Teaching Assistant at Illinois State University, 2021-present

Institutional and External Scholarships

C.C. “Bus” and Freda Dugger Endowed Scholarship Fund, 2019–2021

Senator Grady and Andrine Hazlewood Scholarship, 2019–2021

Phi Alpha Theta History Scholarship, 2020

CW Louise Forman Endowed Scholarship, 2020

“Peace, Love, & Rock n’ Roll” History Department Scholarship, 2020

Betty Teel Bivins Leadership Scholarship, 2018–2020

Jim Foran Memorial PHS, 2018–2020

Don and Sybil Harrington Academic Scholarship, 2018–2020

Break on Through to the Other Side Scholarship, 2018–2020

Marcia Caldwell Scholarship, 2018–2019

Awards

Helen Cavanagh Award for Outstanding Master’s Thesis in U.S. History at Illinois State

University, 2023

First Place at West Texas A&M’s 2021 Student Research Conference

WTAMU History Department “Rising Star” Award, 2020

Honor Societies & Programs

Mortar Board, 2020–present

Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, 2019–present

Attebury Honors Program, WTAMU, 2018–2021