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EDUCATION

M.A., Southern New Hampshire University (*expected 2015*)
Public History

Bucks County Community College (*2008*)
Course work in Geographic Information Systems and Environmental Monitoring and Sampling

B.A., Bard College (*2002-2006*)
Double-majored in History and Creative Writing

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Solebury Township Historical Society – Archives Committee (*2011-2014*)
Conducting research and responding to public inquiries. Researching and leading educational programs. Working on preservation plan for photographic collection.

ARCHIVE & HISTORY EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Bucks County Historical Society – Archives Volunteer (*2013-2014*)
Accessioning and cataloging manuscripts, analyzing for content and condition, creating records in collections database, rehousing bound manuscripts when necessary.

Lou DiCrescenzo Film Archive (*2009-2013*)
Organized and cataloged hundreds of acetate and nitrate archival prints dating back to the 1890's. Worked with the Library of Congress' Curator for the Moving Image and Nitrate Vault Manager to coordinate the donation of approximately 200 nitrate films in 2009, including otherwise lost titles which have now been preserved and made available for public screenings. In 2013, transported about a dozen additional nitrate prints to the LOC archive in Culpeper, VA, including unique color films from the early sound era and the second known print of Charlie Chaplin's *Work* (1915). Also curated archival film screenings. Responsible for selecting programs, inspecting archival materials, and preparing them for presentation. Conducted an interview with Lou DiCrescenzo for the Montreal-based Projectionist Oral History Project.

Plumstead Historical Society (*2013*)
Researched and led a graveyard tour at Plumstead Friends Meeting. Research primarily conducted in the Spruance Library's manuscript collection.

Friends Historical Library (*2013*)
Discovered and identified original burial maps from Solebury Friends Meeting dating to 1866 and 1907. Deposited the materials and used the archive's facilities to digitize the maps. Also deposited and digitized a large collection of documents from Quaker meetings in Plumstead, Buckingham, Middletown, and Newtown dating back to 1710, including a rare 1754 epistle against slavery.

Doylestown Historical Society (*2012*)
Preserved and digitized historic films dating to 1938 and 1954. Discovered the materials, acquired

funding, and worked with the lab to clean and digitize the films.

SKILLS

Cuadra STAR Collections Management Software, Handling Archival Materials, Research, Volunteer Management, Photoshop, Scanning and Digitizing Photographs and Manuscripts