

## **GARRETT LOWELL HILLYER**

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### **ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

- PhD 2016-Present University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, History
- MA 2016 University of Central Florida, History
- BA 2012 Florida Atlantic University, History

### **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

- FLAS Fellow** University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa 2017-Present
- Awarded the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for 2017-18, 18-19, and 19-20 academic years.
  - Focus on Sāmoan language, history, and culture in Sāmoan specific courses.
- Graduate Teaching Assistant** University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa 2016-2018
- Assigned to five World History courses – “World History to 1500,” and “World History Since 1500.”
  - Independently led discussion lab courses that supplemented and aided a larger lecture course.
- World History Tutor** University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa 2017-2018
- Assisted students in World History courses with exam preparation, study habits, and other success skills.
  - Held 15 office hours per week to meet with students one-on-one and help them with their concerns.
- Graduate Teaching Assistant** University of Central Florida 2015-2016
- Assigned to three American History courses, and one European History course (all large survey classes).
  - Assisted professors with course structure, grading, and lecturing in course of over 400 students.
- Copy Editing Intern** Florida Historical Quarterly 2015, Summer
- Edited article submissions for the leading scholarly publication and journal of record in Florida history.
  - Researched digital journal publication and open access to assess where *FHQ* might expand digitally.
- Graduate Research Assistant** University of Central Florida 2014, Fall
- Assisted Dr. Yovanna Pineda by transcribing Argentinian patent information into Excel spreadsheet.
  - Translated 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century patent documents from Spanish to English for input into Excel.
- Social Studies Teacher** Manu‘a H.S. (Ta‘ū, American Sāmoa) 2012-2013
- Volunteered full-time for one year while adapting to new culture and way of life.
  - Taught 11 Social Studies courses to 74 students, grades 9-12, working roughly 60 hours per week.

### **FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION**

- Pacific Islands History
- World History
- U.S. History
- Pacific Islands Studies
- Food History
- Ethnographic History

### ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- “Book Review, *Tall Tales and Short Shorts: Dr. J, Pistol Pete, and the Birth of the Modern NBA* by Adam Criblez,” *Journal of Sport History* (December 2018).
- “Book Review, *Surfing Florida: A Photographic History* by Paul Aho,” *Florida Historical Quarterly* 95, no. 2 (Fall 2016).

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Misionare Sāmoa ma Te Gagana Tokelau: Sāmoan Missionaries and Tokelauan Language Ideologies,” School of Pacific and Asian Studies (SPAS) Graduate Student Conference, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, 14-16 March 2018.
- “Tautala po‘o Kaukala?: The Historical Development of Language Varieties in Sāmoa,” Phi Alpha Theta National Biennial Conference, New Orleans, LA, 3-6 January 2018 [Attended and participated as President of Alpha Beta Epsilon Chapter].
- “Mea‘ai Sāmoa: A Sociocultural History of Food Practice in the Samoan Archipelago,” Seventh International Conference on Food Studies, Roma Tre University, 26-27 October 2017.
- “Magic Trick: Sociocultural Thought, Urban Displacement, and Professional Sport,” Rocky Mountain History Conference, University of Colorado at Boulder, 18-20 September, 2015.

### SERVICE

- Assisted UHM Phi Alpha Theta chapter in various fundraisers for chapter member conference travel (2016-Present)
- Organized drive to provide Orlando-area elementary school students with school supplies, enlisting support from over 100 University of Central Florida students and faculty members (Spring 2015)
- Assisted roughly 50 Orlando-area eighth graders with preparation for National History Day Competition by teaching research techniques, sharing project organization strategies, and emphasizing teamwork (Fall 2014)

### AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- Distinction, PhD Comprehensive Examinations, non-monetary (UHM, 2019)
- John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship in History, \$2500 (UHM, 2019)
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, \$250 (UHM, 2019)
- Carol Burnett Award for Journalistic Integrity, \$1500 (as News Editor of *Ka Leo o Hawai‘i*, 2018)
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Sāmoan language and history, full tuition remission and \$15,000 annual stipend (UHM, 2017-Present)
- Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant for research travel to Manono, Sāmoa, \$800 (UHM, 2017)
- East-West Center Student Affiliate Award, annual housing stipend (EWC, 2016-Present)
- Greenhaw History Scholarship, for academic achievement and community service, \$500 (UCF, 2015)
- Best Overall Paper Award, Phi Alpha Theta Florida State History Conference, non-monetary (UCF, 2015)

### ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

- UH Student Media Board, Member (2018-Present)
- East-West Center Student Affiliate (2017-Present)
- President, Alpha Beta Epsilon Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (2017-2018)