

# Jessica Simmons

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## EDUCATION

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- M.A. Master of Arts, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, 2022.
- Major: United States History, Native North America.
- Minor: World History.
- Advisor: Dr. Richard Boles, Assistant Professor of History, Oklahoma State University.
- Committee Members: Dr. Richard Boles, Dr. Brian Hosmer, Dr. Douglas Miller.
- B.A. Triple major in history, English, & theology: youth ministry, University of Sioux Falls, *Summa Cum Laude*, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 2019.
- Senior thesis: “‘Faithful Bishop and Servant for Jesus Christ’s Sake’: Bishop Hare and His Role in the Cultural Genocide of Tribes in South Dakota.”
- University of Sioux Falls Honors Program.
- Honors Thesis: “The Only Enemy is Time: A Collection of Sestinas.”
- Member of *Alpha Chai* and the National Society of Leadership and Success.
- Advisor: Dr. Stephen Jackson, Associate Professor of History, the University of Sioux Falls.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2022 “‘What God Looks to You Girls and You Boys to Do’: The Globalized Experience and War Efforts of South Dakota’s Episcopal Students in World War I, 1917-1919,” The Center for Western Studies’ 53rd Annual Dakota Conference, Sioux Falls, April, 28.
- 2019 “‘Flu Vacation Enjoyed Here’: Sioux Falls College and the Spanish Flu in 1918,” The Center for Western Studies’ 51st Annual Dakota Conference, Sioux Falls, April 26.
- 2019 “The Only Enemy is Time: A Collection of Sestinas,” University of Sioux Falls Research Symposium, Sioux Falls, April 30.

- 2018 “Faithful Bishop and Servant for Jesus Christ’s Sake”: Bishop Hare and His Role in the Cultural Genocide of Tribes in South Dakota,” The Center for Western Studies’ 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Dakota Conference, April 20.
- 2017 “What Does a Woman Know about Taking Care of Children: Media Responses to Emily Hobhouse’s Report,” University of Sioux Falls Research Symposium, Sioux Falls, April 20.
- 2017 “Sinking Ships: Humor through Globalization in Shakespeare’s Merchant of Venice,” University of Sioux Falls Research Symposium, Sioux Falls, April 20.

### Grants

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- 2022 Recipient of the **South Dakota Historical Society Press’s Emerging Scholars Research Grant.**
- 2021 Recipient of the **Historical Society of the Episcopal Church Regular Grant.**

### Book Review

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- 2022 Jessica Simmons, Review of *We Do Not Want the Gates Closed Between Us: Native Networks and the Spread of the Ghost Dance*, by Justin Gage, *South Dakota History*, Vol. 52, No.1, Spring, 2022.

### ACADEMIC AWARDS

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- 2022 **LeRoy H. Fischer Scholarship in History**, presented by Oklahoma State University.
- 2022 **Western Studies Student Award**, presented by the Center for Western Studies for my paper: “‘What God Looks to You Girls and You Boys to Do’: The Globalized Experience and War Efforts of South Dakota’s Episcopal Students in World War I, 1917-1919.”
- 2021 **Gary Younger Research Paper Award**, presented by Oklahoma State University for my paper: “Drama on the Page: Media Portrayal of Abuse and Mismanagement in Native American Institutions, 1920-1935.”
- 2021 **Berlin B. Chapman Endowed Scholarship**, presented by Oklahoma State University.
- 2019 **Western Studies Student Award**, presented by the Center for Western Studies for my paper: “Flu Vacation Enjoyed Here.”
- 2019 **The Firman A. Early Award for Theology**, presented by the University of Sioux Falls for academic excellence.

2018 **Western Studies Student Award**, presented by the Center for Western Studies for my paper, “Faithful Bishop and Servant for Jesus Christ’s Sake.”

## **EMPLOYMENT**

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2020-Current Oklahoma State University Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Grade undergraduate student papers and provide feedback
- Provide office hours to assist undergraduate students improve their writing

2018-2019 Koine Greek Tutor

- Assisted students in the mastery of the Greek alphabet, vocabulary, and declensions.
- Aided students in translating New Testament passages.

2017-2019 Writing Center Tutor

- Provided peer review for student papers.
- Instructed students in collegiate writing methods.
- Contributed to the Writing Center’s media page.
- Supervised the Writing Center’s staff during the 2019 spring term.

2016-2019 History Tutor

- Assisted students in their research.
- Provided peer review.
- Instructed students on the proper formatting, organization, and argument for their papers.
- Helped students to understand and retain information for exams.

## **REFERENCES**

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**Richard Boles**, Assistant Professor of history, Oklahoma State University  
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**Brian Hosmer**, Head of the Department of History, Oklahoma State University  
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**Douglas Miller**, Assistant Professor of history/Director of Graduate Studies, Oklahoma State University  
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**Stephen Jackson**, Associate Professor of History, the University of Sioux Falls  
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