

# Abbie Harlow

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## EDUCATION

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2017 – Present Arizona State University (ASU), PhD student, School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies

2015 – 2017 University of Oklahoma (OU), Master of Arts, History Department

M.A. Thesis: “The Burro Evil”: The Eradication of Feral Burros in Grand Canyon National Park

2011 – 2015 University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), Bachelor of Arts in History, minor in English

Undergraduate honors thesis: Building Community with History: The Founding of the Waterloo, Nebraska History Museum

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies, ASU**

August 2018 – Present Research Assistant  
Assist with research, editing, and other tasks in preparation for forthcoming publications

August 2017 – August 2018 Teaching Assistant  
Assist with creation and dissemination of teaching materials. Grade weekly discussion and journal entries, quizzes, essays, and exams for history courses

### **Government Documents Collection, Bizzell Library, OU**

September 2016 – June 2017 Research Assistant  
Manage collection of 2.9 million documents, provide reference assistance, supervise student workers, manage social media, assist with coordination of library’s art collection, assist with teaching government documents research classes

### **History Department, OU**

August 2015 – December 2015 Research Assistant  
Assist with research, editing, and other tasks in preparation for forthcoming publications

### **Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, NE**

August 2014 – December 2014 Education Department Intern  
Research and write teaching materials concentrating on landscape artist Albert Bierstadt, create and present a teaching poster at a gallery talk and art lecture for area K-12 teachers, assist at education department events, work with the curatorial department, and develop additional art-based teaching materials for local schools

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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5-8 June 2019, "A Horse is a Horse, Of Course? Roundtable on Equine and Animal Power in American History," Roundtable to be presented at the Agricultural History Conference, Washington, D.C.

30 November – 2 December 2018, "Rather Risk His Life in a Carriage Than Suffer on A Mule's Back: The Use of Burros and Mules in Defining Race," Paper presented at the Equine History Conference, Pomona, CA

14-18 March 2018, "Persistence and Power: The Cultural, Symbolic, and Environmental Role of Horses and Burros in Survivance in the American West," Panel presented at the American Society for Environmental History Conference, Riverside, CA

3-5 March 2016, "Sacred Loss: The Role of Land in Native American Dispossession," Paper presented at the Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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"Dude's Life," *Willa Cather Review*, Vol. 61 no. 2, (Spring 2019).

"The Burro Evil: The Removal of Feral Burros in Grand Canyon National Park, 1924-1983" *The Journal of Arizona History*, Vol. 60 no. 4, (Winter 2019). Forthcoming.

## **INVOLVEMENT**

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January 2018 – Present                      President, Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honor Society, ASU  
Organize and chair organization's meetings and new member orientations, facilitate communication between current and potential members and organization advisor, answer questions regarding organization, and other tasks as necessary.

August 2017 – Present                      Smithsonian Water/Ways Arizona Tour, ASU  
Work with four rural communities to prepare local exhibits and events to support the traveling Water/Ways exhibit. Facilitate contact between communities, Arizona Humanities, Arizona State University, and other contacts to facilitate preparation to host the exhibit. Other assistance as necessary.

July 2017 – Present                      Waterloo Historical Society, Waterloo, Nebraska  
Research town history, create copy and design for street signs signifying historical locations, served on planning committee for Waterloo Historical Day 2017, edit forthcoming book of town history.

## **MEMBERSHIPS / AFFILIATIONS**

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Equine History Collective  
Agricultural History Society