

Kevin Slovinsky

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EDUCATION

The University of California Davis, College of Letters and Sciences

-*Bachelor of Arts in History* expected June 2021

-UC GPA: 3.921

-Graduated with Highest Honors

-Recipient of Department Citation in History

-*Honors Thesis*: "Social Equality and the Spirit of Devilry: The Rhetoric of Racial Capitalism in the Birmingham District Coal Industry, 1901-1908"

-Coursework Focus: History of Capitalism; Leftist Revolutions; 19th Century US Labor History; 19th Century African-American Radicalism; Economic Anthropology

[In Process] The University of Kentucky, College of Arts and Sciences

-*Master of Arts in History* expected May 2023

-GPA: 4.0 [as of Fall 2022]

Work Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of Kentucky

January 2022 -

I am currently employed at the University of Kentucky as a teaching assistant while I complete my master's degree in history there. As of Fall 2022, I have taught recitation sections in two courses ("The Making of Modern Kentucky" and "War And Society, 1914-1945").

Intern for Reed Brody of Human Rights Watch

October 2019 - March 2021

While attending UC Davis as an undergraduate student, I also conducted research for Reed Brody, a counsel, and spokesperson for the international organization Human Rights Watch. Reed Brody rose to prominence in the international justice community for his work in prosecuting dictators. At the time, Brody was working on bringing the former dictator of Gambia, Yahya Jammeh, to court. As his intern, I conducted research on the political history of Gambia and analyzed raw testimonies to create a clearer narrative of the crimes perpetrated against Gambians and refugee Ghanaians.

Intern for University of Kentucky Press - Acquisitions

August 2022 -

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant in the Department of History at the University of California Davis

March - June 2019; September 2019-March 2020

Worked as a paid undergraduate research assistant for Prof. Justin Leroy, a history professor at UC Davis whose research focuses on racial capitalism and African American radicalism. From March to June 2020, I collected and annotated primary sources from the 19th-century African American newspaper, *The New York Age*. From September 2020 to March 2021, I conducted primary research on the views of black abolitionists on emigration and the conditions of free labor through the use of *The Black Abolitionist Papers*.

Independent Research at the University of California Davis

March - June 2020

Conducted for-credit independent research under the supervision of Prof. Justin Leroy on the history and political thought of African Americans living in Appalachia from the last days of slavery to the Great Depression. Specifically, the research focused on the relationship that African Americans living in Appalachia had with the white-dominated labor movement and how the introduction of industrial capitalism into the region split the African American community along the question of interracial unionism. Although research grew difficult with the closure of most libraries due to COVID-19, I produced a twenty-eight-page research paper titled "Race vs. Class Solidarity: A Study of the Divisive Strategies of Racial Capitalism as Witnessed in Appalachian History."

Undergraduate Honors Thesis

September 2020 - June 2021

During my senior year at the University of California Davis, I wrote a 68-page undergraduate honors thesis titled "Social Equality and the Spirit of Devilry: The Rhetoric of Racial Capitalism in the Birmingham District Coal Industry, 1901-1908." It built off of the theoretical foundations of Cedric Robinson to analyze how journalists in Alabama during the turn of the twentieth-century rejected Black agency in organizing a United Mine Workers of America strike to reproduce the racialization of African Americans as both "docile radicals" and "docile workers" and create a case for white corporate paternalism.

PRESENTATIONS

"The Relationship Between Issues of Race and Labor in America from 1830-1892." Poster presented at The 31st Annual Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Conference. Davis, CA, May 2020. Abstract published by the university.

"Degradations of Democracy: A Genealogy of the Institution-Community Relationship of Somerset County, PA." Oral presentation at the 2022 UK Appalachian Research Symposium and Arts Showcase. Lexington, KY, March 5, 2022.

AWARDS

Dean's List, University of California Davis, Spring 2019 to Spring 2021

Department Citation in History, University of California Davis, Spring 2022

Graduation from University of California Davis with Highest Honors, 2022