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HSS Scholar

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MAJOR: HISTORY

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Educational Highlights: I have been an Honors College student throughout my undergraduate career. I am a member of *Phi Alpha Theta*, the History Honors Society, and have been acting secretary of the society since I joined in January. I was privileged to study abroad at the University of Tübingen in Germany for the spring/summer 2011 semester. My senior research seminar paper, “The Governmental Treatment of Jews under the Old Regime and Napoleon’s Rule,” was selected for presentation at the History research paper symposium.

Research Focus or Project: Research for my Bachelor’s Essay has been focused around early modern Europe, particularly England. I’ve been working with a primary document from 1621 entitled, *Dæmolongia: A Discourse on Witchcraft as it was Acted in the Family of Mr. Edward Fairfax of Fuyston, in the County of York, in the Year 1621*. Using this document, I’ve analyzed the medical, religious, and social aspects of thought pertaining to witchcraft and possession in early modern England with the intent to analyze if Edward Fairfax fell into the common way of thought for his time period. In fall 2011, I also completed a research seminar paper on the governmental treatment of Jews under the old regime and Napoleon. This consisted of research over a 100-year-period. I analyzed the laws that pertained to Jews and to the Jewish communities themselves and how both evolved over the century.

Future Plans: I’ve been sending out job applications and am hoping to get away from academia for at least a year to get some real world experience, as clichéd as that may seem. Eventually, I plan to go back to school for a masters in history and library sciences. Ideally, I’d like to work for a publishing house as a copy-editor.



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