

# JESSICA POLMATEER

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## EDUCATION

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<b>PhDc</b>	University at Albany, Public History <i>achieved candidacy status June 2024</i>	
<b>MA</b>	University at Albany, Public History Thesis: “Not McNamara’s War” Advisor: Dr. Richard Fogarty	Dec 2011
<b>BA</b>	University at Albany, East Asian Studies/World History Summa Cum Laude Double Major	Dec 2009
<b>AA</b>	SUNY Schenectady County Community College Phi Theta Kappa	May 2006

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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<b>The Christopher Daly Memorial Scholarship</b> Outstanding Academic Performance and dedication	2025
<b>The Sherry Penney Award</b> Most Outstanding Woman Graduate Student in History Department	2024
<b>Phi Alpha Theta</b> National Honors Society	2023
<b>Summa Cum Laude</b> Highest Honors	2009
<b>Phi Theta Kappa</b> National Honors Society	2006

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Teaching Assistant** University at Albany

Fall 2022-Present

AHIS 101 American Political and Social History II	2022 (F)
AHIS 101 American Political and Social History II	2023 (S)
AHIS 100 American Political and Social History I	2023 (F)
AHIS 158 The Past as Present: The World Since 1900	2024 (S)
AHIS 101 American Political and Social History II	2024 (F)
AHIS 130 History of European Civilization I	2025 (S)

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

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**Village Historian, Alplaus**

2018-Present

Grant Proposals

Research and writing for various publications

Speaking engagements

Monthly presentation to the Alplaus Residents Association Board

Historical preservation of archives

Digitization project with Schenectady County Historical Society

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Journal Publications*

Monthly articles, HomeTown News, October 2018-October 2020.

Polmateer, Jessica. "It was enough to have been a unicorn: Kurt Vonnegut in Alplaus," Schenectady County Historical Society Newsletter, vol. 63, no. 3, Summer 2019, p. 1-12.

## PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

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**Presentation**, “Luna Park: A Theme Park of Three Names,” Glencliff Elementary School, January 2023

**Podcast**, “History of Knitting and the Fabric Arts,” Schenectady County Historical Society, May 2022.

**UCALL Class Series**, “Local Historians Preserving Local History,” Union College, April 2022.

**Lecture**, “Kurt Vonnegut in Schenectady,” Schenectady County Public Library, October 2020.

**Podcast**, “Kurt Vonnegut in the Local Area,” Electric City Archives, September 2020.

**Presentation**, “Kurt Vonnegut in Schenectady,” Mabee Farm Historic Site, March 2019.  
*canceled due to onset of COVID-19*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Association of Public Historians of New York State, 2021-Present  
Member

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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**Therapy Dogs International, Inc.**  
[Certified Therapy Dog Handler], 2018-Present

**Glenville 2020**  
[Historical Preservation Society], 2018-2019

## LANGUAGES

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**English:** Native Language

**Spanish:** Novice

**Japanese:** Novice

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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**Applications:** MS Office, G-Suite, Email, Web, Social Media

**Platforms:** Microsoft Windows, macOS

## REFERENCES

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