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EDUCATION

In Progress	M.A., History Mississippi State University
May 2025	M.A., Political Science Mississippi State University Phi Kappa Phi
Dec. 2023	B.A., Political Science Mississippi State University
Dec. 2023	B.A., Philosophy Mississippi State University
May 2021	A.A., Political Science Itawamba Community College Phi Theta Kappa

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Military history, with a focus on strategy, diplomacy, and the political impact of armed conflict
- U.S. military policy
- 19th and 20th century warfare
- The intersection of defense agreements and international relations

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Jan. 2026–May 2026	Graduate Teaching Assistant , Mississippi State University Assisted in course instruction, led student discussions, graded assignments, and facilitated student learning of American history from the Reconstruction era to the present day.
Aug. 2025–Dec. 2025	Graduate Teaching Assistant , Mississippi State University Assisted in course instruction, led student discussions, graded assignments, and facilitated student learning of American history from the colonial era to the Reconstruction era.
Jan. 2024–May 2025	Graduate Research Assistant , Mississippi State University

Nov. 2022–Dec. 2023	Participated in work on a grant awarded by the Department of Defense, using open-source data in relation to national security. Undergraduate Research Assistant , Mississippi State University
Aug. 2023–Dec. 2023	Participated in work on a grant awarded by the Department of Defense, using open-source data in relation to national security. Directed Independent Study Participant , Mississippi State University Developed and completed a research project concerning crime in Estonia, particularly since the fall of the USSR.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Dec. 2025	Jayes, Laurel. “Under the Delaware.” Presentation given at the Objects of Revolution Colloquium, in partnership with the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library. Department of History, Mississippi State University.
May 2025	Jayes, Laurel. “Russia in the MENA Region: Why do states draft defense cooperation agreements with non-contiguous states?” Master’s Thesis. Mississippi State University.
Sept. 2023	May, David C., Laurel Jayes , Clay Hardwick, Sierra Nelson, and Megan Morici. “Using Open-Source Intelligence to Understand Crime in Estonia.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the European Society of Criminology. Florence, Italy.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2025–Present	Graduate Teaching Assistantship , Department of History, Mississippi State University
2025–2026	Phi Kappa Phi Scholar
2024–2025	Graduate Research Assistantship , Center for Cyber Innovation, Mississippi State University
2019–2023	Pell Grant Recipient
2019–2021	Phi Theta Kappa Scholar

MEMBERSHIPS

2025–Present	Graduate Student Association , Mississippi State University
2022–2023	Undergraduate Anthropology Association , Mississippi State University
2021–2023	College Democrats , Mississippi State University

2021–2023	Climate Reality Project, Mississippi State University
2021–2023	Combating Overdoses in Rural Areas, Mississippi State University
2021–2023	Dueling Dawgs Fencing Club, Mississippi State University

COMPETENCIES

- Data Analytics
- Research Reporting
- Microsoft Office
- Adobe
- Canvas by Instructure
- Professional Presentation
- Lecture Coordination
- Russian (intermediate in listening, speaking, reading, and writing)

REFERENCES

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