

BEN SCHACHT, PH.D.

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PROFILE

- Public humanist with over five years' experience supporting humanities-oriented institutions and publications
- Relevant skills: Communication, public speaking, research, writing, editing, programming, project management
- Foreign Languages: German and Yiddish

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Ph.D., Comparative Literary Studies; March 2019

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Graduate Certificate in the Engaged and Public Humanities; June 2019

Trinity College, Hartford, CT

B.A., Philosophy (Honors); May 2008

Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society

PUBLIC HUMANITIES EXPERIENCE

Digital Editor (contract), SAPIENS Anthropology Magazine (February 2024 – present)

- Oversee newsletter editorial process for weekly Mailchimp-produced email newsletter
- Social media management and graphic design (Canva)
- Community engagement strategy and development
- Select and coordinate art for all published pieces (3-5 images per piece)

Audience Engagement Editor, *Boston Review* (May 2022 – January 2024)

- Wrote, edited, and produced three weekly and two monthly email newsletters
- Wrote social media copy and scheduled posts
- Produced articles for WordPress website
- Compiled and analyzed engagement statistics, presented in a monthly engagement report

Communications Assistant, Modern Language Association (April 2020 – May 2022)

- Social media management
- Wrote and produced bi-monthly email newsletter; contributed to the MLA's quarterly print newsletter
- Contract management for *Profession*, the MLA's online journal of pedagogy and professional issues
- Updates to MLA homepage and affiliated sites, including writing copy and selecting images

WRITING AND EDITING EXPERIENCE

Freelance Writer, Editor, and Independent Scholar

- Popular articles on William Morris, George Orwell, Henry David Thoreau, and Yiddish literature and history in *Jacobin*, *Boston Review*, *Majority Post*, and *The Gotham Blog*
- Article on epidemics and Condition-of-England literature in *Synopsis: A Health Humanities Journal*
- Book chapter on Thoreau and time in *The Nick of Time: Temporality and Agency in Thoreau's Era and Ours* (Mercer University Press, 2025)
- Essay for the Newberry Library's Digital Collections for the Classroom project on Jewish Chicago (forthcoming fall 2025)
- Article on public humanities writing for the *MLA Job List* blog
- Freelance editing for scholarly writing projects, including articles, dissertations, and book manuscripts

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Board Member, Chicago YIVO Society (2025 –)

- Develop and implement public programs for the Chicago affiliate of the renowned Institute for Jewish Research
- Promote programs and classes via email and social media
- Attend monthly board meetings