

Taylor Puebla

Curriculum Vitae

Summary:

Early-career museum professional with experience in museum education, public interpretation, and collections-based research across state and local history institutions. Skilled in developing accessible interpretive content for diverse audiences and experienced in facilitating object-based learning, tour facilitation, and creating collaborative museum environments.

Education:

Master of Arts in Museum Studies
University of Kansas

Anticipated start date: Fall 2026

Bachelor of Science in History and Government
Emporia State University

Graduation Date: May 2025
Emporia, KS

- GPA: 4.0/4.0

Curatorial and Collections Experience:

Tonganoxie Community Historical Society
Volunteer Curatorial Assistant

December 2025- present

- Write and edit exhibit labels focused on Kansas history for the traveling exhibit *Moments That Made U.S.*, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, balancing scholarly research with accessibility for public audiences.
- Catalog artifacts and archival materials using PastPerfect to support collections access, education, and exhibition development.

Lyon County History Center

May 2024-August 2024

Collections and Research Intern

- Cataloged donated artifact collections using structured spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel to support collections management and exhibition planning.
- Transcribed and analyzed primary source documents to support institutional research initiatives.
- Created a self-guided driving tour pamphlet interpreting African American history in Emporia for a public audience.

Research and Public Scholarship:

Kansas Association of Historians Conference

March 2026

- Researched archival collections and composed original work for presentation among fellow historians.
- Delivered original work entitled “Children’s Toys of World War II as Propaganda” to demonstrate the impacts of popular culture during pivotal moments of history.

Research and Creativity Day

April 2025

- Oral and poster presentation to faculty judges.
- Sole history student selected based on subject matter and writing excellence

Kansas Association of Historians Conference

March 2025

- Delivered at a statewide conference presentation on original work, engaging with scholarly audiences and responding to peer critique and inquiries.
- Developed professional visual aids through the use of Microsoft Powerpoint to aid oral presentation.

Undergraduate Research Day at the Kansas Capitol

February 2025

- Presented original historical research entitled “Redefining John Brown, An American Moses: an Analysis of *Tragic Prelude*” at the Kansas State Capitol as one of five students chosen from Emporia State University.
- Presented to diverse audiences including the general public, state legislators, and Kansas Historical Society staff.
- Developed an exhibition-style public interpretation poster through Microsoft Publisher for presenting and demonstrating research in an effective manner.

Museum Education and Public Engagement Experience:

Kansas Historical Society- Kansas State Capitol

August 2025 - December 2025

Tour Guide

- Delivered interpretive tours tailored to diverse audiences, including K-12 audiences, legislators, and the general public, adapting content to audience needs and learning levels.
- Applied object-based and place-based interpretation strategies to translate complex historical themes into accessible narratives aligned with educational standards.
- Supported museum operations through public-facing responsibilities and collaboration with visitor services staff.

Boys and Girls Club of South-Central Kansas

September 2023- May 2025

Youth Development Professional

- Designed and facilitated age-appropriate, educational curriculum for youth audiences using discussion-based, inquiry-driven teaching methods.
- Adapted content to support critical thinking, communication, and contextual understanding across age groups.
- Built experience working with youth audiences which translates to museum education and family engagement programming.

Other Professional Experience:

Kansas State Legislative Branch

January 2026- present

Legislative assistant

- Conduct background research and prepare briefing materials on historical and policy topics.
- Coordinate schedules, correspondence, and documentation through Outlook in a fast-paced governmental environment to ensure the legislators are maximizing their time to meet with constituents.

Honors and Awards:

Emporia State University

School of Humanities+ Social Sciences Academic Excellence Award

April 2025

- Awarded to one Senior each academic year for academic excellence in history and government

Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society Member

Spring 2024-Spring 2025

School of Humanities + Social Sciences Scholar Award

April 2024 & 2025

- Awarded for Outstanding Academic Performance within the school of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Honor Roll and Deans list

Fall 2022- Spring 2025