

Jonathan Minnick

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Professional Experience

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

Davis, CA

PhD Candidate

September 2016 – Present

Developed my expertise in drafting, editing, publishing, and presenting research topics to specialist and generalist audiences through the dissertation process, with an emphasis on storytelling through writing. Conducted archival and quantitative research to inform my thesis. Instructed a broad range of music courses focusing on selections from the Western Classical Canon and popular music subjects including Rock, the Beatles, and the Broadway Musical.

ROBERT AND MARGRIT MONDAVI CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Davis, CA

Staff Writer

March 2019 – Present

Constructed captivating and accessible program notes and blog posts for classical music concerts, including the San Francisco Opera Academy, the UC Davis Symphony, and the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. Assisted with the Editorial Department to develop an authorial voice suitable for public audiences, particularly for classical music concerts.

GRADPATHWAYS INSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Davis, CA

Graduate Student Researcher

January 2020 – Present

Researched career outcomes from recent PhD graduates. Published over 30 professional development videos on YouTube. Assisted in the creation of a new website and compiled resources and events for 8 core competencies. Redesigned weekly newsletter, increasing opens and clicks by over 20%. Supported leadership in the development of a micro-credentials program. Collaborated with the Marketing Department to create event advertisements, email newsletters, and website articles.

Leadership & Activities

UC DAVIS GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Davis, CA

President

September 2018 – Present

Directed an organization of over 300 volunteer representatives and a salaried executive staff of 7. Oversaw budget of \$300,000. Spearheaded advocacy efforts for graduate students in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion, basic needs, academic support, financial support, and mentorship. Collaborated with administration and executive committees to improve graduate experience and education. Structured strategic partnerships with university partners to increase funding by \$50,000 + for Association grants. Supported graduate development officers in securing \$200,000+ to strengthen graduate programming and support. Chaired system wide coalition of student body presidents. Served on campus wide Financial Wellness Work Group within the Basic Needs ecosystem.

Education

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

Davis, CA

PhD, Musicology

September 2016 – June 2022

- Dissertation: “Distant Ecologies: Sci-Fi Film Scores and the Music of the Final Frontier.”

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, NC

Bachelor of Music in Trombone Performance, emphasis in Musicology

August 2012 – May 2016

Skills & Interests

- **Technical:** Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Creative Suite, Logic Pro, Final Cut Pro, HTML
- **Language:** Conversational French and German; elementary Spanish
- **Interests:** Semi-professional bass trombonist, recreational cyclist, aspirational pitmaster