

# Roxy B. Woods

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## EDUCATION

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**Ithaca College, School of Humanities and Sciences, Ithaca, NY**

December 2023

Bachelor of Arts in History

GPA 3.9

Minor: Anthropology

Dean's List Fall 2020 - Spring 2022

**Thesis:** "Who Makes a City? Urban Renewal in Ithaca, NY"

**Adviser:** Michael Smith, Department of History, Ithaca College

This thesis examines how urban renewal impacted the development of Ithaca's commercial downtown and public housing between 1950 and 1980. It situates national trends within the context of a small city that endured a housing crisis due to a high student population and reveals how local factors compounded with the underlying high modernist ideology of urban renewal to create developments that were plagued with various setbacks and revisions due to a reliance on the private market.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Summer Scholar, Ithaca College**

Ithaca, NY

*School of Humanities and Sciences*

June 2023 - July 2023

- Created an independent project topic, schedule, and goals to further develop critical thinking and research skills in the history field and explored a topic of importance to the local community about the effect of urban renewal on the college town
- Analyzed various archival materials, including maps, meeting minutes, photos, newspapers, and local government documents, to answer research questions
- Conducted five 1 to 2-hour oral history interviews with local community leaders that were archived for public use at the History Center of Tompkins County

**HistoryForge Intern, History Center of Tompkins County**

Ithaca, NY

*HistoryForge Project*

June 2021 - Dec 2022

- Researched and collected data about product trends and employment history for businesses that existed in Ithaca between the 19th and 20th centuries
- Transcribed city directories and then uploaded them to HistoryForge.net
- Cross-referenced research materials to accurately date photos of businesses
- Organized data into comprehensive sets for public use

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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**Resident Assistant, Ithaca College**

Ithaca, NY

*Residential Life*

Aug 2022 - Dec 2023

- Planned and led a cluster event, two independent RA events, one building event, a passive event, and three residential living community events a semester to promote health & wellness, diversity, equity, & inclusion, and group development across campus community
- Enforced community standards to ensure a safe and enriching living environment
- Connected first-year residence hall floor of 20 residents to campus resources to address personal, mental health, or academic concerns
- Collaborated with the Residence Director, Head Women's Track & Field Coach, and Health Promotion Specialist to manage the Health & Wellness Residential Living Community to support residents' mental and physical health while they balanced student life

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**Peer Career Advisor, Ithaca College**

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*Center For Career Exploration and Development*

*Aug 2022 - Dec 2023*

- Provided career mentoring to students of all years and majors across the five schools of Ithaca College using platforms such as LinkedIn, Handshake, and CareerShift
- Aided in the creation and assessment of résumés and cover letters for job, internship, and graduate school opportunities
- Offered services to improve networking and interviewing practices to increase students' confidence resulting in successful job searches and career readiness
- Answered phone and scheduled appointments to connect students, alumni, and employers to our services
- Evaluated employer profiles and job postings submitted for approval on Handshake to ensure that students and alumni had access to new and legitimate career opportunities

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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“Who Makes a City? Urban Renewal in Ithaca, 1950-1980,” **Thesis Presentation**, Ithaca, NY, November 2023

“Urban Renewal in a College Town: Forging Economic Ties Between the Town and Gown,” **Summer Scholar Showcase**, Ithaca, NY, July 2023

“19th-Century Evangelical Methodism and Female Gender Roles,” **Phi Alpha Theta West/Central New York Regional Conference**, Syracuse, NY, April 2023

“The NYC Draft Riots: How Civil War Politics about Emancipation, Class, and Race Caused a Deadly Race Riot,” **US ResSem: Civil War Home Front Course**, Ithaca, NY, April 2023

“Gender Power in Kenyan Dairy,” **Anth of Sex and Gender Course**, Ithaca, NY, May 2022

“The Great Flood of 1935,” **History of American Environmental Thought Course**, Ithaca, NY, May 2022

“Cultural Neglect in the K-12 Education System,” **Introduction to Culture, Race & Ethnicity Concepts Course**, Ithaca, NY, May 2022

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

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*Robert A. Ryan History Scholarship* - Given in recognition for exceptional academic work throughout departments, **Ithaca College**, August 2023

*The History Department Writing Award* - Awarded for the best 400-level seminar paper of the year, **Ithaca College**, May 2023

*Best of Conference* - Awarded for excellent scholarship and presentation, **Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society**, May 2023

*Class of 2008 Scholarship* - GPA of 3.0 or higher and participated in a ten-week internship program, **Ithaca College**, May 2022

*David Sass History Scholarship* - Awarded for outstanding achievement in the study of history, **Ithaca College**, August 2021, August 2022

*Elliott Mayrock History Scholarship* - Given in recognition of exemplary work in history classes, **Ithaca College**, August 2020