Noah Barth

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Education

Heritage Studies & Public History, MA, 2017-2019. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.
American Studies, BA, 2013-2017. DePaul University, Chicago, IL.

Experience

Science Museum of Minnesota - Experience Developer
December 2023-present

- Developed 6,000 sq. ft. *CityWorks* exhibit about New York City infrastructure; drafted text for 130 graphic panels; curated and secured images and rights.
- Collaborated with media designers and fabricators to create meaningful hands-on experiences that conveyed exhibit messages; tested prototypes with visitors and applied discoveries.
- Managed client relationships and supported project leaders in exhibit management, review process, and component tracking.
- Developed and proofread for exhibits at Hull-Rust-Mahoning Mine View Visitor Center; Minnesota's Greatest Environmental Investment storymap
- Prepared exhibit proposals for the American LGBTQ+ Museum, Kamin Science Center, Wood Lake Nature Center, and St. Paul Public Libraries

Freelance Exhibit Developer

- Developed, built, and programmed AIDS Memorial Art Shanty for Art Shanty Projects (2026)
- Adviser on a narrative podcast about interfaith HIV/AIDS service organizations in Minnesota. (2025)
- Exhibit developer for Split Rock Studios through schematic and detail design for *Suds on the St. Croix*, a brewing history exhibit in Stillwater, MN. (2024)
- Field manager for History Associates Incorporated, for a corporate history center in Burnsville, MN. (2021)

Minnesota Historical Society - Gale Scholar (Research Historian) / Associate Exhibit Developer
Aug. 2021-June 2023 / Dec. 2019-Aug. 2020

- Developed exhibit for Mill City Museum based on LGBTQ+ historic sites in Minneapolis, led a group of five researchers, writers, community engagement specialists, and graphic designers.
- Developed digital maps with 55 sites and narratives for national award-winning Twin Cities LGBTQ+ History Tours in collaboration with Twin Cities Pride.

- Devised exhibit panels for outdoor historic sites in greater Minnesota while collaborating with local indigenous communities.
- Formulated exhibit narratives on indigenous and queer women for a voting rights exhibit.

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities - University Archives Research Assistant
Jan. 2018-July 2019

- Developed two exhibits for the 150th Anniversary of the College of Liberal Arts (*Portraits of the Past*, 2018 and *Calling to Question*, 2019).
- Processed 150 cubic foot archival collection for the College of Liberal Arts while liaising with CLA 150th Celebration Committee to inform public programming and alumni outreach strategies.

Tretter Collection for GLBT Studies - Documentary Fellow
June 2018-Dec. 2018

- Co-developed exhibit in Anderson Library (F.R.E.E., 2019) documenting the first gay rights organization in the Upper Midwest.
- Directed and produced a documentary film about F.R.E.E.'s founders and political goals, while collaborating with artists and community members.

Leather Archives & Museum - Archival Intern
Jan. 2015- May 2017

- Initiated public programming at the archives and museum in collaboration with community artists, elders, and the archivist (speaker programs, International Mr. Leather, Archives Lock-in, and other exhibit openings).
- Processed archival collections, cataloged donations and fulfilled research requests for scholars.

Midwest Institute for Sexuality and Gender Diversity - Conference Chair (MBLGTACC)
February 2015-February 2017

- Led team of 10+ volunteer students organizing the largest LGBTQ+ college conference in the country.
- Coordinated operations and budget resulting in $20,000 profit (300% growth). Developed schedule of keynotes, performances, and student presenters. Led campaign for student attendance resulting in 2,100 attendees (25% growth).

Public Work

(to view examples of my work please visit my online portfolio)

Exhibits

- *Madson AIDS Memorial Shanty*, Art Shanty Projects, Minneapolis, MN, 2026.

- *Minnesota's Greatest Environmental Investment*, Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN, 2026.
- Hull-Rust-Mahoning Mine View Visitor Center, Hibbing, MN, 2026.
- *Exhibit Expeditions*, Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN, 2025.
- *CityWorks*, New York Hall of Science, Queens, NY, 2025.
- *Suds on the St. Croix*, Washington County Historical Society, Stillwater, MN, 2025.
- *Going Out, Coming In: LGBTQ+ Spaces in Downtown Minneapolis*, Mill City Museum, Minneapolis, MN, 2023.
- *Lower Sioux Indian Agency Interpretive Signs*, Lower Sioux Indian Agency Historic Site, Morton, MN, 2023.
- *Twin Cities LGBTQ+ History Tours*, Twin Cities Pride, online, 2022.
- *Extraordinary Women*, Minnesota History Center, St. Paul, MN, 2021.
- *Calling to Question: 150 Years of Liberal Arts Education at the University of Minnesota*, Andersen Library, Minneapolis, MN, 2019.
- *FREE: Remembering Early LGBTQ+ Organizing in Minnesota*, Andersen Library, Minneapolis, MN, 2019.

Papers & Publications

- Barth, Noah. "Going Out, Diving In: Uncovering Queer History in Minneapolis," *Minnesota History Magazine*, Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2024.
- Barth, Noah. "The Onyx: A Welcoming Space for Queer People," *Minnesota History Magazine*, Minnesota Historical Society Press. 2023.
- Barth, Noah. "Madson, David Jon (1963-1997*)*," MNopedia, Minnesota Historical Society. December 6, 2022.
- Barth, Noah. "In Living Memory: A Memorial Outline for David Madson & AIDS in Minnesota." Queer History Conference, San Francisco, CA. June 12-15, 2022.
- Barth, Noah, Rachel Mattson. "Exhibiting F.R.E.E." *Queer Forms Exhibition Catalog*. 2019.
- Barth, Noah. "F.R.E.E.DOM at 50 Years," *Twin Cities Pride Magazine*. June 2019.
- Barth, Noah. "Remembering Pleasure in a Pandemic," *Twin Cities Pride Magazine*. September 2020.

Presentations

- Barth, Noah. *Cultural Relevance & LGBTQIA History*, (teacher workshop), Minnesota Historical Society, July 2023, September 2023.
- Barth, Noah. *Queer History Group Ride (bike tour)*, Sponsored by Perennial Cycle, June 2023, September 2022, June 2024, May 2025.
- Barth, Noah, Stuart Hinds. *Hidden in Plains Sight: LGBTQ+ Activism Before Stonewall (lecture)*, Lathrop GPM ERG Speaker Series, 2021.
- Barth, Noah. First Friday Presentation: Native Women and Ojibwe/Dakota Language Programs at UMN (lecture). University of Minnesota Libraries, March 1, 2019.