

Introduction of Benjamin Linzy

Mr. Benjamin Linzy lived in 6 states growing up, but was born in Marion, Kentucky in Crittenden County and grew up on Salem, Kentucky in Livingston County. He currently resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he is a PhD candidate in American History at Marquette University. Before returning to University to pursue his degree, he worked in security, insurance, and was a deckhand on the Mississippi river before an injury forced him from the river industry. He graduated from Murray State University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and History and has earned a Master of Arts degree from Marquette University in Global History with a focus in Middle East and North African history.

Aside from his interest in history, he is an avid listener of music. He co-hosts three album review podcasts, “**Static Rage**”, “**Whiskey & Woe**”, and “**Thunderdome Metal Reviews**”. Additionally, he is the producer and host of the “Evoking History” podcast, which is a weekly podcast in which he converses with other historians about their research and current events. He is also an active advocate for human rights, working with both Amnesty International, USA and the ACLU in Milwaukee. He has also had poetry published both domestically and internationally. Plus, he works with the Center for Urban Outreach, Research and Teaching at Marquette University and is a member of the Milwaukee Turners.

He has presented his research into transnational conflicts and political violence across the nation. His research interests include international reactions to genocide, domestic right-wing terrorist movements, and transnational paramilitarism. His dissertation will examine the policing of “dissident” movements in the Progressive Era.

He states, “It feels good to work with the history of his home state and to help disseminate the incredible history of the Underground Railroad and those who risked their lives to help win the freedom of enslaved peoples.”