

My name is **Amanda Allard Cline**. You can call me Professor A. I am a part-time historian, full-time nerd. At one point an overwhelming amount of third graders thought I should run for president. I am a new-ish knitter and still insubordiknit. Wayward comic collector and book worm. Somedays I make **whiskey**, some I spin, dye, weave wool, some days I farm. I have hand made a nail and cooked an apple pie over a fire. I'm a spinner, a hiker, a biker, a would-be camper, and recreational disc golfer.

I currently teach multiple sections of Western Civilization I and II at Northern Virginia Community College, in Annandale, Virginia. Other times are spent at George Washington's Mount Vernon--I talk to folks about history.

It feels like it's been a really long time since I graduated from the University of Florida (Go Gators!) with a Master's in History. I studied the History of Science, and more particularly the early modern period--Copernicus to Newton--under **Dr. Robert A. Hatch**. But I really looked at most intellectual and scientific achievements from the early Greeks to the 1800s, and then the science and math got too hard. I left academia for academia of a different sort.

I taught Social Studies at a local, **public charter school** for three years. It was wonderful. I got to share the joy and the need for history in everyday life with elementary and middle school students. We did so many crafty projects! And I didn't need to know about breakthrough research in the history of science. Double bonus!!

It was very difficult for me to leave Gainesville, Florida. I was leaving home, however it was a move that my husband and I needed to make. Being able to work with students at NOVA has kept me feeling connected to my students back home. I still feel like I haven't gotten back into the swing of collegiate academia though. I teach as many courses as I can each semester, but my off time is spent at Mount Vernon, doing random editing and research, and leading the occasional cycle class at the gym. You can check out my blog at [One Crafty Historian](#). Let me know what you think!