

Hi. My name is Andrea Odiorne, and I will be your instructor for your history course. I presently teach HIS 101 and 102 at the Loudoun campus of Northern Virginia Community College. My specialties and interests include the Middle Ages in France and England, late 19th and early 20th century mass culture and visual communications in America and Europe, women's history, non-fiction film and the history of technology.

I began teaching on campus at NVCC in the spring of 2011 and with ELI in 2013. Before that, I completed my Master's Degree in History and New Media at George Mason University. At GMU, I worked as a teaching assistant for History 100 (Western Civilization from Antiquity to the Present) and as a research assistant for the Center for History and New Media.

In addition to research at CHNM, I worked as a regular staff member on professional development videos for teachinghistory.org, coordinated projects with museum professionals and web designers from the Smithsonian Institution and attended numerous conferences regarding emerging new media practices in teaching and scholarship. I also contributed to tutorials, instructional aids, design and basic programming for [Omeka](http://Omeka.org), a content management system for educators, museums and archives.

After receiving my B.A. in History from Virginia Commonwealth University back in 1998, I worked for ten years as a television producer, sound tech, videographer and editor for a variety of Richmond, Virginia area television outlets including live and recorded program content for affiliates of [PBS](http://PBS.org), ABC, CBS and Fox. I also worked on feature films, short and long form documentaries (including historical topics of course) and non-profit outreach and promotional development.

The easiest and best way to contact me is through email (aodiorne@nvcc.edu). Please include your name, the course and section number in the subject of each email. I usually respond to emails within 24 hours. I may respond to phone messages with an email rather than a return call, so email really is the best option.

Please remember to keep copies of all of your coursework and graded assignments, including all of the emails that you send. Please use the appropriate course schedule to keep track of your assignments and Blackboard to track your grades. If you should run into any problems whatsoever at any time in the course, please contact me as soon as they occur so we can work things out. I hope all runs smoothly and I look forward to our communications in this course.