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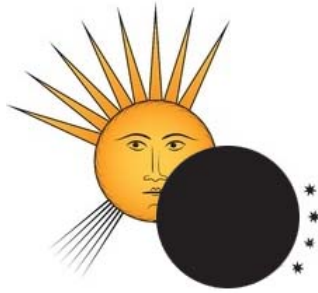
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Founders Keepers

Getting to Know...Sata Prescott

Upcoming Events

- September 7: Green Lens Environmental Film Screening—Egyptian Theater
- September 19: FLA Annual Membership Drive
- September 20: State of the University Address
- October 4: Avalon String Quartet

Hallo there! I'm Sata Prescott, recently hired as a research associate in the capacity of the Albert Johannsen Project Director. I'm part of a CLIR-grant-funded project to scan the dime novels of publishers Beadle and Adams. I work under the Technical Services department, and I started at the beginning of August. I moved here for this work from Greensboro, North Carolina, and previously worked as a project assistant on UNCG's LSTA-grant-

funded project "Good Medicine" (libcdm1.uncg.edu/cdm/goodmedicine/), as well as a half-dozen part-time library and library-adjacent jobs. Everyone here has been very welcoming so far, and I am so glad to be here!

What's your favorite part of your job and why?

So far, my favorite aspect of the day to day is getting to go into Special Collections and

seeking materials for the next part of scanning. I love even getting to walk by carts filled with great relics of popular media, and know that I am helping to preserve the ancestors of pulp, comics, and paperback genre fiction. I also get to do a fair amount of disbinding, and there's a secret, sneaky part of this that I enjoy. Most binders used scrap paper in the bindings of their books. Sometimes these are newspapers or advertising fliers. I love taking apart a book and finding what weird paper some bookbinder kept lying around.

What do you like to do in your off hours?

Like many of my library brethren, I am a first class nerd. I love animation (high and low art alike). A perfect evening is binge watching some anime episodes while hand-binding homemade



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homemade comics. I also love museum crawling and researching my own topics, video gaming, and preparing tea.

What are your reading now?

Lately I've been into sci-fi manga of the 1970s and Keiko Takemiya in particular. I just finished *Andromeda Stories* and *To Terra....* I'm also in the middle of *Jade Dragon Mountain* by Elsa Hart, a detective story whose principal character is an exiled court librarian in 1700s China.

What was the last good movie you saw?

I can't recommend Edgar Wright's *Baby Driver* enough. From a killer soundtrack to some of the best editing I've ever

seen... I went to see it twice, and would happily go again. I love film. The first graduate program I was accepted to (though I did not ultimately attend) was a cinema program in Spain, Italy, and the United States. I am the worst person to watch movies with, but I really do love it, despite the criticism!

Do you have any pets?

I have three cats: two black and one grey and striped. They are a handful, but I love them anyway. All of them have some kind of special need, and all were rescues. They are getting used to their new home. I typically leave some space on the lower bookshelves for them to safely lounge on. As long as they don't destroy the books, they may continue to live.

If you won the lottery tomorrow, what would you do?

Like most millennials, the answer I have for winning the lottery would be to pay off the cost of school. However, if there was anything after that, I'd love to give a gift to my alma mater in thanks for my training and the mentors I had there. If there was something substantial after that, I'd hope to set up a recurring pop culture preservation fund that focuses on both preservation and digitization.

Where would you like to travel?

I want very much to do a books, textiles, and castles history tour of Japan. I wouldn't say no to travel to almost anywhere else, as I love

being on the road.

What is one thing about you that most people don't know?

I love cleaning so much. My favorite part of any movie, flat out, is the "clean up the dump-of-a-place" montage. I become irrationally excited over clean up montages in movies, *especially* if the place being cleaned up is a theatre, and even more so if it's the performers doing the cleaning. When I clean, I will sing selections of music from my favorite clean up montages.



Gamers Wanted!

Matt and Abbey will host a board game night on Wednesday, September 6th from 5 PM-8:30 PM in the Staff Lounge. Gamers are welcome to show up at any time. Snacks will be provided, including a limited amount of pizza. Please e-mail Matt (mshort@niu.edu) to let him know that you plan to attend, so we know how much food to buy, and include whether or not you're interested in bringing and teaching a game. No prior gaming experience is required. Cooperative, competitive, and narrative games will be available.

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