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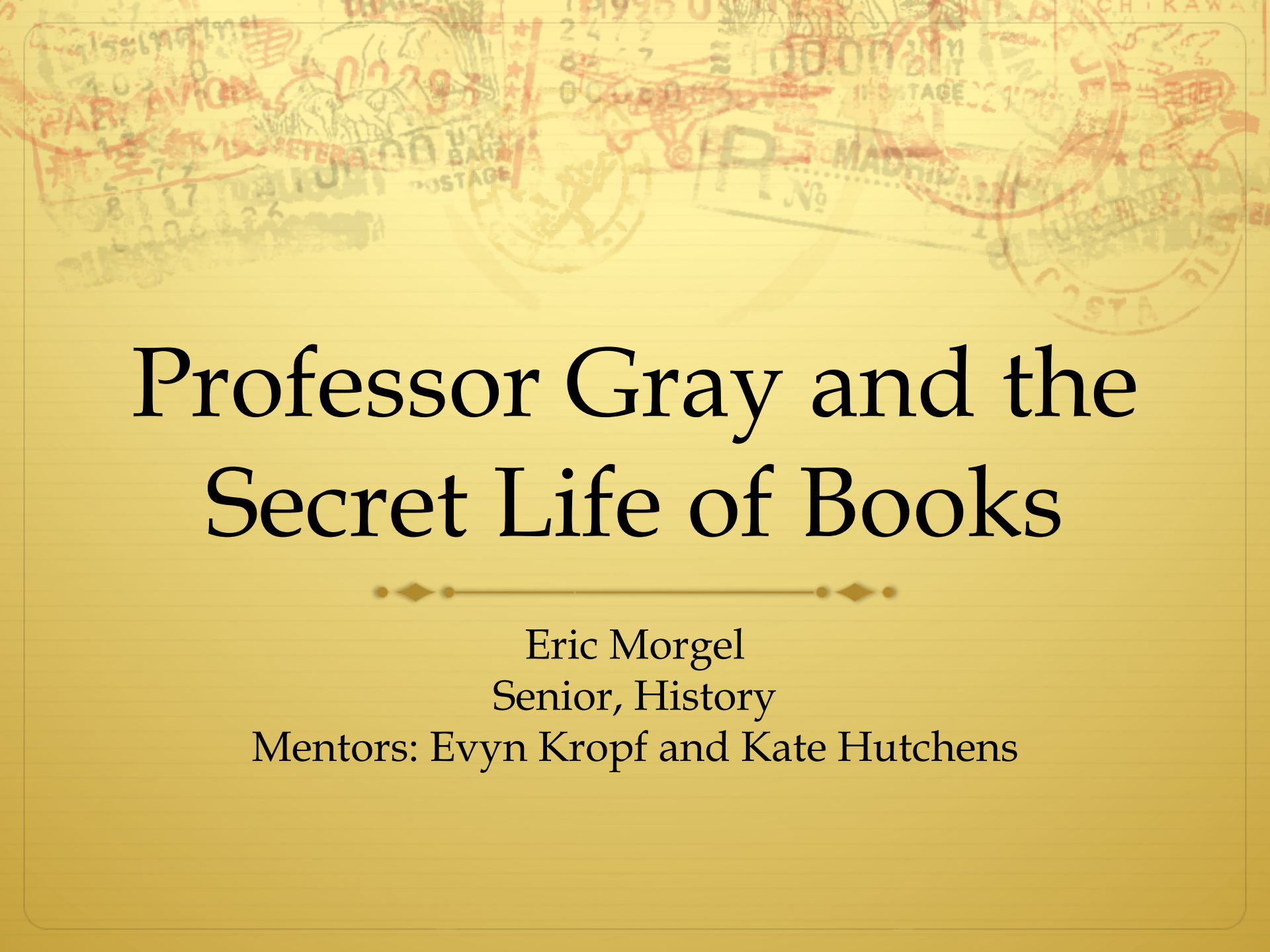
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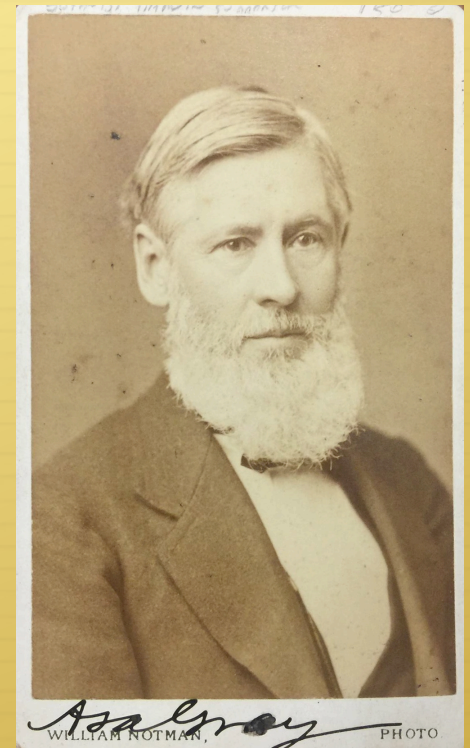


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Project Overview

- ✧ Tracing the European voyage of Asa Gray – U-M's first professor
- ✧ Examining his book purchases
 - ✧ Where were they originally published?
 - ✧ Where did they “live” at U-M?
- ✧ Dispelling myths AND vindicating Prof. Gray



Objectives

- ✦ Experience with historical research
- ✦ Create an interactive WordPress website
- ✦ Create two Story Maps depicting:
 1. Gray's visits to European universities/libraries
 2. The movement of the Gray Collection



Challenges

- ✦ Platform
- ✦ Copyright
 - ✦ Images
- ✦ WordPress plug-ins
- ✦ Story Maps



Solutions



- ✧ Meeting with library staff
 - ✧ Justin Joque and Nicole Scholtz
 - ✧ Breanna Hamm
- ✧ Meeting with LSA IT
 - ✧ Jessica Darga
- ✧ Co-workers as resource

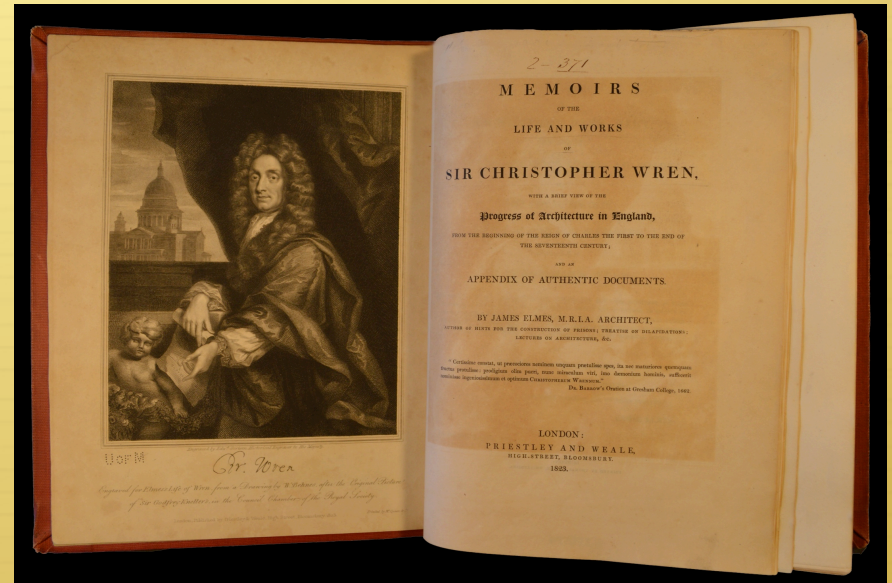
Lessons Learned

- ✦ Historical Research
 - ✦ Archival work
- ✦ Time Management
- ✦ Project Planning
- ✦ Professional Communication
- ✦ Creative Presentation

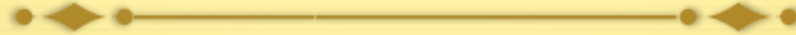


Enjoyable Experiences

- ✦ Working with historical materials
 - ✦ Gray's actual purchases
- ✦ Creative expression
 - ✦ Web design
 - ✦ Photography
- ✦ Co-workers and mentors



Next Steps



- ✦ Analyze Gray Purchase for use
- ✦ Include a timeline tracing the U-M library
- ✦ Provide more accessible alternatives

