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Curriculum vitae

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Trinity College
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025-present	Visiting Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Law Trinity College, Hartford, CT
2024-2025	Postdoctoral Researcher, Center for the Study of Guns and Society Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
2024	Lapidus Center Long-Term Fellow Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York, NY
2023	Walter O. Evans Fellow for the Study of Slavery or Race Yale University, New Haven, CT
2022-2023	Macaulay Honors College Visiting Assistant Professor of History Queens College, City University of New York (CUNY), Flushing, NY

EDUCATION

	The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY
2022	Ph.D. in History
2020	M.Phil. in History
2018	M.A. in History
	Trinity College, Hartford, CT
2016	B.A. (with honors) in American Studies, Magna Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS

Book Manuscript

The Politics of Fugitive Slave Rendition and the Coming of the Civil War. Under Advance Contract, Louisiana State University Press, “Antislavery, Abolition, and the Atlantic World” series.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

forthcoming	“Proslavery Constitutional Politics and the Making of the 1850 Fugitive Slave Law, 1793-1850.” Accepted for publication, <i>Journal of the Early Republic</i> .
2022	“‘Prophecies of Loss’: Debating Slave Flight during Virginia’s Secession Crisis.” <i>Journal of the Civil War Era</i> 12, no. 3 (September 2022), 338-361.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

- 2026 “Somerset, Subjection, and Reciprocal Rights in American Abolitionism,” in *Somerset v. Steuart and America*, ed. David Waldstreicher and Matthew Mason. Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture/University of North Carolina Press (forthcoming).

Manuscripts in Progress

- in preparation [with Brennan Gardner Rivas] “Gun Laws and the Public Regulation of Social Problems in Early America,” in *The Routledge Handbook of American Violence*, ed. Scott Gac and Caroline Light.

Review Essays

- 2024 “The ‘Reintegration’ Trap: Fugitives from Slavery and Synthesis in American History.” *Reviews in American History* 52 (3) (September 2024), 214-229.

Dissertation

- 2022 “Secession’s Moving Foundation’: Fugitive Slave Rendition and the Politics of American Slavery” (Ph.D. Diss., CUNY, 2022)
- Winner: 2024 Hay-Nicolay Dissertation Prize (Abraham Lincoln Association/Abraham Lincoln Institute)
 - Winner: 2023 Rachel Hines Prize (College of Charleston Carolina Lowcountry and the Atlantic World Program)
 - Winner: 2023 Bradford-Delaney Dissertation Prize (St. George Tucker Society)
 - Finalist: 2023 C. Vann Woodward Dissertation Prize (Southern Historical Association)

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2019 *Race and Ethnicity in America: From Pre-contact to Present*, ed. Russell M. Lawson and Benjamin A. Lawson (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2019), Vol. 2, “Underground Railroad.”

Book Reviews

- forthcoming Review of Cirillo, Frank J., *The Abolitionist Civil War: Immediatists and the Struggle to Transform the Union*, in *Journal of the Civil War Era*
- forthcoming Review of Rana, Aziz, *The Constitutional Bind: How Americans Came to Idolize a Document that Fails Them*, in *Journal of American History*
- 2025 Review of Colby, Robert K.D., *An Unholy Traffic: Slave Trading in the Civil War South*, in *American Historical Review* 130, no. 2 (June 2025) (forthcoming).
- 2023 Review of Parkinson, Robert G., *Thirteen Clocks: How Race United the Colonies and Made the Declaration of Independence*, in *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies* 90, no. 4 (Autumn 2023), 647-650.
- 2023 Review of Bell, John Frederick, *Degrees of Equality: Abolitionist Colleges and the Politics of Race*, in *Journal of Southern History* 89, no. 3 (August 2023), 557-558.

- 2022 Review of Gilhooley, Simon J., *The Antebellum Origins of the Modern Constitution: Slavery and Spirit of the American Founding*, in *American Nineteenth Century History* 23, no. 3 (December 2022), 315-317.
- 2022 Review of Escott, Paul D., *The Worst Passions of Human Nature: White Supremacy in the Civil War North*, in *Indiana Magazine of History and Biography* 118, no. 4 (December 2022), 336-337.
- 2020 Review of Bolton, S. Charles, *Fugitivism: Escaping Slavery in the Lower Mississippi Valley, 1820-1860*, in *Louisiana History* 61, no. 3 (Summer 2020), 319-321
- 2020 Review of Rugemer, Edward B., *Slave Law and the Politics of Resistance in the Early Atlantic World*, in *Southern Historian* 41 (2020), 67-69
- 2020 Review of Rae, Noel, *The Great Stain: Witnessing American Slavery*, in *H-War, H-Net Reviews*, June 2020
- 2019 Review of Sexton, Jay, *A Nation Forged by Crisis: A New American History*, in *H-CivWar, H-Net Reviews*, April 2019
- 2019 Review of Pitcaithley, Dwight, ed., *The U.S. Constitution and Secession: A Documentary Anthology of Slavery and White Supremacy*, in *H-FedHist, H-Net Reviews*, February 2019
- 2016 “The Dark Side of the American Revolution: A Review of Robert Parkinson’s *The Common Cause: Creating Race and Nation in the American Revolution*,” in *GC Advocate* 28, no. 2, December 2016, pp. 36-39

Selected Op-Eds and Public Writing

- 2022 “Justice Jackson Offered Democrats a Road Map for Securing Equal Rights,” *Washington Post: Made by History*, October 10, 2022
- 2020 “Higher Education Privatization Opened Up International Students to Trump’s Attack,” *Jacobin*, July 15, 2020
- 2020 “A Tale of Two New York City Budgets,” *Queens Daily Eagle*, June 28, 2020
- 2020 “Disaster Capitalists Want to ‘Reimagine’ Higher Education,” *Jacobin*, June 21, 2020

SELECTED GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

External

- 2024 Gilder Lehrman Scholarly Fellowship, Gilder Lehrman Institute
- 2024 Robert David Lion Gardiner Fellowship, New-York Historical Society (declined)
- 2024 Abraham Lincoln Association Hay-Nicolay Dissertation Prize
- 2023 Short-Term (4 month) Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library
- 2023 Carolina Lowcountry and the Atlantic World Hines Dissertation Prize
- 2023 St. George Tucker Society Bradford-Delaney Dissertation Prize
- 2023 AAS-NEH Fellowship, American Antiquarian Society (declined)
- 2023 NEH Long-Term Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society (declined)
- 2022 PAAH Postdoctoral Fellowship, Library Company of Philadelphia (declined)

2020	African American Studies Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society
2020	Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Museum of History & Culture
2020	Nau Center Library Fellowship, University of Virginia
2017	Colonial Dames of America Fellowship
2017	Pi Gamma Mu Scholarship
2016	Phi Beta Kappa
2016	Pi Gamma Mu

The Graduate Center, CUNY

2021	E. P. Thompson Dissertation Fellowship
2016-2021	Graduate Center Fellowship
2020	ERI (Early Research) Award in African American and African Diaspora Studies
2020	Paul Naish Travel and Research Award
2018	Judith Stein Memorial Research and Travel Grant

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Trinity College, 2025-present

Public Policy & Law Program

- *Slavery and the United States Legal System* (Fall 2025)
- *Voting Rights and American Democracy* (Fall 2025)

Wesleyan University, 2024-2025

Department of History

- *America's First Civil Rights Movement: Black Activism in the U.S. from the Founding to Reconstruction* (Spring 2025)

Queens College, CUNY, 2017-2023

History Department

Graduate

- *Black Citizenship in the United States from the Revolution to Reconstruction (Studies in American History)* (Fall 2022)

Undergraduate

- *Fugitive Slaves: Fighting for Freedom in the Courts (Law, Crime, and Society in U.S. History)* (Spring 2021)
- *A New Nation, 1800-1850* (Fall 2020)
- *The Civil War and Reconstruction* (Spring 2023)
- *Nation, Community, and Identity: U.S. History to 1877 (Honors Program, Topics in U.S. History)* (Spring 2023, x2)
- *American History, 1607-1865* (2017-2022, x9)
- *American History, 1865-present* (Fall 2018)

INVITED TALKS

2025	“Gun Law, History, and Policy in the Age of <i>Bruen</i> ,” Trinity College, Hartford, CT, April 16, 2025 (Guest Lecture)
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- 2025 [with Jennifer Tucker and Brennan Gardner Rivas] “Historians and the Courts,” Division II Lunch Series, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, March 6, 2025
- 2025 “Slavery and Antislavery in the Old Northwest,” Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT, February 26, 2025 (Guest Lecture)
- 2024 [with Brennan Gardner Rivas] “Historical Gun Laws Across Five States,” Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Guns and Society Conference, Middletown, CT, October 18-19, 2024
- 2024 “Runaways, Rights, and the Struggle Over American Slavery,” Bentley University, Waltham, MA, March 27, 2024
- 2024 “‘The Law Must Rule Us’: *Somerset* and the Limits of the 1793 Fugitive Slave Law,” Yale Early American History Seminar, New Haven, CT, January 30, 2024
- 2023 “The Perpetual Crisis: Accused Freedom Seekers and the Coming of the Civil War,” Yale University Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, New Haven, CT, November 29, 2023
- 2023 “The Politics of Fugitive Slave Rendition and the Coming of the Civil War,” Yale University Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Teleconference, October 30, 2023
- 2023 “‘Secession’s Moving Foundation’: Fugitive Slave Rendition and the Politics of American Slavery,” St. George Tucker Society Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC, July 27-29, 2023
- 2023 “For Freedom or the Grave: Runways, Rights, and the Contested Fate of American Slavery,” John Carter Brown Library Fellows Seminar, Providence, RI, July 21, 2023
- 2023 “Bound to Rivet their Chains: Making the 1850 Fugitive Slave Law,” CUNY Early American Republic Seminar, New York, NY, February 3, 2023
- 2020 “Running toward Abolition: Fugitive Slaves, Legal Rights, and the Coming of the Civil War,” Massachusetts Historical Society Brown-bag Program, Teleconference, August 27, 2020
- 2019 “Bridging Legal Theory and Activism: Fugitive Slaves and the Coming of the American Civil War,” CUNY Early Research and Scholarship Conference, New York, NY, August 29, 2019
- 2019 Roundtable panelist, “Teaching in the Age of Trump,” CUNY Graduate Center History Program Annual Conference, New York, NY, March 15, 2019
- 2018 “The Fugitive Slave Crisis and the Politics of Secession,” Yale Early American History Seminar, New Haven, CT, May 1, 2018

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Conferences Organized

- 2020 [with Madeline Lafuse] “Sixth Annual CUNY Early American Republic Seminar Graduate Student Conference,” New York, NY, May 8, 2020, [canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic]
- 2018 [with Alexander Gambaccini] “Common Ground: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Early America,” Hosted by CUNY Early American Republic Seminar, New York, NY, May 11, 2018

Panels Organized

- 2025 “Black Legal Rights and Proslavery Thought in the American South,” Southern Historical Association Conference, St. Pete Beach, FL, November 5-8, 2025 (forthcoming)
- 2022 “Freedom Seekers, Slaveholders, and Abolition in Slavery’s Borderlands,” Southern Historical Association Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 10-13, 2022
- 2021 “Voting with their Feet: Locating Runaways from Slavery in the Politics of the Civil War Era,” Society of Civil War Historians (SCWH) Conference, Teleconference, June 17-19, 2021
- 2020 “Broader Horizons on Civil War Causation: New Contexts, Actors, and Stakes,” American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 3-6, 2020
- *Sponsored by the Society for Civil War Historians*

Papers Presented

- 2025 “The Shadow of Black Procedural Rights and the Development of Proslavery Constitutionalism,” Southern Historical Association Conference, St. Pete Beach, FL, November 5-8, 2025 (forthcoming)
- 2024 “Freedom Seekers, Courtroom Rights, and Antislavery Constitutional Thought,” New England Historical Association, Boston, MA, October 26, 2024
- 2024 “Locating the Subjecthood Tradition in *Somerset* (and its American Afterlife),” Northeast Conference on British Studies Annual Conference, Hartford, CT, September 27-28, 2024
- 2023 “*Somerset* and Subjecthood, Allegiance and Protection: Rereading Black Legal Rights in the Revolutionary Era,” Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, For 2026: Contested Freedoms, Williamsburg, VA, October 27-28, 2023
- 2023 “A New Origin Story for the 1850 Fugitive Slave Law,” New England Historical Association, New Haven, CT, October 21, 2023
- 2022 “Protection, Subjection, and Sovereignty: Another Somerset Principle in American Abolitionism,” American Philosophical Society, Somerset v. Steuart @ 250: Facts, Interpretations, and Legacies, Philadelphia, PA, December 1-2, 2022

- 2022 “Presumed Fugitivity: Maryland Slaveholders and the War on Black Legal Rights in the Early Republic,” Southern Historical Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 10-13, 2022
- 2022 “*Somerset* and the Revolutionary Politics of Fugitive Slave Rendition,” Institute for Thomas Paine Studies/Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, Crafting Narratives of Independence: Contested Roots of Revolution in the Long Eighteenth Century, New Rochelle, NY, September 22-24, 2022
- 2021 “Freedom Seekers, Black Philadelphians, and the National Fight over Black Legal Rights, 1797-1820,” McNeil Center for Early American Studies, Black Lives and Freedom Journeys: The Legacies of the Still Family of Philadelphia, Teleconference, October 7-8, 2021
- 2021 “Black Legal Rights and the Contested Origins of the 1793 Fugitive Slave Law,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) Conference, Teleconference, July 14-17, 2021
- 2021 “A Slaveholder’s Dilemma: Runaways and Antislavery Jurisprudence at the Virginia Secession Convention,” Society of Civil War Historians (SCWH) Conference, Teleconference, June 17-19, 2021
- 2020 “‘Fulfillment of the Prophecies of Loss’: Secession, the Fugitive Slave Law, and the Politically-Informed Origins of Self-Emancipation in Virginia,” Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Teleconference, November 13-14, 2020
- 2020 “Fugitive Slaves, Legal Rights, and the First Abolition,” Washington Early America Seminar Mini-Conference, Teleconference, October 30-31, 2020
- 2020 “Rethinking Fugitivity and the Courtroom Before the 1793 Fugitive Slave Law,” New England Historical Association, Teleconference, October 17, 2020
- 2020 Roundtable panelist, “Radical Pedagogy in Pandemic,” Activist History Review, Remaking the University in Our Image Conference, Teleconference, September 12, 2020
- 2020 “‘It Would Bring Canada to our Very Doors:’ Reconsidering Fugitive Slaves in the Secession Debate,” American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 3-6, 2020
- 2019 “Fugitivity, Inequality, and the Law in Abolitionist Jurisprudence,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) Conference, Cambridge, MA, July 18-21, 2019
- 2019 “Slave Flight and the Secession Debate,” Remaking American Political History Conference, West Lafayette, IN, June 6-7, 2019
- 2019 “Its Head in the City, Its Body in the Country: Rural Activism and the Fugitive Slave Crisis,” Brown University History Graduate Student Association Conference, Providence, RI, February 22-23, 2019
- 2018 “The Fugitive Slave Crisis and the Politics of Secession,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) Conference, Cleveland, OH, July 19-22, 2018

- 2018 “Popular Non-enforcement of the 1850 Fugitive Slave Law in Northern Communities, 1850-1860,” Organization of American Historians (OAH) Annual Meeting, Sacramento, CA, April 12-14, 2018
- 2018 “Connecting Slave Flight to the Political Discourse of the Secession Crisis, 1860-1861,” Stony Brook University History Graduate Student Association Annual Conference, Stony Brook, NY, April 7, 2018
- 2018 “‘An Overt Act’: The Fugitive Slave Issue and the Political Discourse on Secession,” CUNY Graduate Center History Program Annual Conference, New York, NY, March 16, 2018
- 2017 “Non-enforcement of the 1850 Fugitive Slave Law in the Rural North, 1850-1861,” CUNY Graduate Center History Program Annual Conference, New York, NY, March 24, 2017
- 2016 “‘Every Effort and Sacrifice’: Reverend James W. C. Pennington and Community Improvement Activism in Hartford’s African American Community, 1840-1841,” Association for the Study of Connecticut History Annual Conference, New Haven, CT, November 5, 2016

Workshops/Seminars

- 2023 “*Somerset*, the State, and Reciprocal Rights in American Abolitionism,” David Center for the American Revolution Seminar Series, American Philosophical Society, Teleconference, November 8, 2023
- 2022 “‘This National Crime’: Kidnapping and Interstate Comity in the 1820s,” Missouri Regional Seminar for Early American History, St. Louis, MO, February 11, 2022
- 2021 “The ‘Entering-Wedge’: Nationalizing the Fight over Black Legal Rights, 1796-1821,” CUNY Early American Republic Seminar, New York, NY, October 1, 2021
- 2020 “‘The Law Must Rule Us’: *Somerset* and the Limits of the 1793 Fugitive Slave Law,” University of Oxford Early American Republic Seminar, Teleconference, October 21, 2020
- 2020 “Running toward Abolition: Fugitive Slaves, Legal Rights, and the Coming of the Civil War,” CUNY Early American Republic Seminar, Teleconference, May 1, 2020
- 2017 “Reinterpreting the Means and Meanings of Non-Enforcement of the 1850 Fugitive Slave Law in the Rural North,” CUNY Early American Republic Seminar, New York, NY, April 28, 2017

Discussant

- 2024 Chair, “Early American History,” Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Guns and Society Conference, Middletown, CT, October 18-19, 2024
- 2021 Chair, “The Economic, Political, and Social Crises of the Postwar Period,” CUNY Graduate Center History Program Annual Conference, Teleconference, April 9, 2021

- 2019 Chair, “Constructing Identities in Early America,” CUNY Graduate Center History Program Annual Conference, New York, NY, March 15, 2019
- 2017 Chair, “Interactions and Reactions in Abolition Movements,” CUNY Early American Republic Seminar Graduate Student Annual Conference, New York, NY, May 12, 2017

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

External

- 2025 Committee Member, Bradford-Delaney Dissertation Prize
- 2023-2025 Contributing Editor, The Gotham Center Blog
- 2023 Manuscript Reviewer, *Essays in History*

The Graduate Center, CUNY

- 2020-2021 Executive Committee (elected)
- 2018-2020 Admissions Committee (elected)
- 2019-2020 Alternate, Executive Committee (elected)
- 2017-2019 Co-Chair, Early American Republic Seminar
- 2017-2018 Election Committee (elected)

REFERENCES

Available upon request