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Education

Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	2027
Ph.D. Candidate, History	(Expected)
<i>Dissertation:</i> "Memory's Handmaids: The National Society of Colonial Dames & the Politics of Historic Preservation in Philadelphia"	
<i>Dissertation Committee:</i> Dr. Seth Bruggeman (Chair), Dr. Hilary Iris Lowe, Dr. Danya Pilgrim	
<i>Examination Fields:</i> Early America to 1865; Women, Gender, and Sexuality; Atlantic World	
<i>Examination Committee:</i> Dr. Jessica Choppin Roney; Dr. Katya Motyl; Dr. Travis Glasson	
Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	2021
Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education	
Certificate in Online Education	2020
Millersville University, Millersville, Pennsylvania	2017
M.A. History	
<i>Thesis:</i> "'Ruined as to our Estates: Eighteenth-Century Merchant-Class Families' Search for Security in an Atlantic World at War"	
<i>Thesis Committee:</i> Dr. Clarence V. H. Maxwell (Chair), Dr. Robyn Lily Davis, Dr. Dennis B. Downey	
Millersville University, Millersville, Pennsylvania	2015
B.S.Ed. magna cum laude in Social Studies	
Pennsylvania Instructional I Certification in Social Studies (Grades 7-12)	
<i>Thesis:</i> "Trampling of the Prostrate: The Utility and Rationalization of Imperialist Ideologies in Colonial Africa and the Metropole"	
<i>Thesis Advisor:</i> Dr. Onek C. Adyanga	

Publications

Edited Collections

Co-editor with Victoria Khiterer, *Holocaust Resistance in Europe and America: New Aspects and Dilemmas*, Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. 2017

Journal Articles & Related Contributions

"Duelling Dames: Establishing the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America (under review for the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*) 2026

"Ruined as to our Estates: Eighteenth-Century Merchant-Class Families' Search for Security in an Atlantic World at War." *Bermuda Journal of Archaeology and Maritime History* 22 (2023): pp. 61-85. 2023

"The Southampton Slave Revolt of 1831: A Case Study in the Revolutionary Capacity of the Baptist Faith." *Visions and Revisions: New Scholars and New Interpretations* 1, Graduate Edition (2016): pp. 27-53. 2016

Book Reviews

Review of *The Boston Massacre: A Family History*, by Serena Zabin, *The Historian* 83, No. 2 (2021): pp. 206-207. 2021

Review of *Standing in Their Own Light: African American Patriots in the American Revolution*, by Judith L. Van Buskirk, *Strategic Visions* 17, no. 2 (2018): pp. 22-23. 2018

Digital Projects

"The Forgotten Flu: Philadelphia and the Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918", digital map supplement for *The Forgotten Flu* digital exhibition, created for the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, <https://bit.ly/2IlsglU>. 2018

"Men of known Activity and Spirit': Washington and the Tuckers of Bermuda", digital exhibit for *Bermuda in the American Revolution: The Gunpowder Plot of 1775*, <http://gunpowderplot1775.omeka.net/exhibits/show/exhibit>. 2018

Conference and Paper Presentations

Conference Presentations

Panel Chair, *Indigenous Histories and Student Research at Temple*, 14th Annual Global Temple Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 February. 2023

Panel Chair and Comment, *On Trend: Histories of Fashion*, 25th Annual James A. Barnes Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Hosted Virtually due to COVID-19), 21 March. 2020

Comment, *Long Neglected Historical Actors: The Experiences of Workers in the Middle* 2019

East, Asia, and America, 24th Annual James A. Barnes Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 22-23 March.

“Thieves, Robbers, and such Pests of Society’: The Ambiguous Loyalties of Bermudian Elites, 1775-1784.” 2018 Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Convention, InterContinental Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, 3-6 January. 2018

“Security in a World at War: Merchant-Class Families in the Age of the American Revolution.” Made in Millersville: A Celebration of Student Scholarship and Creativity, Millersville, Pennsylvania, 7 April. 2017

“Merchants in Bermuda and Philadelphia during the American War for Independence.” Pennsylvania East Regional Conference, Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society, Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey, 1 April. 2017

“Two Decades of Discord: The Shippen Family and the Socioeconomic Environment of Philadelphia, 1763 – 1783.” 4th Annual One-Day Conference on Pennsylvania in the Age of Revolution, West Chester University, West Chester, Pennsylvania, 13 October. 2016

“In the time of tryal’: An Examination of Merchant-Class Families during the British Occupation of Philadelphia, 1777 – 1778.” Pennsylvania East Regional Conference, Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society, West Chester, Pennsylvania, 9 April. 2016

Invited Talks, Colloquia, Workshops, and Collaborative Presentations

“The Colonial Dames and the Mnemonic Landscape in Philadelphia,” Invited lecture HIST 8152, Managing History, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. 28 January. 2025

“From Fair Fame to Colonial Dame: Elizabeth Duane Gillespie and Patriotic Philanthropy during the Colonial Revival.” Annual Meeting of the National Society of the Colonial Dames, Pennsylvania Chapter. 15 March. 2023

“The Stories They Told: Race, Gender, and Historic Preservation in Turn-of-the-Century Philadelphia.” Temple Early Atlantic Seminar. 1 March. 2021

“A 2020 Perspective on the 1918 Flu.” Co-presenter with Dr. Hilary Iris Lowe and Char Hersh. Interruption Public Talk Series hosted by Temple University Libraries, Temple University, 27 October. 2020

“The Burk Mansion Project: Reflections on Open Pedagogy.” Co-presenter with Dr. Seth Bruggeman and Margery Sly. OpenCon Philly Satellite Conference, Temple University, 1 November. 2019

“Ruined as to our Estates: Eighteenth-Century Merchant-Class Families’ Search for Security in an Atlantic World at War.” Temple Early Atlantic Seminar. 1 October. 2019

“Uncertain Waters: Loyalty, Family, and Fortune during the Anglo-American Revolution,” *Trust Talks*, The Bermuda National Trust, Waterville, Paget, Bermuda, 1 July. 2019

- "The 1918 Spanish Flu Epidemic: Implications for Today." Philadelphia Department of Public Health Training Session, Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Division of Disease Control, DoubleTree Philadelphia Center City, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 14 December. 2018
- "The Forgotten Flu: The 100-Year Anniversary of the Spanish Flu in Philadelphia." Co-presenter with Dr. Hilary Iris Lowe. Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Training, Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Division of Disease Control, University of the Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 December. 2018
- "Preservation in Philadelphia: The Case of 1500 N. Broad." Introduction to Public History Undergraduate Seminar, Center for Public History, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 6 November. 2018
- "The Politics of Sexual Violence during the American Revolution." Graduate Research Seminar on Women, Gender, and Family in the Era of the American Revolution, chaired by Craig Thompson Friend and Charlene Boyer Lewis, Fortieth Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Cleveland, Ohio, 19-22 July. 2018
- "Men of known Activity and Spirit': West End Bermudians as American Patriots." Patrons Event, in association with Bermuda National Trust. Chubb Gallery, Hamilton, Bermuda, 18 July. 2017
- "Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Faculty Strike, October, 2016: The View from Millersville." Co-presenter with Lauren H. Cameron. Made in Millersville: A Celebration of Student Scholarship and Creativity, Millersville, Pennsylvania, 7 April. 2017
- "Distress & Displacement: A Geographical Case Study of Revolutionary Pennsylvania." Co-presenter with Lindsay Roschel. Made in Millersville: A Celebration of Student Scholarship and Creativity, Millersville, Pennsylvania, 7 April. 2017
- "Holocaust Resistance in Europe and America: New Aspects and Dilemmas." Co-presenter with Dr. Victoria Khiterer. Made in Millersville: A Celebration of Student Scholarship and Creativity, Millersville, Pennsylvania, 7 April. 2017
- "Three Days in October: Faculty Strike Oral History Project, Millersville University." Co-presenter with Katie M. Barrett, Elizabeth Nelson, and Lauren H. Cameron. State System of Higher Education Library Cooperative Organization Annual Conference, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 30 March. 2017
- "Families of the Revolution: A Comparison of Philadelphia & Lancaster, Pennsylvania." Co-presenter with Lindsay Roschel. 85th Annual Meeting, Pennsylvania Historical Association, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, 8 October. 2016

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Pennsylvania State History Award, Daughters of the American Colonists, PA Chapter	2023
A. Charles and S. Nevada Adams Graduate Research Fund, Temple University [Second Award from Adams Fund for dissertation research]	2020
A. Charles and S. Nevada Adams Graduate Research Fund, Temple University [First Award from Adams Fund for a Teaching in Higher Education certification]	2020
Allen F. Davis Endowed Fellowship in Public History, Temple University	2018-2019
College of Liberal Arts Travel Grant, Temple University	2018
Student Grant for Research and Creative Activity, Millersville University	2017
Francis J. Bremer Award for Excellence in Early American History, Millersville University	2017
Graduate Studies Student Research Grant, Millersville University	2017
Noonan Endowment Award, Millersville University	2016
Francis J. Bremer Award for Excellence in Early American History Millersville University	2016
Jack Loose Sons of the Revolution American History Research Award, Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution, Lancaster County Chapter	2016
Graduate Studies Student Research Grant, Millersville University	2016
Student Grant for Research and Creative Activity, Millersville University	2016
Joseph E. Walker American History Scholarship, Millersville University	2014

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Department of History, Temple University The Historian's Craft, HIST 2001 History of the United States to 1877, HIST 1101 The Politics of Identity, HIST 0832	2019-2022
Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Temple University United States History to 1877, Dr. Joseph Foster Founding Philadelphia, Dr. Joseph Foster United States History Since 1877, Dr. Hilary Iris Lowe Global Connections, Dr. Christopher Golding	2017-2018
Graduate Assistant, Department of History, Millersville University	2015-2017

History Tutor, Millersville University	2014-2017
Professional Development Intern, Conestoga Valley Middle School, Lancaster, Pennsylvania	2014-2015

Workshops Facilitated

“Comprehensive Advice for Comprehensive Exams”, James A. Barnes History Graduate Student Organization, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 26 September.	2018
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Public History Experience

Visitor Engagement Associate, Museum of the American Revolution, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	2022-2023
Collection Digitization Consultant, Stenton House Museum, Germantown, Pennsylvania	2021
Research Assistant to Dr. Seth Bruggeman and HIST 2152: Museum History, <i>Inequality in Bronze: Monumental Plantation Legacies</i> , Stenton House Museum, Temple University Center for Public History, and the Pew Center for Arts & Heritage.	2019
Digital Content Consultant, <i>Fashion History is Public History</i> , The Robert and Penny Fox Collection at Drexel University and Temple University Center for Public History	2019
Data Analysis and Visualization Consultant, <i>The Philadelphia Historic House Museum Database</i> (Working Title), Temple University Center for Public History	2018-2019
Project and Digital Content Manager, <i>1500 N. Broad Project</i> , Temple University Center for Public History	2018-2019
Co-Curator and Digital Content Developer, <i>The Forgotten Flu: Philadelphia and the Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918</i> , Joint Project of the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Division of Disease Control and Temple University Center for Public History, https://phillyflu1918.wordpress.com/ .	2017-2018
Research Consultant, Millersville University & LancasterHistory.org	2017-2019
Intern, National Museum of Bermuda, Sandys Parish, Bermuda	2016-2017
Oral History Interviewer, Millersville University Archives & Special Collections, Millersville, Pennsylvania	2016-2017
Archives Aide, Millersville University Archives & Special Collections, Millersville, Pennsylvania	2014
Museum and Archives Intern, Columbia Historic Preservation Society, Columbia, Pennsylvania	2013
Walking Tour Leader, Civil War Sesquicentennial, Columbia Historic Preservation	2013

Service

Conference Organizer, 14 th Annual Global Temple Conference, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 1.	2023
Conference Prize Committee, James A. Barnes Club History Graduate Student Organization, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	2021
Digital Content Chair, James A. Barnes Club History Graduate Student Organization, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	2019-2020
Annual Conference Committee Member, James A. Barnes Club History Graduate Student Organization, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	2018-2019
President, Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha-Lambda-Eta Chapter, Millersville University	2016-2017
Manuscript Collections Transcriber, <i>Bermuda Journal of Archaeology & Maritime History</i> , Sandys Parish, Bermuda	2016-2019
Presentation Adjudicator, 38 th Annual National History Day, Resurrection Middle School, Lancaster, Pennsylvania	2016
Conference Administrator, 34 th Conference on the Holocaust and Genocide Millersville University	2016
Vice-President, Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha-Lambda-Eta Chapter, Millersville University	2015-2016
Walker Center Fellowship for Civic and Community Leader Professional Development, Center for Civic and Community Engagement, Millersville University	2013

Professional Affiliations

American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
National Council of Public History
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
American Association for State and Local History
Pennsylvania Historical Association
Friends of the McNeil Center for Early American Studies
Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture
Germantown Historical Society
James A. Barnes History Graduate Student Organization
Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society
Gamma Theta Upsilon International Geographical Honor Society
Alpha Epsilon Lambda National Graduate and Professional School Honor Society

Foreign Languages

Reading proficiency in **German**