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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025- Faculty Director, Center for Digital Scholarship, Brown University
2015- Associate Professor (tenured), Department of History, Brown University
2009-2015 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Brown University
2008-2009 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Indiana University South Bend
2007-2008 Tutor in Early American History, History and Literature, Harvard University

EDUCATION

2008 Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., Th.D., History of Religion in America
2002 Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, S. Hamilton, Mass., M.A., Church History
2002 Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, S. Hamilton, Mass., M.A., Religion
1999 Lancaster Bible College, Lancaster, Penn., B.S., Religion

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Stealing America: The Hidden Story of Indigenous Enslavement in U.S. History (W.W. Norton/Liveright, forthcoming April 2026).

Reading Roger Williams: Rogue Puritans, Indigenous Nations, and the Founding of America – A Documentary History, with Sheila McIntyre and Julie Fisher, eds. (Pickwick/Wipf and Stock, 2024; paperback 2024).

Decoding Roger Williams: The Lost Essay of Rhode Island's Founding Father, with J. Stanley Lemons and Lucas Mason-Brown (Baylor University Press, 2014).

The Indian Great Awakening: Religion and the Shaping of Native Cultures in Early America (Oxford University Press, 2012; paperback 2014).

MAJOR DIGITAL PROJECT

Stolen Relations: Recovering Stories of Indigenous Enslavement in the Americas. Principal Investigator and Editor. 2015 - present. Awarded a \$350,000 NEH grant, 2022-2025.

Launched May 2025: www.stolenrelations.org

Two exhibits planned for 2026 at the Tomaquag Museum (Narragansett) and the Simmons Center (Brown)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Indigenous Slavery in the Dutch Atlantic,” with Evan Haefeli and Mark Meuwese, *Early American Studies* (forthcoming 2026).

“The Persistence of Indigenous Unfreedom in Early American Newspaper Advertisements, 1704–1804,” with Anjali DasSarma, *Slavery & Abolition* vol. 44, no. 2 (March 2023 online; June 2023 print).

“Guest Editors’ Introduction: New Directions in the History of Native American Slavery Studies,” with Arne Bialuschewski, for a special issue on Native slavery for *Ethnohistory* vol. 64, no. 1 (January 2017).

“‘Why shall wee have peace to bee made slaves?’ Indian Surrenderers During and After King Philip’s War,” for a special issue on Native slavery for *Ethnohistory* vol. 64, no. 1 (January 2017).

“Evangelicals and Unevangelicals: The Contested History of a Word, 1500–1950,” *Religion & American Culture* vol. 26, no. 2 (July 2016). Reprinted in Mark A. Noll, David W. Bebbington, George M. Marsden, *Evangelicals: Who They Have Been, Are Now, and Could Be* (Eerdmans, 2019).

“‘Not in our Neighborhood’: the SPGNA, American Indians, and the Turn to Foreign Missions in the Early Republic,” *Common-place: The Interactive Journal of Early American Life* 15:3 (Spring 2015).

“‘By Treachery and Seduction’: Indian Baptism and Conversion in the Roger Williams Code,” with Lucas Mason-Brown, *The William and Mary Quarterly* 71, no. 2, 3rd ser. (April 2014): 175–202.

“‘Dangerous Designes’: The 1676 Barbados Act to Prohibit New England Indian Slave Importation,” *The William and Mary Quarterly* 71, no. 1, 3rd ser. (January 2014): 99–124.

“An Indian Bible and a Brass Hawk: Land, Sachemship Disputes, and Power in the Conversion of Ben Uncas II,” *Journal of Social History* 47:2 (Winter 2013): 1–25.

“‘It provd But Temporary, & Short lived’: Pequot Affiliation in the First Great Awakening,” *Ethnohistory* 59:3 (July 2012): 465–488.

“Writing Histories: Empire, Religion, and the Production of Native American Manuscripts, 1600–1800,” in *Manuscripts* 63:4 (Fall 2011): 101–120.

“Native Americans, Conversion, and Christian Practice in Colonial New England,” *Harvard Theological Review* 102:1 (January 2009): 101–124.

“‘I believe they are Papists!’: Natives, Moravians, and the Politics of Conversion in Eighteenth-Century Connecticut,” *The New England Quarterly* 81:3 (September 2008): 410–437.

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS AND ESSAYS

“‘All Manner of Slavery Servitude Labour Service Bondage and Hire’: Varieties of Indian and African Unfreedom in Colonial New England and Jamaica,” published in Chinese (only), translated by Mi Zhang, in *Studies of Maritime History* (2025).

“Definitions of Slavery and Trafficking,” in *A Cultural History of Slavery and Human Trafficking in the Age of Encounters (1450–1700)*, R. A. Kashanipour, ed., vol. 3 in *A Cultural History of Slavery and Human Trafficking* (Bloomsbury, 2024).

“A ‘Spanish Indian Squaw’ in New England: Indian Ann’s Journey from Slavery to Freedom,” in *Hearing Enslaved Voices: African and Indian Slave Testimony in British and French America, 1700-1848*, eds. Trevor Bernard and Sophie White (Routledge, 2020).

“Native Americans and Africans,” in *Oxford Bibliographies in Atlantic History*, Ed. Trevor Burnard (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018).

“Native Americans, Race, and Religion in Colonial America,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Race in American History*, Paul Harvey and Kathryn Lum, eds. (Oxford University Press, 2018).

“The Bible and Indigenous Language Translations in the Americas,” in *The Oxford Handbook of the Bible in America*, Paul Gutjahr, ed. (Oxford University Press, 2017).

“America’s First Bible: Native Uses, Abuses, and Reuses of the Indian Bible of 1663,” in *The Bible in American Life*, Philip Goff, Arthur Farnsley, and Peter Thuesen, eds. (Oxford University Press, 2017).

“Religion, Race, and the Formation of Pan-Indian Identities in the Brotherton Movement, 1700–1800,” in *Native Diasporas: Indigenous Identities and Settler Colonialism in the Americas*, Gregory D. Smithers and Brooke N. Newman, eds. (University of Nebraska Press, 2014).

“Colonial Encounters,” in *The Columbia Guide to Religion in American History*, Paul Harvey and Edward J. Blum, eds. (Columbia University Press, 2012).

OTHER ACADEMIC ESSAYS

“Slavery in the Atlantic World,” in Marjory Gomez O’Toole, ed., *If Jane Should Want to be Sold: Stories of Enslavement, Indenture and Freedom in Little Compton, Rhode Island* (Little Compton Historical Society, 2016).

Solicited roundtable review essay on Jace Weaver, *The Red Atlantic: American Indigenes and the Making of the Modern World, 1000-1927* (UNC Press, 2014) in *Journal of American Studies* 50:4 (November 2016).

“Dickinson, Jonathan (1688-1747)” in *The Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of the American Enlightenment*, Mark G. Spencer, ed., 2 vols. (Bloomsbury Academic, 2015).

“Indian Casinos” in *Encyclopedia of the Culture Wars*, 2 vols. (M.E. Sharpe, 2009).

“Loyalists,” and “Loyalist Exiles” in the *Encyclopedia of the American Revolutionary War*, 4 vols (ABC-CLIO, 2006).

“Native Americans, Conversion to Christianity” in *The United States at War: Understanding Conflict and Society* (ABC-CLIO’s reference website, 2005).

“Lawrence Abbott Lowell,” “Robert A. Woods,” and “Neighborhood Idea” in *The Encyclopedia of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, 3 vols (M.E. Sharpe, 2005).

PUBLIC/POPULAR ESSAYS

“American Indians and the Doctrine of (Christian) Discovery,” 7/13/2012, History of Christianity (<http://www.churchhistory.org/blogs/>)

Religion in American History (<http://usreligion.blogspot.com/>)

“Roger Williams, the First American? Some Thoughts on John Barry’s Roger Williams and the Creation of the American Soul,” 7/12/2012.

“Big Ideas in a Small State: Roger Williams and the 375th Anniversary of the founding of Providence, Rhode Island,” 5/23/2012.

“A Step Closer to a Mohawk Saint,” 12/19/2011.

“Of Tea Parties, Historical Fundamentalism, and Antihistory,” 10/27/2010.

“Frankly, My Dear, I Don’t Give a Franciscan,” 8/23/2010.

“King Philip’s Board Game: Educating or Trivializing?” 4/14/2010.

“The View from Pachgatgoch (or, Why Moravians are Still Sexy),” 2/19/2010.

“Doctrine of Christian Discovery,” 11/12/2009.

“‘To Live Upon Hope’: Conversation with Rachel Wheeler,” 8/19/2009.

“Thoughts on the 1st Biannual Religion and American History Conference,” 6/7/2009.

“Comparative Ethnohistory,” 4/3/2009.

BOOK REVIEWS

D. Andrew Johnson, *Enslaved Native Americans and the Making of Colonial South Carolina* (Johns Hopkins, 2024) in the *Journal of Southern History* (in progress).

Andrés Reséndez, *The Other Slavery: The Uncovered Story of Indian Enslavement in America* (Houghton-Mifflin, 2016) in *The Common Reader* (July 2017).

Stephanie Kirk and Sarah Rivett, *Religious Transformations in the Early Modern Americas* (Penn, 2014) in *Renaissance Quarterly* 70 1 (2017).

Emily Conroy-Krutz, *Christian Imperialism: Converting the World in the Early American Republic* (Cornell, 2015) in the *American Historical Review* 121 4 (2016): 1274-1275.

Nathaniel Philbrick, *Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution* (Viking, 2016) in *Brown Alumni Monthly* (July/August 2016).

Michael Guasco, *Slaves and Englishmen: Human Bondage in the Early Modern Atlantic World* (Penn, 2014) in the *Journal of Historical Geography* vol. 53 (July 2016).

Julie Fisher and David Silverman, *Ninigret, Sachem of the Niantics and Narragansetts: Diplomacy, War, and the Balance of Power in Seventeenth-Century New England and Indian Country* (Cornell, 2014) in *The William and Mary Quarterly* 3rd Ser. 72:3 (July 2015).

Eric R. Schlereth, *An Age of Infidels: The Politics of Religious Controversy in the Early United States* (Penn, 2013) in *The Journal of Religion* 95:2 (April 2015).

Julius Rubin, *Tears of Repentance: Christian Indian Identity and Community in Colonial Southern New England* (Nebraska, 2013) in *Ethnohistory* 61:3 (Summer 2014).

- Edward E. Andrews, *Native Apostles: Black and Indian Missionaries in the British Atlantic World* (Harvard, 2013) in *Journal of American Studies* 48:1 (February 2014).
- Laura Chmielewski, *The Spice of Popery: Converging Christianities on an Early American Frontier* (Notre Dame, 2011) in *Church History* 82:4 (December 2013).
- Hilary E. Wyss, *English Letters and Indian Literacies: Reading, Writing, and New England Missionary Schools, 1750-1830* (Penn, 2012) in *Journal of American History* 100:2 (2013).
- Amanda Porterfield and John Corrigan, eds., *Religion in American History* (Wiley Blackwell, 2010) in *Church History and Religious Culture* 93:1 (2013).
- Tracy Neal Leavelle, *The Catholic Calumet: Colonial Conversions in French and Indian North America* (Penn, 2012) in *Church History* (June 2013).
- R. Todd Romero, *Making War and Minting Christians: Masculinity, Religion, and Colonialism in Early New England* (University of Massachusetts, 2011) in *The Catholic Historical Review* 98:3 (July 2012).
- Brad D. E. Jarvis, *The Brothertown Nation of Indians: Land Ownership and Nationalism in Early America, 1740–1840* (Nebraska, 2010) in *Journal of American History* 98:1 (June 2011).
- Joseph M. Hall, Jr., *Zamumo's Gifts: Indian-European Exchange in the Colonial Southeast* (Penn, 2009) in the *Florida Historical Quarterly* 89:2 (Fall 2010).
- Rachel Wheeler, *To Live Upon Hope: Mohicans and Missionaries in the Eighteenth-Century Northeast* (Cornell, 2008) in the *Journal of Social History* 44:1 (Fall 2010).
- Corinna Dally-Starna and William A. Starna, eds., *Gideon's People: Being a Chronicle of an American Indian Community in Colonial Connecticut and the Moravian Missionaries Who Served There*, 2 vols. (Nebraska, 2009) in *The New England Quarterly* 83:2 (June 2010).
- Margaret Connell Szasz, *Scottish Highlanders and Native Americans: Indigenous Education in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World* (Oklahoma, 2007) in *Scotia: Interdisciplinary Journal of Scottish Studies* 31 (2009).
- Thomas S. Kidd, *The Great Awakening: The Roots of Evangelical Christianity in Colonial America* (Yale, 2007) in *The New England Quarterly* 81:2 (June 2008).
- Timothy L. Wood, *Agents of Wrath, Sowers of Discord: Authority and Dissent in Puritan Massachusetts, 1630-1655* (Routledge, 2006) in *Fides et Historia* 39:1 (Winter/Spring 2007).
- Phillip Benedict, *Christ's Churches Purely Reformed: A Social History of Calvinism* (Yale, 2002) in *Journal of Early Modern History* 8:2 (May 2004).
- Francis Bremer, *John Winthrop: America's Forgotten Founding Father* (Oxford, 2003) in *Fides et Historia* 36:1 (Winter/Spring 2004).

Denis R. Janz, ed., *A Reformation Reader* (Fortress, 1999) in *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* (September 2001).

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Eva Butler Award, Tomaquag Museum	2025
National Endowment for the Humanities, Digital Humanities Advancement Grant, for Stolen Relations project (Principal Investigator)	2022-2025
American Council of Learned Societies, Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowship (taken in 2017-2018)	2015
Newberry Library NEH Lloyd Lewis Long-Term Fellowship in American History	2014-2015
American Antiquarian Society NEH Long-Term Fellowship	2014-2015
Library Company of Philadelphia NEH Long-Term Fellowship (declined)	2014-2015
Elected Resident Member, Colonial Society of Massachusetts	2013
Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society	2011-2012
Young Scholar in American Religion, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, IUPUI	2010-2012
Massachusetts Historical Society NEH Long-Term Fellowship	2010-2011
American Philosophical Society, Phillips Fund for Native American Research	2007-2008
American Antiquarian Society, Peterson Fellowship	2007-2008
Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, Research Fellowship	2006-2007

INTERNAL GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Center for the Study of Slavery and Ethnicity (for Stolen Relations)	2025-2026
Harold R. Swearer Center Engaged Faculty Award for Research	2023
Faculty Support Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library	2022-2023
Faculty Fellow, Simmons Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice	2021-present
NAISI Course Development Grant	Spring 2022
Karen T. Romer Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award (2023, 2021, 2020, 2018, 2016, 2013, 2012, 2010)	
Seed Grant, OVPR, for the Database of Indigenous Slavery in the Americas, Brown University	2018-2019
Research Seed Grant, Social Sciences Research Institute, for the Database of Indigenous Slavery in the Americas, Brown University	2017-2018
Research Seed Grant, Population Studies and Training Center, for the Database of Indigenous Slavery in the Americas, Brown University	2016-2017
Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology, Brown University, Faculty Fellow	2016-2017
Henry Merritt Wriston Fellowship, Brown University	2014-2015
Humanities Initiative Research Award, Brown University (Roger Williams code project)	2013
Richard B. Salomon Faculty Research Award, Brown University	2011-2012
William R. Hutchison Doctoral Fellowship, Harvard University.	2006-2007
Distinction in Teaching Award, Committee on Undergraduate Education, Harvard	Fall 2006
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PROGRAMMATIC FUNDING

Simmons Center, Brown 2026, Swearer Center, Populations Studies Center, History Department, for the Stolen Relations Launch Symposium, May 10, 2025	2025
Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, for the Stolen Relations Summer Institute (for local Native tribal members)	2021-2024

Humanities Initiative Research Award, Brown University, to support a lecture series in partnership with the Middle Passages and Port Markers Project	2017-2018
Imagine Brown 250+ Grant, for a lecture series, "1764: Brown's Founding in a Global Context"	2014-2015
Humanities Initiative Research Award, Brown University, to support the JCB/Brown British Atlantic Seminar	2013-2014
Salomon Grant (for course enhancement), Brown University (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)	

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

"The Hidden Story of Indigenous Slavery in U.S. History," Slave Legacy History Coalition, online, March 11, 2026.

"Revolutionary Resistance in the Stealing of America," Tomaquag Museum, online, March 9, 2026.

"Building the Stolen Relations Project: Indigenous Slavery and the Digital Humanities," Omohundro Institute Digital Projects Coffeehouse (William & Mary), online, November 11, 2025.

"Decolonizing Archives, Recovering Stories: The Stolen Relations Project and Native American Slavery," with Lorén Spears, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, October 21, 2025.

"Stolen Relations: Recovering the History of Native American Enslavement," with Lorén Spears, Brooklyn Public Library and the Brooklyn Center for History, Brooklyn, NY, October 20, 2025.

Presidential Plenary Panel, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Providence, RI, July 17, 2025.

"The Great Awakening and the Native Community," Third House Nature Center, Montauk, NY, March 29, 2025.

"Surviving Enslavement in the War for New England, 1675-1676," Tomaquag Museum, online, February 24, 2025.

Walter H. Capps Memorial Lecture, plenary roundtable discussant, National Humanities Conference, Providence, RI, November 15, 2024.

"Connecting Native Histories, Past and Present: The Stolen Relations Project and Native American Slavery," co-presentation with Alexis Moreis (Chappaquiddick Wampanoag), Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI, April 5, 2024.

"Stolen Relations: Centuries of Native Enslavement in the Americas," co-presentation with Alexis Moreis (Chappaquiddick Wampanoag), Lorén Spears (Narragansett), and Cheryll Toney Holley (Hassanamisco Nipmuc) for Historic Bostons, Boston Public Library, Boston, MA, November 15, 2023.

“Indigenous Enslavement, Settler Colonialism, and Parsing Mixed Race Identities,” as part of the Draper Workshop, titled “Native American and African American History: Contradictions and Convergences,” University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, November 2, 2023.

“Long Island Native Americans and Missionaries,” Walt Whitman Birthplace Association, Long Island, NY, October 14, 2023 (virtual).

“Stolen Relations: Recovering Stories of Indigenous Enslavement in the Americas,” Boston College, Newton, MA, October 12, 2023.

“‘An Infinity of Indians’: The Miskitu Slave Trade and Wars of Empire,” Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, February 13, 2023.

“The Persistence of Indigenous Enslavement in Dutch and English New York and New Jersey,” Jacob Leisler Institute, Hudson, NY, June 9, 2022 (virtual).

“Resisting Race Shifting in Indigenous Freedom Suits,” as part of the Wilberforce Institute Webinar on “Indigenous Slavery in the Atlantic World, University of Hull, March 31, 2022 (virtual).

Respondent to Peter Olsen-Harbich, “Seceding from the Sachemship: Coercion, Ethnology, and Colonial Failure in Early Historic New England,” Pauline Maier Early American History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA, January 11, 2022 (virtual).

“Native Enslavement and Settler Colonialism in Early New England,” joint presentation with Paula Peters (Mashpee Wampanoag), North Truro Historical Society, North Truro, Massachusetts, August 4, 2021 (virtual).

“Indigenous Enslavement in the Americas: An Overview,” Munson Institute, Mystic Seaport Research Center and Museum, Mystic, CT, July 7, 2021 (virtual).

“An ‘Infinity of Indians’: Contextualizing Changes in Indian Slavery, 1720-1750,” Columbia Seminar on Early American History and Culture, Columbia University, NYC, April 13, 2021 (virtual).

Respondent to Daniel Mandell, “The 1621 Massasoit-Plymouth Agreement and the Genesis of American Indian Constitutionalism,” Pauline Maier Early American History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA, March 3, 2020.

“Understanding Race and Indigeneity in Native American Enslavement in the Early Modern Atlantic,” the University of Pennsylvania and the McNeil Center, Philadelphia, PA, February 13, 2020.

“The Rise and Fall of Slavery in the Atlantic World,” Smith’s Castle, Wickford, RI, June 11, 2019.

“Native Americans in Bermuda: The History and Legacies of the 17th c. Indian Slave Trade,” Bermuda Heartbeats Lecture Series, Hamilton, Bermuda, May 7, 2019.

“Native American Slavery and the Digital Humanities,” Northeastern University, Boston, MA, April 3, 2019.

“Indian Slave Trading in Colonial America and the English Caribbean,” Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, Paris, France, March 18, 2019.

“New Digital Tools for Understanding Native Slavery: The Database of Indigenous Slavery in the Americas,” Université Paris 7 Diderot, Paris, France, March 18, 2019.

“Indigenizing New England History: New Contexts and Perspectives for Old Stories,” Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA, November 1, 2018.

“The Database of Indigenous Slavery in the Americas,” presentation to high school history teachers, Choices Program, Brown University, November 20, 2018.

“The Database of Indigenous Slavery in the Americas,” symposium on The Study of Slavery and Abolition in the Digital Age, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University, May 4, 2018.

Respondent to Matthew Kruer, “The Time of Anarchy: the Susquehannock Scattering and the Crisis of English Colonialism, 1675-1685,” Boston Area Early American History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA, May 1, 2018.

“The Indian Slave Trade in the English Caribbean, 1650-1700,” EMSI-Huntington Library American Origins Seminar, Huntington Library, Pasadena, CA, April 7, 2018.

“Indigenous New England: Colonization and Enslavement of Indians,” symposium on Interpreting Slavery and Freedom in New England, The Center for Reconciliation, Providence, RI, March 26, 2018.

“The Invader’s Religion: Adaptation, Indigenization, and Christian Practice in Native American Lifeways,” Robert and Myra Kraft and Jacob Hiatt Lecture, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, February 27, 2018.

“Fetcht From Other Countries’: The Persistence of Indian Slavery in the English Atlantic,” Atlantic History Workshop, New York University, New York, December 5, 2017.

“Indigenous Enslavement in the Atlantic World,” Tomaquag Museum, Exeter, Rhode Island, November 18, 2017.

“Stranger Danger: Indians, Africans, English, and the World of Atlantic Slavery,” Old Berwick Historical Society, Berwick, ME, September 28, 2017.

“From Indian to African? Transitions in Labor in the Early Modern English Atlantic,” Rocky Mountain Seminar in Early American History, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, April 28, 2017.

“Atlantic Slavery: Native American and African Slavery in New England and the Caribbean,” Lapidus Center for the Historical Analysis of Transatlantic Slavery, Schomburg Center, New York Public Library, New York, NY, April 6, 2017.

“Atlantic Slavery: African and Native American Slavery in New England and the Caribbean,” East Providence Public Library, Providence, RI, February 17, 2017.

“Atlantic Slavery: African and Native American Slavery in New England and the Caribbean,” Colonial Society of Massachusetts, Boston, MA, December 15, 2016.

“Native American Slavery in New England and the Caribbean,” Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI, December 6, 2016.

“Land of the Unfree: Indians, Africans, and the World of Colonial Slavery,” Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, Brown University, Providence, RI, November 11, 2016.

“New England Slavery in an Atlantic World,” Little Compton Historical Society, Little Compton, RI, September 27, 2016.

“Colonization, Christianization, and Resistance in Native New England,” Yale Institute of Sacred Music, Norwich, CT, September 17, 2016.

“A Forced Diaspora: Tracking New England Native Enslavement in the Seventeenth-Century Atlantic,” Population and Training Studies Colloquium, Brown University, Providence, RI, December 10, 2015.

Panel discussant, “Questions of Faith: Religion, Diasporas, and Colonialism,” Tufts University, Medford, MA, November 9, 2015.

Panel discussant, “What Was so Great about the Great Awakening?” Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA, October 13, 2015.

“‘All Manner of Slavery Servitude Labour Service Bondage and Hire’: Varieties of Indian and African Unfreedom in Colonial New England and Jamaica,” the Boston Area Early American History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA, May 5, 2015.

“‘Fetcht from other Countries’: Indian Slavery in the English Atlantic,” pre-circulated paper for the Seminar in the History of the Americas and the World, John Carter Brown Library, Providence, RI, April 15, 2015.

“Cracking the Code: Decoding Roger Williams,” public lecture, Congregational Library, Boston, MA, February 18, 2015.

“‘Dangerous Merchandize’: Religion and Enslavement in the English Atlantic World,” public lecture, University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL, February 2, 2015.

“Decoding Roger Williams: Solving a Seventeenth-Century Mystery,” public lecture, Massachusetts Historical Society, November 17, 2014.

“Indian Slavery in the English Caribbean,” Loyola University Chicago, Chicago IL, November 11, 2014.

“Indian Slavery in Early America: What Happened to Enslaved New England Indians?” public lecture, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, October 28, 2014.

“Indian Slavery in the Americas: The View from Three English Caribbean Islands,” Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, September 30, 2014.

“God is Red?: The Politics of Native American Christianity,” LeRoy Martin Distinguished Lecturer Series, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, September 23, 2014.

“A Key Into the Language of Roger Williams: Indian Conversion in the Roger Williams Code,” Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center, Ledyard, CT, April 5, 2014.

“Historians’ Perspectives on and Uses of the Indian Bible of 1663,” part of a symposium titled “A Conversation About America’s Oldest Bible,” Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center, Ledyard, CT, March 1, 2014.

“Decoding Roger Williams: Texts, Cryptography, and the Materiality of an Early American Mystery,” Columbia University Society of Fellows, New York City, February 27, 2014.

“Paradise Lost? The Origins and Legacies of Rhode Island’s Religious Freedom,” public lecture, East Providence Public Library, East Providence, RI, January 27, 2014.

“The Indian Great Awakening,” public lecture, The Spectacle of Toleration (Newport Historical Society), Lincoln, RI, September 24, 2013.

“Indian Conversion in the Roger Williams Code,” public lecture, Roger Williams National Memorial and the First Baptist Church in America, Providence, RI, April 30, 2013.

“Williams on Native Conversion: New Insights from the Roger Williams Code,” public lecture, Duke University, Durham, NC, April 1, 2013.

“The Indian Great Awakening,” public lecture, Connecticut State Library, Hartford, CT, March 21, 2013.

“Native Americans in the First Great Awakening,” for REL 730 Native Americans and Christianity, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT, February 25, 2013.

“The Indian Great Awakening,” Yale Group for the Study of Native America, Yale University, New Haven, CT, February 25, 2013.

“Texts, Math, and History in the Cracking of the Roger Williams Code,” for AM 50 Applied Mathematics, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, February 11, 2013.

Respondent to a panel titled “Race, Religion, and Freedom in the Eighteenth Century North,” Boston Area Early American History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA, February 5, 2013.

“Religion and Enslavement in Colonial New England and the Atlantic World,” public lecture, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, January 22, 2013.

“God’s Own Party? The Past, Present, and Future of the Christian Right in American Politics,” public lecture, Janus Fellows, Brown University, Providence, RI, December 5, 2012.

“The Indian Great Awakening,” Congregational Library, Boston, MA, November 15, 2012.

“Christianity and the Native American Religious Experience,” public lecture, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster, PA, November 12, 2012.

“The Indian Great Awakening,” Circle Legacy Center, Lancaster, PA, November 9, 2012.

“The Indian Great Awakening: Religion and the Shaping of Native Cultures in Early America,” public lecture, Brown Bookstore, Providence, RI, October 9, 2012.

“The Indian Great Awakening: Religion and the Shaping of Native Cultures in Early America,” public lecture, John Carter Brown Library, Providence, RI, September 20, 2012.

“Indians at Harvard? Religion, Education, and Natives in Colonial New England,” public lecture, William Hall Public Library, Cranston, RI, April 30, 2012.

“The Indian Great Awakening: Religion and the Shaping of Native Cultures in Early America,” public lecture, South Kingstown Public Library, South Kingstown, RI, March 12, 2012.

“Writing Histories: Empire, Religion, and the Production of Native American Manuscripts, 1600–1800,” plenary address, the Manuscript Society annual conference, Providence, RI, June 4, 2011.

“The Land of the Unfree: Africans, Indians, and the Varieties of Slavery and Servitude in Colonial New England,” Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA, April 6, 2011.

“‘An appearance of vital piety & religion’: New England Natives and the First Great Awakening,” Early American History and Culture Seminar, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, March 24, 2011.

“The Indian Great Awakening? Natives, Religion, and Empire in New England, 1700-1800,” Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, February 16, 2011.

“An Indian Great Awakening? Negotiating Colonialism in Eighteenth Century New England,” Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA, October 6, 2010.

“Discovering Henry Hudson: The Ironic Origins of New York,” College Hill Society, Providence, RI, May 28, 2010.

“Drove Them From Their Planting Land’: Sachems, Empire, and Religion in the Mohegan Land Controversy, 1700-1745,” Medieval and Modern History Seminar, Brown University, April 20, 2010.

“In Literature & University Learning’: Native Views on and Uses of Education in Colonial New England,” Seventh Annual All Ivy Native Council Conference, Brown University, Providence, RI, April 18, 2010.

“The Ironies of Discovery: Hudson as Explorer,” faculty lecture at a Boldly Brown alumni event, Jazz at Lincoln Center, New York City, November 5, 2009.

“Negotiating Colonialism: Religion, Race, and Empire in New England Indian Lives, 1700–1800,” public lecture, Brown University, Providence, RI, February 26, 2009.

“Traditional Religion’: The Great Awakening and the Shaping of Native Cultures in Southern New England, 1736-1776,” Indiana University South Bend, January 25, 2008.

“John Eliot and the Christian Indians of New England,” Roxbury Community College, Roxbury, MA, February 25, 2006.

“The Amish in the American Cultural Imagination: A Response to ‘Devil’s Playground,’” Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, February 23, 2005.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Stolen Relations Launch Symposium, Brown University, Providence, RI, May 10, 2025. Featured a day of tribal presentations along with project staff and academic advisors.

PRESENTING

“Documenting Indigenous Enslavement: The Stolen Relations Project,” North American Conference on British Studies annual conference, Montreal, Canada, November 15, 2025.

“Stolen Relations: Recovering Stories of Indigenous Enslavement in the Americas,” America 250 2025 Conference, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, March 21, 2025.

“Stolen Relations: Recovering Stories of Indigenous Enslavement in the Americas,” organized, presented, and chaired, American Historical Association, New York, NY, January 4, 2025.

“Geographies of Indigenous Enslavement in the Americas,” co-organized, American Historical Association, New York, NY, January 4, 2025.

“Launching the *Stolen Relations: Recovering Stories of Indigenous Enslavement in the Americas* Project,” organized and presented, National Humanities Conference, Providence, RI, November 16, 2024.

“Imperial Geopolitics and Indigenous Slavery in Amazonian, Caribbean, and Circum-Caribbean Worlds,” co-presented with Vikram Tamboli, at the Forum on Early Modern Empires and Global Interactions (FEEGI), John Carter Brown Library, Providence, RI, April 19, 2024.

Roundtable discussant for a panel titled “Understanding the Persistence of Bondage in ‘Free’ Regimes,” at the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic conference, Philadelphia, PA, July 14, 2023.

Roundtable discussant for a panel titled “Indigenous Legal Histories in the Americas: Indigenous Epistemologies, Self-Determination, Settler-Colonial Courts, Constitutional Debates, and International Bodies,” at the Law and Society Association conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 1, 2023.

Poster presentation, “The Persistence of Indigenous Enslavement in Early America, 1704-1804,” with Anjali DasSarma, American Historical Association, Philadelphia, PA, January 7, 2023.

Plenary roundtable at the Digital Humanities Forum, University of Nebraska Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska, October 6, 2022.

Roundtable discussant for a panel titled “DH and Databasing Colonial Legacies,” at the Crafting Narratives of Empire conference, Iona University, New Rochelle, NY, September 23, 2022.

“Data or People? Ethical Considerations Regarding Sharing Stories of Enslavement in the Stolen Relations Project,” at a conference titled “Open Data: Reuse, Redistribution, and Risk,” American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, PA, June 2, 2022.

“Turtle Shells and Indian Slaves: Animals, Empire, and Slave Trading on the Mosquito Shore, 1680-1780,” European Early American Studies Association Conference, the University of Poitiers, France, December 9, 2021 (virtual).

Roundtable discussant for a panel entitled “Centering Native Voices in US Intellectual History,” at the annual meeting of the U.S. Intellectual History conference, October 26, 2020 (virtual).

“The Miskitu Indian Slave Trade and the Forced Diaspora of Central American Indian Slaves,” Transnationalism and the Red Atlantic conference, the University of Georgia, Athens, GA, February 7, 2020.

“Enslaved Native Americans’ Use of the Law in Revealing and Obscuring Native Slavery in the United States, c. 1770s-1820s,” American Society for Legal History annual conference, Boston, MA, Nov. 23, 2019.

Poster presentation, “Designing the Database of Indigenous Slavery in the Americas,” Digital Humanities annual conference, Utrecht, Netherlands, July 11, 2019.

“Was Roger Williams a Free Thinker?” at a conference entitled “Penser librement en religion / Thinking Freely in Religion,” Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, Paris, France, March 14, 2019.

“The Database of Indigenous Slavery in the Americas (DISA),” at a conference entitled “Enslaved: Peoples of the Historic Slave Trade,” Michigan State University, MI, March 8, 2019.

Roundtable discussant for a panel entitled “Enslaved by the Archives,” at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, January 5, 2019.

Respondent to a panel entitled “American Religious Frontiers,” at the annual meeting of the American Society of Church History, Chicago, IL, January 5, 2019.

Roundtable discussant for a panel entitled “Indigenizing British Studies in North America,” at the annual conference of the North American Conference on British Studies, Providence, RI, October 26, 2018.

“An Infinity of Indians’: The 18th c. Indian Slave Trade in the English Caribbean,” at the annual meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Oaxaca, Mexico, October 13, 2018.

Respondent to a panel entitled “Indigenous Nations of the Early Caribbean,” at the annual conference of the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture, Williamsburg, VA, June 15, 2018.

“Native and African Slavery in English Jamaica,” at the Association for the Study of the World-wide African Diaspora, Sevilla, Spain, November 2017.

“A ‘Spanish Indian Squaw’ in New England: Indian Ann’s Journey from Slavery to Freedom,” at a conference titled Slave Narratives in British And French America, 1700–1848, London, UK, July 2017.

“The Flexible Legality of Indigenous Slavery in the Early Modern Americas,” at the American Historical Association annual conference in Denver, CO, January 2017. Also organized the panel of which this paper was part, titled “Indigenous Slavery in a Hemispheric Perspective.”

Respondent to a panel entitled “Indian Slavery/Slaveries in Early Eastern North America,” at a conference on Region and Nation in American Histories of Race and Slavery, sponsored by the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture and the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, Mt. Vernon, VA, October 2016.

Respondent to a panel entitled “Transformations in Labor, Law, and Status: African and American Indian Enslavement in Colonial British North America,” at the annual conference of the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture, Worcester, MA, June 2016.

“From Indian to African? Slavery, Servitude, and the Spectrum of Unfreedom in New England After King Philip’s War,” at the Organization of American Historians annual conference, Providence, RI, April 2016.

“Protesting Enslavement: Eighteenth Century New England Native Freedom Suits,” at the American Society for Ethnohistory annual conference, Las Vegas, NV, November 2015.

“Atlantic Indian Slavery and Indian Middle Passages,” Association of Caribbean Historians annual conference, Nassau, Bahamas, May 2015.

“‘Sent away to Sea to Barbados’: Indian Enslavement in New England and the Atlantic during King Philip’s War,” at the American Society for Ethnohistory annual conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 2014.

“Enslaved Natives in the English Caribbean,” at the American Society for Ethnohistory annual conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 2014.

“America’s First Bible: Native Uses (and Abuses) of the Indian Bible of 1663,” at the Bible in American Life Conference, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 2014.

“Indian and African Slavery: Separate and Unequal?” at the annual conference of the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture in Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 2014. Also organized the panel of which this paper is part, titled “Indian Slavery in the Americas.”

Respondent to and chair of a panel entitled “The Message is the Medium: Missions to Indians as Central to the Early American Republic” at the American Society of Church History/American Historical Association Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2014.

“Whose Voices? Historians, Natives, and the not-so-Pastness of the Past,” at the American Society of Church History / American Historical Association conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2013.

“A Forced Diaspora: Tracking New England Native Enslavement in the Seventeenth-Century Atlantic,” at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association annual conference, Uncasville, Connecticut, June 2012.

Respondent to a panel entitled “Reassessing Missions in the Colonial Atlantic World,” at the American Society of Church History / American Historical Association conference, Chicago, Illinois, January 2012.

“‘Desired to be instructed’: Parsing Indian Initiative Prior to the First Great Awakening,” at the American Society of Church History / American Historical Association conference, San Diego, California, January 2010.

“Christian Indians? On the Dangers of Homogenizing Indians’ Religious Experiences in Colonial New England,” at the American Society for Ethnohistory annual conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 2009.

“Leaving the English: Joseph Johnson and the Pan-Indian Migration to Brotherton, NY, 1775-1785,” at the Boston Area Early American History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2008.

“‘Preserving Their Liberty’: Indian Churches and the Quest for Autonomy after the First Great Awakening,” at the annual conference of the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2008. Also co-organized the panel of which this paper was part, entitled “Indigenous Christianities in Early America and the Atlantic World.”

“I pray to him in my way’: Religious change and Indian agency in the First Great Awakening,” presented at the American Historical Association annual conference, Washington, D.C., January 2008. Also organized the panel of which this paper was part, entitled “Conversion in the Contact Zones: Navigating Religious Practice and Identity among America’s First Peoples.”

“Colonial Conversions: American Indians and Acculturation in Eighteenth-Century New England,” presented at the Colonial Society of Massachusetts Graduate Student Forum in Early American History, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2007.

“Natives, Moravians, and the Politics of Conversion in Eighteenth-Century Connecticut,” presented at the annual conference of the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture, Quebec City, Quebec, June 2006.

“Such a dore of opportunity’: Roger Williams and Indian Conversion,” presented at the annual conference of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, November 2004.

“Community, Commerce, and Oppression in Seventeenth-Century Boston: The Case of Robert Keyne Reconsidered,” presented at the Fall 2003 conference of the New England Historical Association, Worcester, Massachusetts, October 2003.

PRESIDING

Chair of a panel entitled “Histories,” at the “In Conversation: Black and Indigenous Histories and Pedagogies” symposium, Brown University, November 16, 2023.

Chair of a panel entitled “Is There a Native Church History?” at the annual meeting of the American Society of Church History, Chicago, IL, January 4, 2019.

Chair of a panel entitled “Power, Labor, and Personhood in the British Caribbean,” at the annual conference of the North American Conference on British Studies, Providence, RI, October 26, 2018.

Chair of a panel entitled “Forced Indigenous Diasporas and Slavery in the Americas,” at the Trans-American Crossings: Enslaved Migrations within the Americas and Their Impacts on Slave Cultures and Societies, Co-sponsored by the Omohundro Institute and the John Carter Brown Library, Providence, RI, June 2, 2018.

Chair of a panel entitled “Commodification” at the Human Trafficking in Early America conference, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, April 2015.

Chair of the panel entitled “Early Modern Captivity Narratives” at the Prisoners of Stone Conference, Brown University, February 21, 2014.

Chair of and respondent to the panel entitled “Religious Minorities in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries” at the Spectacle of Toleration conference ‘No person shall bee any wise molested’: Religious Freedom, Cultural Conflict, and the Moral Role of the State, Salve Regina University, Newport, Rhode Island, October 2013.

Chair of the panel entitled “Spectacle, Spectatorship, and Subjectivity” at the Fifth Annual Brown University Graduate Student Conference, April 2010.

Chair of the panel entitled “Inventing Revolution” at the 2008 French-American Colloquium on New Paradigms for Revolutionary Studies, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, October 2008.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

PUBLIC

TELEVISION AND VIDEO

HISTORICAL CONSULTANT for PBS’s show, “Finding Your Roots” (2018).

INTERVIEWEE for *Beautiful Days, Bloody Nights: Early Turmoil in Greenwich, Connecticut*, an independent documentary (2016).

INTERVIEWEE for *Woven in Time: The Narragansett Salt Pond Preserve*, an independent documentary that aired on PBS in November 2015 (2014).

INTERVIEWEE for Scholars Online, Choices Program, Brown University (2013).

INTERVIEWEE for *David Brainerd: Missionary to the American Indians*, an independent documentary (2013).

INTERVIEWEE for the Military Channel’s program, “America: Facts Vs. Fiction” (2012).

HISTORICAL CONSULTANT AND INTERVIEWEE for *The Tillinghast Nightmare*, an independent documentary on late eighteenth-century vampire cases (2012).

INTERVIEWEE for *I Voted?*, an independent film on citizenship, voting, and the election (2011).

HISTORICAL CONSULTANT AND INTERVIEWEE for the BBC’s program “Who Do You Think You Are?” (2010-2011).

INTERVIEWEE for the History Channel’s programs and DVDs “The Real Story of Halloween,” “The Real Story of Thanksgiving,” and “The Real Story of Christmas” (2010).

RADIO AND PODCASTS

Connecticut Public Radio, on Native slavery (2025)

Ben Franklin’s World, Episode 417 (2025)

“First Voices Radio,” October 16, 2022 (internationally syndicated Indigenous radio program)

National Public Radio, on Rhode Island’s name change (2020)

The Public’s Radio, Podcast series titled “Mosaic” (2019)

The Dig (2019)

The Public’s Radio, special feature on Thanksgiving (Nov. 2019)

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

USA Today; National Public Radio; The Public’s Radio; CT Public Radio; Religionunplugged; Ocean State Stories; The Associated Press; *The Smithsonian Magazine*; Slate.com; *The Boston Globe*; *The Tampa Bay Times*; *The Providence Journal*; Bustle.com; *Chronicle of Higher Education*; *Providence Business News*; *The Christian Post*; *Providence Business News*; *Inquiry* (UC Santa Cruz); *Brown Daily Herald*; *Südwest Presse*.

CONSULTANT

ADVISORY BOARD, The National Museum of American Religion, 2017-2024

HISTORICAL CONSULTANT, The Museum of the Bible, 2014-2019

CURRICULUM REVIEWER, Polymath Innovations, 2014-2017
 EXPERT WITNESS, Congregation Jeshuat Israel *v.* Congregation Shearith Israel, Case No. 12-822-M (D. R.I.), 2014-2015

BOOK MANUSCRIPT REVIEW

University of Virginia Press (2026), Routledge (2025, 2026), Brandeis University Press (2025), Broadview Press (2023), Eerdmans Publishing Company (2023), Oxford University Press (2014, 2017, 2021, 2022), New York University Press (2018), Yale University Press (2011, 2012, 2014, 2016), University of Pennsylvania Press (2015), Routledge (2012, 2013, 2015), State University of New York Press (2013), CQ Press (Sage) (2010).

ARTICLE MANUSCRIPT REVIEW

Settler Colonial Studies (2026), *U.S. Catholic Historian* (2025), *The New England Quarterly* (2021, 2023, 2025), *Colonial Latin American Review* (2023), *Eighteenth-Century Studies* (2023), *Mainsheet* (2023), *The William and Mary Quarterly* (2009, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia* (2021), *American Indian Quarterly* (2021), *American Quarterly* (2016), *Journal of Religious History* (2014, 2015), *Rhode Island History* (2014), *Harvard Theological Review* (2013), *World Archaeology* (2012), *Journal of Moravian History* (2012), *Practical Matters* (2009).

GRANT PROPOSAL AND AWARD REVIEW

Federation of State Humanities Councils (2025)
 John Carter Brown Library, Stuart Fellowship (2025)
 John Carter Brown Library, Faculty Fellow (2024)
 AAS Hensch Post-Dissertation Fellowship (2020)
 MacArthur Fellows Program (2019)
 Omohundro-NEH Fellowship (2016-2017)
 Fulbright Fellowships (Graduate), Brown University (2016)
 John Carter Brown Library, Short Term Fellowships (2012-2014)
 National Historical Publications & Records Commission, National Archives & Records Administration (2011, 2013)
 National Endowment for the Humanities Long-Term Fellowships (2012)

TENURE AND PROMOTION REFEREE

Barnard College, Columbia University; Oklahoma State University; Princeton University; Providence College (Full); Richmond University (Full); Syracuse University (x2); University of Nebraska (Full); University of Rhode Island; University of West Florida; Virginia Commonwealth University; Wellesley College; West Virginia University.

TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY AND NEH SUMMER INSTITUTE PRESENTATIONS

Yale and Slavery Teachers' Institute (2025)
 Ruth J. Simmons Center (Brown) Teachers' Institute (2025)
 Plimoth Plantation (2022)
 Plimoth Plantation (2020)
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2013)
 Rhode Island Historical Society (2011)

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES

ADVISORY BOARD, Historic Bostons (2024-present)

EVENTS COMMITTEE, Colonial Society of Massachusetts (2021-present)
 LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) (2024-2025)
 RESEARCH CLUSTER COMMITTEE, Mellon Foundation Grant, Brown University, Mystic Seaport Museum and Research Center, and Williams College (2021-2024).
 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, Colonial Society of Massachusetts (2015-2020)
 PUBLICATION COMMITTEE, *Newport History* (2014-2019)
 NOMINATING COMMITTEE, American Society of Church History (2016)
 COUNCIL MEMBER, American Society of Church History (2013-2016)
 CO-ORGANIZER, lecture series, “1764: Brown’s Founding in a Global Context” (2014-2015)
 CO-ORGANIZER, JCB/Brown British Atlantic Seminar (2013-2014)
 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER, “The Spectacle of Toleration” (2012-2013) a multi-year venture that included public programming and an academic conference in October 2013, jointly organized by the Newport Historical Society, the Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, the George Washington Institute for Religious Freedom, the John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, and the Rhode Island Historical Society.

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

BROWN

Faculty Director, Center for Digital Scholarship (2025-present)
 Native American and Indigenous Studies Steering Committee (2025-2026)
 Gabriel Rocha Reappointment Committee, chair (2025)
 Task Force on Human Remains (2024-2025)
 Co-Chair, Engaged Scholarship Committee, Swearer Center (2024-2025)
 Mark Ocegueda Annual Review Committee, chair (2024)
 Research Advisory Board, Office of the Vice President for Research (2021-2024)
 Search Committee for the Vice President of Research, member (2023-2024)
 History, NAISI, and Cogut Mellon Postdoc Fellow Search Committee, chair (2023-2024)
 Faculty Support Selection Committee, John Carter Brown Library (2024)
 Gabriel Rocha Annual Review Committee, chair (2023)
 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History (2019-2022)
 Native American and Indigenous Studies Faculty Director Search Committee (2021-2022)
 Planning and Priorities Committee, Department of History (2011-2013; 2019-2022)
 Steering Committee, Native American and Indigenous Studies Initiative (2016-2022); Faculty Chair, 2018-2019
 Co-founder and member, Native American and Indigenous Studies at Brown (NAISAB) faculty group (2013-present)
 Social Science Research Institute, Steering Committee (2016-2022)
 UTRA Selection Committee (2020)
 Native American and Indigenous Studies Director Search Committee (2016-2018)
 Native American and Indigenous Studies Associate Director Search Committee (2018-2019)
 Graduate Council, the Graduate School (2015-2017); Vice Chair, 2016-2017
 History Department Graduate Committee (2013-2014, 2016-2017)
 Sophomore Advisor (2013-2014, 2016-2017)
 University Resources Committee (2015-2016)
 Faculty Liaison, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning (2015-2016)
 First Year Advisor (2012-2014, 2015-2016)

Brown University Community Council (2012-2014)
 Computer Coordinator, Department of History (2011-2014)
 Ad-hoc faculty temporary replacement committee (2011)
 American Indian Studies Search Committee (2011)
 Ad-hoc committee to revise course evaluations, Brown University (2009-2010)

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND

Religious Studies Committee, Indiana University South Bend (2008-2009)
 Faculty Liaison, Advance College Project, Indiana University South Bend (2008-2009)
 University Support Committee for the Civil Rights Heritage Center, Indiana
 University South Bend (2008-2009)

COMMUNITY

BOARD MEMBER, Rhode Island Yacht Club Educational Foundation, Cranston, RI (2021-present;
 Vice President 2022-2023; President 2024-present)
 BOARD MEMBER, Women's Refugee Care, Providence, RI (2021-2023)
 BOARD MEMBER, Edgewood Sailing School, Cranston, RI (2018-2023; Secretary 2018-2020)
 PRESENTER, RI and CO Public Schools, on various historical topics (2011, 2012, 2014, 2016,
 2020)
 INSTRUCTOR, Brown History Educational Prison Program, Rhode Island Adult Correctional
 Institute (2013-2014; 2016-2019)
 RIDE-ALONG HISTORIAN, Plimoth Plantation's History Hits the Road tour of significant New
 England Native and historical sites, July 2019.
 MEMBER, Newport World Heritage Commission (established by the office of the Rhode Island
 Governor); serving on the Technical Committee and the Narrative Working Group
 Committee (2014-2016)

TEACHING

BROWN UNIVERSITY

CEHI0971 Setting Sail: Early American History from the Water (Precollegiate, Summer 2022)
 History 0253 [1801] Religion, Politics, and Culture in America, 1865–present (Summer 2011; Fall
 2012; Spring 2014; Fall 2016; Fall 2020)
 History 0253A Colonial America: A Global History (Spring 2020, Fall 2023)
 History 0550A [0970] Object Histories: The Material Culture of Early America (Spring 2010;
 Spring 2012; Fall 2013; Fall 2016)
 History 1511 Sinners, Saints, and Heretics: Religion in Early America (Fall 2015)
 History 1512 [1805] First Nations: The Peoples and Cultures of North America to 1800 (Spring
 2012; Fall 2013; Spring 2016; Fall 2021; Spring 2024; Fall 2025)
 History 1975T [1970A] Colonial Encounters: Indians, Europeans, and the Making of Early
 America (Fall 2009; Spring 2013; Spring 2017)
 History 1970B [1978O] Enslaved! Indians and Africans in an Unfree Atlantic World (Spring
 2014, Spring 2016)
 History 1970G Captive Voices: Atlantic Slavery in the Digital Age (Spring 2019, co-taught with
 Daniel Genkins); Spring 2022; Spring 2025)
 History 1800 The History of Religion in America, 1600-1865 (Spring 2010; Fall 2011; Spring
 2013)
 History 2960 Dissertation Prospectus Development Seminar (Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring
 2022)

History 2970 Graduate Readings in Early American History (Fall 2011, Fall 2015)
 History 2971X Graduate Readings in Atlantic World History (Fall 2019, Fall 2023; co-taught with Gabriel Rocha)
 History 2972D Graduate Readings in Native American and Indigenous History (Spring 2025, co-taught with Mack Scott)
 History 2980 Religion in the Early Modern Atlantic World (Fall 2012)
 HMAN 2300 Introduction to Digital Humanities (Spring 2026)
 PHUM 2010 Introduction to Public Humanities (Spring 2025, co-taught with Steve Lubar)

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND

History H-105 American History I
 History A-301 Colonial America
 Religion R-335 History of Religion in America, 1600-1865
 History J-495 Colonial Encounters

HARVARD COLLEGE

History and Literature 98a Religion and Gender in the History and Literature of America and Britain, 1600–1900
 History and Literature 98b Revolutions, Modernity, and the Question of the “Other” in Early America
 Religion 98 Christianity and Contemporary American Culture

PH.D. STUDENTS, PRIMARY OR CO-ADVISOR

Heather Sanford, “Palatable Slavery: Food, Race, and Freedom in the Colonial British Atlantic” (2020)
 Emily Pierson, “Living with the City of the Dead: Place and Community in Nineteenth-Century American Garden Cemeteries” (2022)
 Anne (Brooke) Grasberger, “Spirits of the Sea: The Shipboard Faith of Sailors in the 19th-century Atlantic World” (2023)
 Kimonee Burke, “Paūsuck Naūnt Manit: The Role of Christianity in the Federal Acknowledgement of Southern New England Tribes” (in progress)
 Phoebe Labat, “Relief, Religion, and Rebellion: Responding to Environmental Disasters in the French Atlantic, from 1624 to 1843” (in progress)
 Anjie Wang (matriculated 2025)

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Jennifer Wells, “Prelude to Empire: State-Building in Cromwellian Ireland and Scotland, 1649-1660” (2016)
 Christopher Gillett, “Catholicism in Revolutionary England: Toleration, Anti-popery, and Information Systems, 1630-1673” (2017)
 Sherri Cummings, “In Search of Equiano’s Sister: Black Girlhood, Slavery and Freedom in the Sixteenth to Eighteenth Century British Atlantic” (2022)
 George Elliott, “Alchemy in the Home: Colonial Connecticut and Household Science in the Seventeenth-Century Anglo-Atlantic” (2022)

EXTERNAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Anjali DasSarma, *Newspaper Colonialism: Capitalism, Advertising, and Indigenous Enslavement, 1690 – 1865* (University of Pennsylvania, in progress)

M.A. STUDENTS, PRIMARY ADVISOR

Henk Isom (2013)
Henry Crouse (2016)
William Johnson (2016)
Michael Simpson (2019)

UNDERGRADUATE THESES ADVISED

Chelsea Berry, “Smuggling in the Public Eye: Perceptions of Illicit Trade and Colonial Identity in Rhode Island, 1755-1765” (2012)
Aubrey Vial, “Native American Peonage and Slavery, 1840-1880” (2020)
Zoe Zimmermann, “Footpaths and Ink Spots: Cartographic Encounters and Exploitations in Seventeenth-Century Algonquian Homelands” (2022)
Mary Clarke, “The Cultural Revitalization of the Mashantucket Pequot Nation” (2025)
Charlotte Crozier, TBD (2026)

REFERENCES

Available upon request

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