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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Rutgers University – Newark	Newark, N.J.
Associate Professor, Department of History and Program in American Studies	2016 – present
Director, Honors College (350 undergraduates)	2016 – 2020
Baruch College – City University of New York	New York
Associate Professor of History, co-appointed at Macaulay Honors College	2015 – 2016
Assistant Professor of History	2008 – 2015
University of Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.
Instructor, Department of History	2007

EDUCATION

University of Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.
Ph.D., Department of History	2008
M.A., Department of History	2003
Haverford College	Haverford, Pa.
A.B., Department of History	1998

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS

BOOK

Building the Empire State: Political Economy in Early America (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015). *Winner of the 2016 James Broussard Best First Book Prize from the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic.*

- Reviews: *American Historical Review*, Vol. 121, No. 4.; *Journal of American History*, Vol. 103, No. 1; *Journal of the Early Republic*, Vol. 37, No. 2; *William and Mary Quarterly*, Vol. 73, No. 3; *Business History Review*, Vol. 90, No. 2; *Political Studies Review*, Vol. 16, No. 1; *American Journal of Legal History*, Vol. 56, No. 2; *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 76, No. 4; *Common-place*, 16.2.5; Eh.net, September 2015.
- Cited and passage read by U.S. Senator Michael Bennet (CO), “Remarks on the Nomination of Amy Coney Barrett [to the U.S. Supreme Court],” *Congressional Record*, Vol. 166, No. 184, pgs. S6488-9 (Senate – 25 October 2020); Cited in plaintiff brief in *National Small Business United et al v. Yellen et al*, Case No. 5:22-cv-01448 (Filed 15 Nov. 2022).

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTER

“The Market Revolution,” in A Companion to the Era of Andrew Jackson, Sean Patrick Adams, ed. (Wiley-Blackwell, 2013), pp. 95-110.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“‘A Very Convenient Instrument’: Aaron Burr, the Manhattan Company, and the Election of 1800,” *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd Ser., Vol. 66 (April 2008), pp. 233-66. *Winner of the 2009 Richard L. Morton Award from the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture.*

Encyclopedia of the New American Nation

Entries on “Corporations” and the “Bank of the United States.”

Encyclopedia of Abolitionism and Anti-Slavery

Entries on “William Lloyd Garrison” and “Wendell Phillips.”

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICLY ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP

National Park Service, Researcher for “Historic Resource Study of the Paterson (N.J.) Great Falls National Historic Park,” on behalf of the National Park Service and the Organization of American Historians, *October 2015 – Spring 2019*.

Guest Curator, “Capital of Capital” Exhibition, Museum of the City of New York, New York, N.Y., *October 2011 – October 2012*.

FILM PRODUCTION

[“A Conversation with Lin-Manuel Miranda.”](#) Directed by Christopher Holt, Rock Road Pictures.

Executive Producers: Jan Ellen Lewis, Joanne B. Freeman, Brian Phillips Murphy. Co-hosted by Joanne B. Freeman and Brian Phillips Murphy. Edited by Justin Cece. 2016.

BOOK IN PROGRESS

“Great Falls: Water, Power, and Alexander Hamilton’s Vision for American Industry”

PUBLIC HISTORY DIGITAL HUMANITIES PROJECT

Records of the 1947 New Jersey State Constitutional Convention (in partnership with Dr. Nicholas Cole, founding director of *The Quill Project* at Pembroke College, University of Oxford).

WORKING PAPERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

“Great Falls: Political Economy and Political Ecology on the Passaic River,” SHEAR *Panorama*, Spring 2024 (*forthcoming*).

“Alexander Hamilton on the \$10 Bill: How He Got There and Why It Matters,” *History Now* and *Teaching History* K-12 Classroom Materials, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, 2018.

“Why Bridgegate Still Haunts Chris Christie,” *Vanity Fair*, December 2015.

- Cited in U.S. Supreme Court *Brief for Respondent William E. Baroni, Jr. in Support of Petitioner* in re *Kelly v. U.S.*, 590 U.S. ___, Docket No. 18-1059, p. 15.

“With Eye on Fiscal Armageddon, Texas Set to ‘Repatriate’ Its Gold to New Texas Fort Knox,” *Talking Points Memo* (talkingpointsmemo.com), 16 June 2015.

“Don’t Blame Menendez, Blame New Jersey,” co-authored with Jeff Smith, *Politico* magazine, 1 April 2015.

“Why are New Jersey Politicians so Corrupt?,” *Yahoo News*, 10 March 2015.

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS (SELECTED)

Stephen M. Polan Fellow in Constitutional Law and History, The Brennan Center for Justice	2024 – 2025
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Helen and Robert Appel Fellow in History and Technology, New-York Historical Society	2023 – 2024
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Individual Fulcrum Award, Rutgers University Research Council	2023
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Research Fellow, International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello	2022
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Research Fellow, Library for the Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon	2021
Fellow, Rutgers Leadership Academy	2019 – 2020
James L. Broussard Best First Book Prize, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic	2016
Friedman Professor, Baruch College	2010, 2015
Eugene M. Lang Junior Faculty Research Fellowship, City University of New York	2012
Whiting Foundation Teaching Award, Baruch College	2011
PSC-CUNY Research Award, City University of New York	2009, 2011
Richard L. Morton Article Prize, <i>William and Mary Quarterly</i> , Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture	2009
Dissertation Fellow, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania	2007 – 2008
Program in Early American Economy and Society (PEAES) Short-Term Research Fellowship Library Company of Philadelphia	2008
Predoctoral Dissertation Fellow, Bankard Fund for Political Economy	2007
Gilder Lehrman Institute Research Fellowship, New York Public Library	2007
Thomas Jefferson Foundation Dissertation Fellow, Monticello	2005 – 2006
A. MacDonald Caputo Graduate Fellow, Jefferson Scholars Foundation	2002 – 2005, 2007
Newcomen Society Dissertation Colloquium, Business History Conference	2006

GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Director, State Constitutions Lab, Brennan Center for Justice at New York University Law School, *2024-present*.
- PI, Institute for the Study of Global Racial Justice, Rutgers University, “Water Work: The Passaic River and Environmental Justice Activism in Paterson and Newark,” *2024 – 2025*.
- PI, Teagle Foundation, Education for American Civic Life Initiative, “Climate of American Constitutional Democracy” curricular planning grant on behalf of Rutgers University-Newark, *2020 – 2023*.
- Co-PI, U.S. Department of State IDEAS (Increase and Diversify Education Abroad for U.S. Students) Grant, “Mediterranean Displacements: Refugees, Exiles, and Migrations from Antiquity to the Present” study abroad capacity building program, *2020 – 2022*.
- Founding Co-Director, Mediterranean Displacements Project @ Rutgers-Newark, an interdisciplinary faculty working group researching questions of migration, displacement, refugees, and climate change in the Mediterranean, *2020 – present*.

GLOBAL EDUCATION INITIATIVES

- Director, “Constitutions and the Founding of the American Republic” Rutgers Global Study Abroad Program at Pembroke College, University of Oxford, *Spring 2022 – present*.
- Co-Director, “Sicily and the Mediterranean World” Rutgers Global Study Abroad Program in Sicily, *May 2022 – present*.

INVITED TALKS, LECTURES, SEMINARS, PODCASTS, AND INTERVIEWS (SELECTED)

- Research Talk, New-York Historical Society, 22 May 2024.

Seminar, “Buy Me a River: State Developmental Power and the Founding of Paterson, New Jersey,” Columbia University Early American History and Culture Seminar, 19 March 2024.

Seminar, “Great Falls: Water, Power, and Alexander Hamilton’s Vision of an Industrial America,” CUNY Early American Seminar, 4 March 2023.

Seminar, “Great Falls: Water and Power in the Washington Administration,” Fred W. Smith Library for the Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon, Va., 3 November 2021.

Panelist, “Machine Politics in New York City,” WNYC Event at Flushing Branch, Queens Public Library, New York, N.Y., 30 October 2017.

Interview, *New Books in Political Science* Podcast, 2017.

Book Talk, 2016 Virginia Festival of the Book, Charlottesville, Va., 17 March 2016.

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA, AND WORKSHOPS (SELECTED)

“Democratic Backslides: (How) Do Subnational Constitutions Matter?” (with Nicholas Cole) *The Health of Democracy in Federal Political Systems: Consolidating, Thriving, or Backsliding?*, International Association of Centers for Federal Studies Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pa., 26 October 2023.

“State Constitutions in American Political and Constitutional Development,” *Framing the Frontier: The Making of Western State Constitutions* Conference, Utah Valley University Center for Constitutional Studies, Provo, Utah, 15 September 2023.

“Great Falls: Water, Power, and Policy in Early American Capitalism,” *The American Developmental State: The Origins of American Capitalism in Comparative Perspective* Conference, Institute for Advanced Studies and the American University of Paris, Paris, France, 26 May 2023.

“Great Falls: Water, Power, and Federalism in Early America,” *At the Junction: The Local, Regional, and National in U.S. History*, Rothermere American Institute, University of Oxford, Oxford, U.K., 18 May 2023.

“How Mediterranean Frameworks Might Connect the Atlantic World,” *From Mediterranean to Atlantic World*, The Mediterranean Seminar, Miami, Fl., 4 February 2023.

“State Constitutions in the American Federal Republic,” (with Nicholas Cole) *Fiscal Federalism and Territorial Inequalities*, International Association of Centers for Federal Studies Annual Conference, Bilbao, Spain, 27 October 2022.

“Great Falls: Water, Power, and Alexander Hamilton’s Vision of an Industrial America,” *The Climate Crisis: Early Americanists Respond*, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., 17 June 2022.

“Bringing Community to the Center of Civics Education,” American Association of Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 20 January 2022.

Panelist, President’s Plenary, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, Yale University, New Haven, Ct., 21 July 2016.

PANEL, WORKSHOP, CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION (SELECTED)

Workshop Organizer, Modeling Constitutional Conventions for a Digital Age, Rutgers Center for State Constitutional Studies, Rutgers Law School, Newark, N.J., 15 Feb 2023.

Panel co-organizer, “Federalist New York: Business, Politics, and Family,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., 19 July 2019.

Conference Organizer, Rutgers University-Newark Research Week (week-long schedule of faculty and guest talks in all disciplines, keynote lecture and reception, graduate and undergraduate poster sessions and awards), April 2019.

Conference Co-organizer, Rutgers University-Newark Research Week, April 2017 and April 2018.

CURRICULUM AND TEACHING

CURRICULAR DEVELOPMENT

Honors College, Rutgers University – Newark

Convened and led faculty strategic planning process to redesign Honors College curriculum with sequence of freshman colloquia, elective seminars and study abroad opportunities, thesis preparation workshop, and faculty-mentored undergraduate research thesis project. Redesigned and re-launched annual campus-wide Research Week event in collaboration with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research.

Department of History, Baruch College – City University of New York

Redesigned History Minor Program with new requirements and clear and consistent pre-requisites

COURSES TAUGHT (* new course, + course added/modified in catalogue)

Department of History, Rutgers University – Newark and Rutgers Global

Graduate

510:504 Topics in American History: Waterways, Political and Natural History (Graduate) *

Undergraduate

512:343 History of the American Republic (embedded study abroad program) *

512:360 Core Topics in U.S. History: Constitutions, Democracy, and a Changing Climate *

959:363 Rutgers Global Study Abroad: Malta, Sicily and the Mediterranean World +

512:403 Topics in American Political History: N.J. State Constitution *

510:315 Perspectives in History: Political Economy and U.S. Economic History *

512:201 History of the United States I (*at both Rutgers University-Newark and Rutgers Business School Northeast Normal University (NENU) in Changchun, China*)

Honors College, Rutgers University – Newark

525:100 Honors College Freshman Colloquium +

525:395 Junior Scholars Inquiry +

525:497, 498 Senior Honors Project +

Department of History, Baruch College – City University of New York

History 4900 – “‘If You Build It’: The Political Economy of New York City’s Transportation and Energy Infrastructure” (Capstone in the School of Business BBA/MBA Program) *

History 3415 – Topics in American History

“Origins and Development of the Corporation in U.S. History” (research seminar) *

“Risk, Trust, and Confidence in American Economic History” (honors research seminar) *

“Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, and the Problems of Regime Change in Early America” (honors research seminar) *

“Made in the Neighborhood: 20th Century American Manufacturing” (research seminar) *

History 3415 – U.S. Economic History +

History 1000 – U.S. History to 1870

Macaulay Honors College – City University of New York

Seminar: Social and Political History of the City of New York

University of Virginia

400-level thesis seminar: “Thomas Jefferson and the Atlantic World” (in partnership with Oxford University, co-taught with Prof. Peter Onuf)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Graduate Fellowship Selection Committee, Jefferson Scholars Foundation	2011 – present
National Collegiate Honors Council Conference Member	2017
Delegate, Honors Education at Research Universities	2017 – 2019
Co-chair, Columbia University Seminar in Early American History and Culture	2011 – 2016
Board of Editors, Gouverneur Morris Papers.	2012 – present
Scholars Strategy Network, Member	2015 – present
Manuscript Referee for Columbia University Press, Cornell University Press, Johns Hopkins University Press, Princeton University Press, University of Virginia Press.	
Article Referee for <i>Business History Review</i> , <i>Journal of the Early Republic</i> , <i>William and Mary Quarterly</i> , <i>Journal of Southern History</i> .	

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AT RUTGERS

Faculty Associate, Rutgers University Center for State Constitutional Studies	2022 – present
Founding Co-Director, Mediterranean Displacements Project	2020 – present
Newark Faculty Council, Rutgers University-Newark (Vice-Chair, 2021-22)	2021 – present
Appointment and Promotion Committee, School of Arts & Sciences-Newark	2021 – present
Courses of Study Committee, School of Arts & Sciences-Newark	2021 – present
Rutgers Global Faculty Advisory Council	2021 – present
Fulbright Program Advisor (FPA), Rutgers University-Newark	2017 – present
Gilman Scholarship Advisor, Rutgers University-Newark	2017 – 2020
Special Advisor to the Chancellor	2020
Creator, Office of Distinguished Fellowships at Rutgers University-Newark to promote competitive awards and advise and coach students to prepare successful applications	2018
University Senate, Rutgers University (Budget Committee member)	2017 – 2019

MEDIA POSITIONS

Contributing Editor, <i>Talking Points Memo</i> (TPM Media)	May 2015 – present
Contributor (On-Air), MSNBC (National Broadcasting Company)	2014 – 2015

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