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APPOINTMENTS

David H. Burton Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of History, St. Joseph's University, 2022-

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Boston College, 2019-2022

EDUCATION

PhD in History, Boston College, 2019

Making Nations: The Northeastern Borderlands in an Age of Revolution, 1760-1820

Advisor: Owen Stanwood

Fields: Early North America, Colonial Latin America, Global History

MA in History, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2012

Graduate Certificate in Public History

BA in History, University of Vermont, 2000

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

OI-NEH ARP Postdoctoral Fellowship, Omohundro Institute, 2022

New England Regional Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2019-2020

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Boston College, 2018-2019

Donald J. White Excellence in Teaching Award, Boston College, 2017

Fellow, Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Boston College, 2015-2016

George B. Bryan Award for Scholarship, University of Vermont, 2000

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Vermont, 2000

TEACHING

St. Joseph's University

U.S. History to 1877 – Fall 2022

Boston College

Graduate Level

Early America in the World – Summer 2021, Summer 2022

Undergraduate Level

Modern History II – Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021

Modern History I – Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022

The West and the World: 1500-1789 – Summer 2018

PUBLICATIONS – Peer Reviewed

“Native Demands, Borderland Rivalry, and the Growth of Maine’s Catholic Church.” *American Catholic Studies* 133, no. 2 (Summer 2022): 33-60.

“You will remain an integral part of Massachusetts: How Congregational Missionaries and Ladies Cent Societies Secured the Maine Borderland in the Early Republic.” *Journal of the Early Republic*. (Invited to Resubmit)

Other Publications

Review of Concord Museum, Concord, Massachusetts, in *The Public Historian* 44, no. 3 (August 2022): 168-172.

Review of Messner and Taylor, *Revolution as Reformation: Protestant Faith in the Age of Revolutions, 1688-1832*, (Tuscaloosa: U. of Alabama, 2021), in *Church History* 90, no. 3 (Sept. 2021): 695-697.

Review of Douglas Winiarski, *Darkness Falls on the Land of Light: Experiencing Religious Awakenings in Eighteenth-Century New England*, (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2017), in H-Borderlands, October 2019 (<https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=53835>).

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED TALKS

“Data Maps of Downeast Maine,” Lines on a Map: Crafting and Contesting Borders in the Early Modern Atlantic and Beyond,” British Library, London, UK, 2019

“The Connecticut Missionary Society in the Northeastern Borderlands,” Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, CT, 2019

“‘To check the inundation of folly which threatens to overwhelm the world’: How Ladies Cent Societies Created a Missionary Boom in Early Republic New England,” Works-in-Progress Seminar Series, McNeil Center For Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 2019

“Forming Communities in the Atlantic World,” Graduate Student Forum, Colonial Society of Massachusetts, Boston, MA, 2018

“‘The less connection...this province has with the American States the better’: How Church Networks Defined the Northeastern Border,” Danforth Center on Religion and Politics Conference, St. Louis, MO, 2018

“Creating Imagined Communities in the Post-Revolutionary Northeastern Borderlands,” New England Historical Association Conference, Middlebury, VT, 2016

“Brave and Enlightened Canadians: The Habitants as Potential Republican Citizens,” New Frontiers Conference, York University, Toronto, 2014

“Nova Scotia New-Lights, Massachusetts Congregationalists, and the Religious Life of the Northeastern Borderlands,” History in the Making Conference, Concordia University, Montreal, 2013

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICE

Local Arrangements Committee, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Annual Meeting 2019

Organizing Committee, Boston College Biennial Conference on the History of Religion, 2018

PUBLIC HISTORY

Project Coordinator, Making Memories Matter Project, Amherst, MA, 2012

I conducted research into artifacts in the collection of the Amherst History Museum. Each week, I took several artifacts to senior centers in the Amherst area, and facilitated discussion and writing about the history of the artifacts.

Lead Educator, William Cullen Bryant Homestead, Cummington, MA, 2011

I piloted a new educational program for the Trustees of Reservations at the Bryant Homestead. I hired and trained a team of high school students, and we led house tours and composed a new self-guided landscape tour for the property.

Co-author/designer, Elizabeth Freeman Interpretive Center, Sheffield, MA, 2011

I was part of a team that researched, designed, and wrote a permanent exhibit on the life of Elizabeth Freeman. This was installed at the Ashley House in Sheffield, and is also available as a virtual tour online.

Assistant Production Manager/Interpreter, Astors' Beechwood Mansion, Newport, RI, 2000-2001

I gave tours of the mansion in character as a member of the Astor family and a domestic. Later I was promoted to a management role, which included researching and writing tours, and supervising the production as a whole.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Historical Association, Canadian Historical Association, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, National Council on Public History

LANGUAGES

French, Spanish – reading and research

REFERENCES

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