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## *Curriculum Vitae*

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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Spring Hill College Assistant Professor	Fall 2017-present
Yale University Cassius M. Clay Postdoctoral Associate in Early American History	Fall 2015-Spring 2017
Library Company of Philadelphia National Endowment for the Humanities Postdoctoral Fellow	Fall 2014
University of Virginia Lecturer	Spring 2014

### EDUCATION

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University of Virginia – Ph.D. American History	December 2013
Rutgers University, Camden – M.A. American History	May 2007
Rutgers University, New Brunswick – M.Ed. Social Studies Education	May 2003
Rutgers University, New Brunswick – B.A. History	May 2002

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### BOOK PROJECT

*Before Garrison: The Revolutionary Generation of American Abolitionists* (working title, under advance contract, University of Pennsylvania Press)

#### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“‘To Friends and All Whom It May Concerne’: William Southeby’s Rediscovered 1696 Antislavery Protest,” (with Jean R. Soderlund) *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 141 (April 2017): 177-98

“A ‘class of Citizens’: The Earliest Black Petitioners to Congress and Their Quaker Allies,” *William and Mary Quarterly* 74 (January 2017): 109-44

“Jefferson’s Legacy, Race Science, and Righteous Violence in Jabez Hammond’s Abolitionist Fiction,” *Early American Studies* 14 (Summer 2016): 568-609

“John Randolph of Roanoke and the Politics of Slavery in the Early Republic,” *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 120 (Summer 2012): 106-143

“‘A Sacrifice on the Altar of Slavery:’ Doughface Politics and Black Disenfranchisement in Pennsylvania, 1837-1838,” *Journal of the Early Republic* 31 (Spring 2011): 75-105

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Missouri Crisis and the ‘Changed Object’ of the American Colonization Society,” in *New Directions in the Study of African American Recolonization*, eds. Beverly C. Tomek and Matthew J. Hetrick (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2017), 146-65

#### BOOK REVIEWS

Corey M. Brooks, *Liberty Power: Antislavery Third Parties and the Transformation of American Politics*, in *Journal of the Early Republic* 38 (Spring 2018): 181-84

Matthew W. Hall, *Dividing the Union: Jesse Burgess Thomas and the Making of the Missouri Compromise*, in *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 115 (Summer 2017): 428-30

Padraig Riley, *Slavery and the Democratic Conscience: Political Life in Jeffersonian America*, in [Common-Place.org](http://Common-Place.org) 16.4 (September 2016)

Christopher Cameron, *To Plead Our Own Cause: African Americans in Massachusetts and the Making of the Antislavery Movement*, in *History: Reviews of New Books* 44 (January 2016): 14-15

Brychan Carey and Geoffrey Plank eds., *Quakers & Abolition*, in *Journal of Southern History* 81 (August 2015): 323-25

James J. Gigantino II, *The Ragged Road to Abolition: Slavery and Freedom in New Jersey, 1775-1865*, in *Journal of American Studies* 54, (Summer 2015): 39-40

William A. Pettigrew, *Freedom’s Debt: The Royal African Company and the Politics of the Atlantic Slave Trade, 1662-1752*, in *Journal of Southern History* 81 (May 2015): 430-32

Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz, *The Tie That Bound Us: The Women of John Brown’s Family and the Legacy of Radical Abolitionism*, in *Women’s History Review* 23 (December 2014): 1028-30

John J. Zaborney, *Slaves for Hire: Renting Enslaved Labor in Antebellum Virginia*, in *Journal of the Early Republic* 33 (Fall 2013): 580-82

Beverly C. Tomek, *Colonization and Its Discontents: Emancipation, Emigration, and Antislavery in Antebellum Pennsylvania*, in *Pennsylvania History* (Spring 2012): 252-54

## OTHER WRITINGS AND APPEARANCES

“110: The Last Enslaved Africans Brought to America,” (documentary film about the *Clotilda* and Africa Town), advisory board member and onscreen contributor (forthcoming)

“The Pre-Garrisonian Abolitionist Movement,” interview with Thomas Thurston for the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Abolition, and Resistance “Slavery and Its Legacies” [podcast](#), released September 18, 2017

“Francis Scott Key: After the Song,” ([documentary film](#)), first aired September 2017 on Maryland Public Television

“Early Abolitionists,” episode of “[Your Weekly Constitutional with Stewart Harris](#),” aired June 30, 2017 on WVTF: Radio IQ

“Figuring Out Who Was in the Room Where it Happened; Or, Doing African American History with Quaker Sources,” [Uncommon Sense](#), the blog of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

“The First Black Petitioners to Congress and Their Quaker Allies,” [Haverford Library Blog](#), January 25, 2017

“George Washington’s Contested Antislavery Legacy,” [Mount Vernon Magazine](#) (Winter 2016): 42-43

“Liberty & Slavery: The Paradox of America’s Founding Fathers” ([documentary film](#)), onscreen contributor, (Inertia Films, 2016)

“Act Prohibiting Importation of Slaves,” *Dictionary of American History, Supplement: America in the World, 1776 to the Present*, eds. Edward J. Blum, Cara Burnidge, Emily Conroy-Krutz, David Kinkela, (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2016), 4-6

“Slavery and the Constitution,” contributor to [online course videos](#) by the Robert H. Smith Center for the Constitution at James Madison's Montpelier (2015)

“The American Revolution, Divine Providence, and Antislavery,” guest post, [National Museum of American Religion Facebook Page](#) (October 2015)

Contributor to “The Sectional Crisis,” in [The American Yawp](#) (a collaboratively-written free online text book, 2015)

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

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### EXTERNAL AWARDS

Haverford College, Quaker & Special Collections Library Gest Research Fellowship	July 2015
Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, Mount Vernon three-month fellowship	Spring 2015
Society of Historians of the Early American Republic (runner up) Dissertation Prize	2014
Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino, California Robert L. Middlekauff Fellowship	June 2012
McNeil Center for Early American Studies, at the University of Pennsylvania Monticello-McNeil and Friends of MCEAS Dissertation Fellowship	2011-2012
Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History New York City area archive research fellowship	Fall 2011
Library Company of Philadelphia & Historical Society of Pennsylvania Andrew Mellon Foundation short-term fellowship	June 2011
Robert H. Smith International Center for Jeffersonian Studies, Charlottesville, VA, Research fellowship	October 2010

#### INTERNAL AWARDS

University of Virginia, Corcoran Department of History, Writing Fellowship	Fall 2013
UVA-Monticello Early American Seminar, Dissertation Fellow	2012-2013
University of Virginia, Huskey Travel Fund Awards	2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013
University of Virginia, Department of History, summer research grant	2011
University of Virginia, J. Carl Sewell III Fellowship	Spring 2010
University of Virginia, Department of History, Graduate Fellowship	2007-2010
Rutgers University, Alumni Award for Academic Achievement	2007
Rutgers University, History Thesis Honors Program, High Honors	2002

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Historical Methods, Spring Hill College  
Colonial America, SHC  
Early American Lives, SHC  
The Age of Jefferson & Jackson, SHC  
The Problem of Slavery in American History, SHC  
The American Revolution, Spring Hill College

Senior Thesis Advisor, Yale  
The Antislavery Struggle in America, Yale

## PRESENTATIONS

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### PUBLIC LECTURES AND OUTREACH

“Slavery & the Constitution,” Teacher Workshop, Robert H. Smith Center for the Constitution at Madison’s Montpelier, April 7-9, 2017

Judge, National History Day, Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT, March 4, 2017

Judge, National History Day, Wilbur Cross High School, New Haven, CT, March 12, 2016

“The Washington Image in the Abolitionist Mind,” at the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, Mount Vernon, April 28, 2015

“James Monroe and Slavery Crises in the Early Republic,” at Ash Lawn-Highland: Home of President James Monroe, February 11, 2015

“The Virginia Dynasty and the Problem of John Randolph,” at the “Thomas Jefferson Summer Symposium: Friends, Family, and Foes,” University of Virginia Lifetime Learning Educational Programs, June 20, 2014

“Questioning the Morality and Expediency of Slavery in Jeffersonian Virginia,” at the forum, “William Short’s Emancipation Proposal to Thomas Jefferson,” at the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, May 17, 2011; televised on CSPAN-3

“James Monroe and Slavery,” at the “James Monroe Lecture Series,” University of Virginia School of Continuing Education, Fall 2008

### WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS WITH PRECIRCULATED PAPERS

“Black Migration and Emigration on the Late-Eighteenth Century,” at the Race and Slavery Working Group, Yale University, March 8, 2017

“Quaker Antislavery and the Problem of the American Revolution,” at Yale Early American Historians, Yale University, November 10, 2016

“Antislavery in the New Century,” at the Upstate Early American Workshop, Binghamton University, May 6, 2016

“Before Garrison: Antislavery & Politics in the New Nation,” book manuscript review workshop, Yale University, March 10, 2016

“Beyond the PAS: The Philadelphia Meeting for Sufferings and African-American Activism,” at the “Human Trafficking in Early America” conference at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, Philadelphia, April 24, 2015

“The Anglo-American ‘Race of Glory’ and the Failure of Cooperative Slave Trade Suppression,” at the DC-Area Early American Seminar, March 13, 2015

“Antislavery Activism before the Constitution,” at the “Leadership, Crisis, and Conflict in the United States 1783-1789” symposium, at the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, September 25-26, 2014

“A Mulatto’s Dinner at Monticello: The Jefferson Image, Race Science, and Antislavery Violence in Jabez D. Hammond’s Abolitionist Fiction,” at the CUNY-Graduate Center’s Early American Republic Seminar, December 6, 2013

“‘Scenes of the Brightest Heroism’: Slave Resistance and Virtue in Antislavery Thought During the Age of Revolution,” at the “The Age of Emancipation: Black Freedom in the Atlantic World” workshop, at Vanderbilt University’s Robert Penn Warren Center, April 26-27, 2013

“Barbary Slavery, American Freedom: Race, National Power, and Natural Rights in the New Nation,” at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, March 23, 2012

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Antislavery Lobbying in ‘these (dis)united States’: The Quakers’ Confederation-wide Campaign of 1787-1789,” at the annual meeting of the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, July 20-23, 2017

“Black Colonization in the Quaker State and Sierra Leone: Two Expeditions in 1795,” at the annual conference of the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture, Worcester, MA, June 26, 2016

“Pennsylvania Doughfaces and the Lessons of the Missouri Crisis,” at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, November 7, 2014

“The Federalist Origins of the Doughface Epithet,” at the annual meeting of the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, July 2014

“The Interracial Abolitionist Collaborations of Cato Collins and John Parrish,” at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, Gettysburg, October 19, 2013

“Natural Rights, the Golden Rule, and Divine Retribution in Early National Slave Trade Debates,” at the annual meeting of the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture, Baltimore, June 13-15, 2013

“Barbary Captivity, National Power, and the Defense of Slavery and the Slave Trade,” at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Baltimore, October 2011.

“The Eclipse of Moderation: African Colonization and the Missouri Crisis,” at the annual meeting of the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, July 2011

“Transatlantic Abolitionism in the Late Eighteenth Century,” at the Virginia Forum, Lexington VA, March 25, 2011

“John Randolph and the Politics of Slavery in Jeffersonian America,” at the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, Fellow’s Forum, October 26, 2010

“Slavery, Security, and Sovereignty in the Orleans Territory, 1803-1812,” at the annual meeting of the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture, Oxford, Mississippi, June 13, 2010

“‘A Sacrifice on the Altar of Slavery:’ The 1838 Disfranchisement of Black Pennsylvanians,” at the annual meeting of the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, Springfield, Illinois, July 19, 2009

“Non-Importation not Abolition: The Importance of Commercial Language in the United States’ Prohibition of the African Slave Trade,” at The Closing of the Slave Trades: Transatlantic Perspectives, cosponsored by the Gilder-Lehrman Center and Queens University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, May 29, 2008

“‘Sin Against Heaven’ or Commercial Violation? The Language of British and American Prohibition of the Slave Trade,” at The Abolition of the British Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade: Telling the Story, College of the Bahamas at Nassau, February 22, 2008

#### RELATED EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

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Article Manuscript Reviewer, <i>William and Mary Quarterly</i>	2018
Article Manuscript Reviewer, <i>The Historian</i>	2018
Article Manuscript Reviewer, <i>Early American Studies</i>	2015
Article Manuscript Reviewer, <i>Intellectual History Review</i>	2015
Article Manuscript Reviewer, <i>Ohio Valley History</i>	2015
Research Assistant for Prof. Brian Balogh, UVA	2014
Advance Scanning and Proofreading, Documents Compass/Founders Online	2013-2014
Coordinator of the UVA-Monticello Early American Seminar	2012-2013
Article Manuscript Reviewer, <i>Essays in History</i>	2010-2014
Research Assistant, Virginia Center for Digital History, UVA	Summer 2010

Instructor, Saturday Enrichment Program, University of Virginia	January 2010
Graduate Assistant, Summer Transition Program, University of Virginia	Summer 2009
Research Assistant, African-American History, Monticello	Summer 2008
History Hunters Guide, Wyck House and Johnson House, Germantown, PA	2007
Public History Intern, Johnson House, Germantown, Philadelphia	2006
Interpreter, National Constitution Center, Philadelphia	2004-2007
Co-chair, Model United Nations, Monroe Township High School	2003-2004