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Career

Princeton University, Assistant Professor, *Began 2017*

University of Chicago, Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, *September 2013-2017*.

American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Postdoctoral Fellowship. *September 2012- May 2013*

Education

New York University: PhD, History Department, *July 2012*

- Dissertation: “Black Intellectuals, White Abolitionists, and Revolutionary Transcendentalists: Creating the Radical Intellectual Tradition in Antebellum Boston”
- Advisor: Martha Hodes
- Committee: Linda Gordon, Thomas Bender, John Stauffer, and Manisha Sinha

Swarthmore College, BA. *May 2004*

Publications

Higher Laws: Black and White Transcendentalists and the Fight against Slavery, under contract to the University of Pennsylvania Press.

“Black Transcendentalism: William Cooper Nell, the Adelpic Union and the Black Abolitionist Intellectual Tradition,” *Journal of the Era of the Civil War*, Forthcoming, 2018.

“‘The Light of Knowledge follows the Impulse of Revolutions:’ The Haitian Influence on Antebellum Black Ideas of Elevation and Education,” *Slavery and Abolition*, June 2015, pp. 275-297.

“‘Today Abolitionist is Merged in Citizen’: Radical Abolitionists and the Union War,” in Matthew Mason, Kate Viens, and Conrad Wright eds., *Massachusetts and the Civil War: the Commonwealth and National Disunion*, University of Massachusetts Press, 2015, pp 107-151.

“Wendell Phillips and Transatlantic Radicalism: Democracy, Capitalism, and the American Labor Movement,” in A.J. Aiséirithe and Donald Yacovone, eds., *Wendell Phillips: Social Justice and the Power of the Past* (Louisiana State University Press, 2016).

“Alexander Crummell on Coleridge, Emerson, and the Purpose of African-American Intellectual Life in the Early American Republic,” Under Revision at *Modern Intellectual History*

Awards and Fellowships

Barbara Packer Fellowship, American Antiquarian Society, *July 2014*.

Runner-Up, Society for Historians of the Early Republic Dissertation Prize, *2012*

ACLS/Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship, *September 2011- June 2012*

Finalist, Charlotte Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, *2011*

New England Regional Fellowship Consortium Grant, *Spring 2011*

Suzanne and Caleb Loring Fellowship on the Civil War, Its Origins, and Consequences, *Fall 2010*

Bessie and George Levy Award for Excellence in American History, Department of History, *2011*

Online Publications

“Hope and Historians,” at S-USIH.org, *December 23, 2015*

“The Political Consequences of Moral Commitments: A Review of John Burt, *Lincoln’s Tragic Pragmatism: Lincoln, Douglas, and Moral Conflict*,” in S-USIH.org, *May 24, 2015*.

Review of *We are the Revolutionists: German-Speaking Immigrants and American Abolitionists after 1848*, by Mischa Honeck, in H-Net, H-Soz-U-Kult, *August 29, 2011*

Selected Conference Presentations

“Alexander Crummell as Philosopher: Slavery, Elevation, and the Creation of Freedom,” African-American Intellectual History Society Conference, *March 2016*

“‘When the Cannon is Aimed by Ideas’: Emerson, the Civil War, and the Transcendentalist Embrace of the Nation,” United States Intellectual History Conference, *October 2014*

“Before Thoreau: Black Abolitionists, Transcendentalists and the Abolitionist ‘Higher Law’ Theory,” Weissbourd Conference: Paradoxes of Authority/The Authority of Paradoxes, University of Chicago, *May 2014*.

“Schilling Among the Black Abolitionists: German Romantic Philosophy and Antebellum African-American Intellectuals,” United States Intellectual History Conference, *November 2013*

“‘Today Abolitionist is Merged in Citizen:’ Radical Abolitionists and the Union War,” Massachusetts and the Civil War, Massachusetts Historical Society, *April 2013*

“Wendell Phillips and Transatlantic Radicalism,” Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Conference, Harvard University, *June 2011*

“Lewis Hayden: Former Slave, Abolitionist, Intellectual,” Organization of American Historians annual meeting, Washington, D.C., *April 2010*

Selected Teaching Experience

“U.S. Intellectual History: Development of American Thought from Anne Hutchinson to Martin Luther King, Jr.,” Princeton University, 2018

“The Global Abolition of Slavery,” University of Chicago, *2016*

“Power, Identity, Resistance,” I, II, III, University of Chicago, *2013-2016*.

“America in the Age of the Civil War: 1815-1913: Economy, Slavery, Culture, and Ideas,” New York University, *Spring 2011*.

“The Crisis of the Union,” Teaching American History project, U.S. Department of Education, New York, NY, *Fall 2009*.

Professional Activities

Bargaining Committee, SEIU Local 73/Harper Society of Fellows , *January 2016-2017*

Chair, Harper Society of Fellows, University of Chicago, Social Science Division, *2014-2015*

President, Graduate History Student Association, Department of History, New York University, *Fall 2008-Fall 2009*. Chaired meetings, managed budget, planned events.

Professional Memberships:

- American Historical Association
- American Studies Association
- Organization of American Historians
- Society of Civil War Historians
- Society of Historians of the Early Republic