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Curriculum vitae

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, University of Virginia, May 2004

M.A., History, University of Virginia, August 1999

B.A., Yale University, *magna cum laude*, history major with distinction, May 1998

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2014– Daniel M. Lyons Chair of American History, Professor and Associate Professor, Department of History, Brooklyn College, City University of New York
- 2019– Affiliated Faculty, History Program, Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 2006–2014 Associate and Assistant Professor, Department of History, Tufts University
- 2004–2006 Lecturer in American History, School of History and Classics, University of Edinburgh

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books and Edited Volumes

- 2023 *The Great New York Fire of 1776: A Lost Story of the American Revolution*, Yale University Press, in press
- 2014 *Major Problems in the Era of the American Revolution, 1760–1791: Documents and Essays*, with Richard D. Brown, 3rd edition, Wadsworth Cengage Learning, 2014
- 2010 *Defiance of the Patriots: The Boston Tea Party and the Making of America*, Yale University Press, 2010  
Winner, Society of the Cincinnati Cox Book Prize, Oct. 2013
- 2007 *Rebels Rising: Cities and the American Revolution*, Oxford University Press, 2007

### Articles and Essays (Selected)

- 2023 “An Incendiary War: Conspiracies, Disasters, and the American Revolution, 1775–1790,” in *Rethinking American Disasters: New Essays in Cultural, Political, and Environmental History*, ed. Cynthia A. Kierner, Matthew Mulcahy, and Liz Skilton (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, in press)

- 2022 “‘The First Incendiary’: A Female Firebrand and the New York City Fire of 1776,” in *Women Waging War in the American Revolution*, ed. Holly A. Mayer (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2022)
- 2022 Introduction and conclusion, conference proceedings, “Decentering Early New York City’s History,” *New York History* 103, 1 (summer 2022): 1–3, 36–38
- 2019 “Jefferson’s Embargo: National Intent and Sectional Effects,” in *Jeffersonians in Power: The Rhetoric of Opposition Meets the Realities of Governing*, ed. Joanne B. Freeman, Johann N. Neem (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2019)
- 2017 “World Wide Enough: Historiography, Imagination, and Stagecraft,” symposium on *Hamilton, Journal of the Early Republic* 37, 2 (summer 2017): 289–94
- 2016 “‘The Unpleasing Part of the Drama’: Fear, Devastation, and the Civilian Experience of the Revolutionary War,” in *Fear and the Shaping of Early American Societies*, ed. Lauric Henneton and L. H. Roper (Leiden: Brill, 2016)
- 2017 “‘Fix’d almost amongst Strangers’: Charleston’s Quaker Merchants and the Limits of Cosmopolitanism,” *William and Mary Quarterly* 74, 1 (Jan. 2017): 77–108
- 2016 “Edmund S. Morgan and the Urgency of Good Leadership,” *Reviews in American History* 44, 1 (March 2016): 1–18
- 2012 “Did Dutch Smugglers Provoke the Boston Tea Party?” *Early American Studies* (Special Issue: Anglo-Dutch Revolutions) 10, 2 (spring 2012): 335–59
- 2006 “The Night the Yankees Burned Broadway: The New York City Fire of 1776,” *Early American Studies* 4, 2 (fall 2006): 471–511
- 2002 “Nations of American Rebels: Understanding Nationalism in Revolutionary North America and the Civil War South,” *Civil War History* 48, 1 (2002): 5–33
- 2001 “Fire of Liberty: Firefighters, Urban Voluntary Culture, and the Revolutionary Movement,” *William and Mary Quarterly* 58, 4 (Oct. 2001): 781–818

## MAJOR FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019–2020 Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities Fellowship, Brooklyn College, 2019–2020
- 2005–2006 Leverhulme Research Fellowship, Leverhulme Trust, 2005–2006
- 2003–2004 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for Citizens and Scholars, 2003–2004
- 1998–1999 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies, Institute for Citizens and Scholars, 1998–1999