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### EDUCATION

**University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA Present  
Ph.D. History Candidate.  
**University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA  
M.A. in History. Awarded 2021  
B.A. in English. Awarded 2018

### AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

*Presidential Ph.D. Fellowship* for Graduate Students at the University of Pennsylvania. Awarded 2021.  
*Fontaine Fellowship* for Graduate Students at the University of Pennsylvania. Awarded 2019.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

President, HaVeN Scholars Soc. for Black Historians Present  
Digital Historian, New Legal Histories Conference Present  
Lead Public Historian, Penn & Slavery Project Present

### PUBLICATIONS

“Juneteenth 2023: Reconciling, Educating & Celebrating,” (Podcast) *Bridging Philly* hosted by Racquel Williams *KYW News*, June 2023.  
“A Historian’s Take on Juneteenth,” (Interview) *OMNLA, University of Pennsylvania Arts & Sciences Magazine*, June 2023.  
“Return, Rebury, Repatriate,” (Podcast) from the *Innate: How Science Invented the Myth of Race* Podcast Series by *Distillations: Science History Institute*, Mar. 2023.  
“A Bare and Open Truth: The Penn & Slavery Project and the Public,” *Perspectives of History, American Historical Association*, Nov 2022.  
[Featured] Zoe Greenberg, “A More Perfect Union: Higher Education Indebted,” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, Oct. 2022.  
“Mapping the Legacy of Slavery,” (Interview) *The Order of Multitudes Project* 2021  
“The Penn & Slavery Project: On Visualizing the Afterlives of Slavery at Penn,” in *History of Anthropology Review*, Apr 2021.  
“We Challenged Penn to Reexamine its History of Slavery, and Our Project Isn't Over: Inside the search for ties to slavery among Penn's early trustees” in *34th Street, The Daily Pennsylvanian*, Feb 2018.  
“Penn Slavery Project: Research Report” part of ‘Penn and its Connections to Slavery’ section of the *University of Pennsylvania Archives and Record Center*, with direction from Dr. Kathleen Brown, Dec 2017.

### CONFERENCES

“Slavery Hiding in Plain ‘Site’: Philadelphia Historians Find New Modes of Engagement for a National Park, a Historic Property, and a University,” Pennsylvania Historical Association, Oct 2023. [*upcoming*]  
“Freedom Seekers, Active Players in the Abolitionist Movement,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, July 2023. [*upcoming*]  
“Slavery Hiding in Plain ‘Site’: Philadelphia Historians Find New Modes of Engagement for a National Park, a Historic Property, and a University,” American Historical Association, Jan 2023.  
“Penn & Slavery Project,” Tackling Inequality in Higher Education: Past & Present, Stony Brook University Inaugural Symposium, Oct 2021.  
“Penn & Slavery Project: Augmenting a Campus to Publicize History,” Pennsylvania Historical Association Virtual Conference, Oct 2021.

“Untangling Legacies: The Penn & Slavery Project, Presenter, Black Lives & Freedom Journey Conference, Oct 2021.

“The Importance of Undergraduate Involvement when Universities Study Slavery,” Panelist, Universities Studying Slavery Conference, Hollins University, Roanoke, VA, April 2018.

**TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE**

Hamilton’s America: US History 1776-1804, Fall 2022

History of American Law to 1877, Spring 2022

Africa Since 1800, Fall 2021

Deciphering America, Spring 2021

Transforming Urban America, Fall 2020

Penn & Slavery Project, Fall 2018