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### EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Present

- Ph.D. Candidate in History.  
Dissertation: “A ‘Rebellion’ Called ‘Shays’s’: The Massachusetts Regulation of 1786-1787”  
Committee: Kathleen M Brown, Emma Hart, Sarah Gronningsater
- M.A. in History. Awarded 2021.  
Thesis: “Jane Johnson: Choosing Freedom in Philadelphia”  
Advisor: Mia Bay
- B.A. in English. Awarded 2018.

### FELLOWSHIPS

- *Teaching Fellowship* with Penn’s Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning & Innovation. Awarded 2024.
- *Presidential Ph.D. Fellowship* for Graduate Students at the University of Pennsylvania. Awarded 2021-2023.
- *Willaim Fontaine Fellowship* for Graduate Students at the University of Pennsylvania. Awarded 2019.
- *Patterson Graduate Fellowship* at the University of Pennsylvania. Awarded 2019.
- *Provost Public History Fellowship* at the University of Pennsylvania. Awarded 2018.

### PUBLICATIONS

- “Penn & Slavery Project: Augmenting a Campus to Reveal a Hidden History,” *Philadelphia History Magazine*, July 2026 (forthcoming).
- “A Bare and Open Truth: The Penn & Slavery Project and the Public,” *Perspectives of History, American Historical Association*, Nov 2022.
- “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” in ‘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 & PRESENTATIONS

- “What First Roused the Rabble?: The Political Underpinnings of the Crowd Action in the Massachusetts Regulation of 1786-1787” in “New Directions in American Democracy,” *Society for the Historians of Early American Republic*, July 2025 (forthcoming).
- “Penn & Slavery Project’s Augmented Reality Tour: Augmenting a Campus to Reveal a Hidden History” in “With or Without Permission: Site-Specific Augmented Reality for Social Justice,” *Association of Computing Machinery CHI Conference*, May 2024.
- “Anna Bingham’s Stockbridge” from “More Than Shays’s Rebellion: The Massachusetts Regulation of 1786-1787,” *City University of New York Early American Republic Seminar*, Feb 2024.
- “Penn & Slavery Project: Virtually Augmenting a Campus” in “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.
- “Jane Johnson: Choosing Freedom” in “Freedom Seekers, Active Players in the Abolitionist Movement,” *Society for Historians of the Early American Republic*, July 2023.

- “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,” in *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.
- “Researching and Presenting the History of Slavery at the University of Pennsylvania,” *Symposium of the Project on Race, Science and Society*, The Penn & Slavery Project, Department of Africana Studies, University of Pennsylvania, April 2019.
- “The Importance of Undergraduate Involvement when Universities Study Slavery,” Panelist, *Universities Studying Slavery Conference*, Hollins University, Roanoke, VA, April 2018.

## GUEST LECTURES

- “Constitutional Compromises,” *History of the US from Contact to 1877*, Drew University, Nov 2024 (forthcoming).
- “The Haitian Revolution,” *The Revolutionary Black Atlantic*, Drew University, Nov 2024 (forthcoming).
- “The History of the Penn & Slavery Project,” *The History of People of African Descent at The University of Pennsylvania*, University of Pennsylvania, Feb 2024.
- “The Haitian Revolution,” *Hamilton’s America: US History 1776-1804*, University of Pennsylvania, Nov 2022.
- “Penn & Slavery Project,” *Slavery, Justice, and Democracy: Critical History of Higher Education in the US*, Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania, Oct 2022.
- “Close Reading of the Federalist Papers,” *Radical Literature from the American Revolution to the Civil War*, University of Pennsylvania, Apr 2021.
- “Penn & Slavery, But It’s Not Just Penn,” *African American History I*, University of New Hampshire, Feb 2021.
- “Slavery: Racial Difference and The Penn & Slavery Project,” *Deciphering America*, University of Pennsylvania, Feb 2021.
- “Archival Interruptions,” *Orthodoxies and Disruptions*, University of Pennsylvania, Nov 2020.
- “Archival Research as an Undergraduate,” *Public History Course*, Widener University, Oct 2020.
- “Private Archives & Public History,” *Petrosylvania*, University of Pennsylvania, Oct 2020.
- “Penn & Slavery Project: Augmented Reality Application,” *Gender and Society*, University of Pennsylvania, Sept 2020.
- “Penn & Slavery Project & Pedagogy,” *Teachers Institute of Philadelphia*, April 2020.
- “Institutional Production of Knowledge: Connections Between Penn, Slavery, and Pedagogy,” *Bodies, Race and Rights: Sex and Citizenship in Modern American History*, University of Pennsylvania, Sept 2018.

## INVITED TALKS

- “The Rising Generation & The Long History of Emancipation,” Respondent to author Sarah Gronningsater, *Global Discovery Series, Penn Alumni Office*, Oct 2024 (Forthcoming).
- “Chains of Captivity: Caribbean Warfare & the Slave Trade in Colonial Philadelphia,” Respondent to author Christopher Baldwin, *Yale, Race, and Slavery*, Oct 2024 (Forthcoming)
- “Graduate Student Panel,” Speaker, *Leadership Alliance Mellon Initiative Day*, July 2024.
- “Introduction to The Penn & Slavery Project: A Juneteenth Commemoration,” Speaker, *Penn Carey Law School at the University of Pennsylvania*, June 2024.
- “Penn & Slavery Project”, *American Association of University Women*, Feb 2023
- “Presidential Address,” Speaker, *Fontaine Society*, Admitted Students Day, Mar 2023.
- “Demystifying the Hidden Curriculum,” *University of Pennsylvania*, Mar 2023.
- “A Safe HaVeN for Black Penn Historians,” Speaker, *History Department Orientation*, Aug 2023.

- “Applying & Transitioning to Graduate School,” McNair Scholars & Fontaine Society, July 2022
- Juneteenth Event for Grand Rounds, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, University of Pennsylvania, June 2022
- “Digitizing Public History,” Speaker, Franklin & Marshall, Apr 2021.
- “Penn & Slavery Project,” Speaker, Beyond Zoom: Promise of Reality of XR, Apr 2021.
- “Return Them All!” Speaker, Protest to Repatriate/Return Remains in Morton Collection, Apr 2021.
- “Penn & Slavery Project Augmented Reality App,” Speaker, Annenberg Seminar, Mar 2021;
- “Penn & Slavery Project Augmented Reality App,” Panelist, Frameless XR Symposium, Nov 2020.
- “The Penn Slavery Project,” Public Lecture, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA, Nov 2018.
- “Supporting a Resolution to form a Special Committee on 400 Years of African American History,” Speaker, Philadelphia City Council, Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell, Philadelphia, PA, Sept 2018.
- “The Industries of Penn, Philadelphia, & American Slavery: Ownership, Fundraising, and Rhetoric,” Speaker, UHURU Book Fair & Flea Market, Philadelphia Clark Park, Philadelphia, PA, Sept 2018
- “Penn & Slavery Project: Presentation and Interpretations of Findings After First Year of Research,” Presenter, Presentation for Fellows & Provost, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, April 2018.
- “Preliminary Findings II: Presentation of the Early Work of the Penn & Slavery Project,” Presenter, Presentation for School of Arts and Sciences Office of Student Advancement, April 2018.
- “Preliminary Findings: Presentation of the Early Work of the Penn & Slavery Project,” Public Presentation, *Museum of the American Revolution*, Jan 2018; Presenter, Presentation for Trustees & Fellows, *McNeil Center for Early American Studies*, Dec 2017; Presenter, Public Presentation, Hosted by the *History Department of the University of Pennsylvania*, College Hall, Dec 2017.

## INTERVIEWS & PODCASTS

- “Penn & Slavery Project Receives New Funding, Looks to Expand Outreach,” *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, Daimy Wang, July 2024.
- “Juneteenth 2023: Reconciling, Educating & Celebrating,” *Bridging Philly Podcast* hosted by Racquel Williams *KYW News*, June 2023.
- “A Historian’s Take on Juneteenth,” *OMNLA, University of Pennsylvania Arts & Sciences Magazine*, June 2023.
- “Return, Rebury, Repatriate,” from the *Innate: How Science Invented the Myth of Race* Podcast Series by *Distillations: Science History Institute*, Mar 2023.
- “A More Perfect Union: Higher Education Indebted,” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, Zoe Greenberg, Oct 2022.
- “Mapping the Legacy of Slavery,” The Order of Multitudes Project, *Yale Mellon Seminar*, July 2021.
- “Remains of Black Children Killed in MOVE Bombing Cannot Be Located.” Morning Edition, *National Public Radio*, Apr 2021.
- “Students, West Philadelphians call on Penn to ‘return the remains of Morton Collection.” *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, Brandon Anayana, Apr 2021.
- “Rally demands the repatriation of the Penn Museum’s Morton skull collection.” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, Stephan Salisbury, Apr 2021.
- “Penn & Slavery Project releases virtual campus tour app illustrating Penn’s ties to slavery.” *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, Jack Starobin, Mar 2021.
- “Challenging and transforming everyday experiences on Penn’s campus.” *Penn Today*, Lauren Hertzler, Feb 2021.
- “Penn & Slavery Project urges U. to further address racism after removing Whitefield statue.” *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, Zoey Weisman, July 2020.
- “Penn Museum to remove Morton Cranial Collection from public view after student opposition.” *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, Komal Patel, July 2020.
- “Take down the George Whitefield statue.” *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, Jessica Gooding, Jun 2020.

- “Critically examining George Whitefield’s statue in the Quad.” *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, Jessica Gooding, Oct 2019.
- “Penn & Slavery Project finds profs collected body parts of enslaved people in the 1800s.” *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, Manlu Liou, April 2019.
- “The Stories We Tell: Undergrads dig into archives to reframe Penn’s historical ties to slavery.” *OMNLA Magazine*, by Jane Carroll & Lauren Rebecca Thacker, Oct 2018.
- “Penn and Slavery: Student research spurs a reevaluation.” *The Pennsylvania Gazette Magazine*, Trey Popp, Oct 2018.
- “How We Create: The Penn & Slavery Project.” *How We Create Podcast*, by Mike Hoover, Oct 2018.
- “Penn has acknowledged its ties to slavery, but student researchers say their work is far from over.” *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, by Madeleine Ngo, August 2018.
- “Looking in the Mirror: Spearheaded by senior VanJessica Gladney, the Penn History of Slavery Project has colleges across the country reassessing their ties to slavery.” *Study Breaks*, by Onaje McDowelle, May 2018.
- “New findings from Penn Slavery Project show how U. benefited financially from enslaved labor.” *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, by Giovanna Paz, April 2018.
- “Penn Slavery Project student researchers express concern over the role of faculty working group.” *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, by Max Cohen, March 2018.
- “Penn student researchers dig into the University’s unaddressed ties to the slave trade.” *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, by Rahul Chopra & Giovanna Paz, January 2018.

## **TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE**

- Teaching Assistant Trainer, Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, Fall 2024
- Hamilton’s America: US History 1776-1804, Sarah Gronningsater, Fall 2022
- History of American Law to 1877, Sarah Gronningsater, Spring 2022
- Africa Since 1800, Lee Cassenlli, Fall 2021
- Deciphering America, Kathleen Brown and Walter Licht, Spring 2021
- Transforming Urban America: Making The Unequal Metropolis, 1945-Today, Brent Cebul, Fall 2020
- Penn & Slavery Project, Kathleen Brown and Alexis Broderick Neumann, Spring 2019
- Penn & Slavery Project, Kathleen Brown and Alexis Broderick Neumann, Fall 2018

## **STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

- Digital Historian & Executive Tour Guide, Penn & Slavery Project, Present.
- Co-Chair, Graduate History Colloquium, Penn History Department, Present
- President, HaVeN Scholars Society for Black Historians at Penn, Present.
- Co-President, William Fontaine Fellowship Society, Coordinating Committee, 2020-2023.
- Co-President, Clio Society, History Department Grad Student Representative Body, 2020-2021.
- Secretary, William Fontaine Fellowship Society, Coordinating Committee, 2019-2020.

## **PANELS & WORKSHOPS | Organized & Facilitated**

- History Graduate Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, 8 sessions, 2024-2025 (forthcoming)
- “Teaching History in the Era of Historical Erasure” Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, & Innovation, and History Department, University of Pennsylvania, Apr 2025 (forthcoming).
- “Teaching History to Non-Historians,” Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, & Innovation, and History Department, University of Pennsylvania, Mar 2025 (forthcoming).
- “Ask an Alum: Teaching History At a Non-Penn University,” Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, & Innovation, and History Department, University of Pennsylvania, Jan 2025 (forthcoming)
- “Teaching Outside of Your Historical Subfield,” Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, & Innovation, and History Department, University of Pennsylvania, Nov 2024 (forthcoming)

- “Creating a History Course,” Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, & Innovation, and History Department, University of Pennsylvania, Oct 2024 (forthcoming)
- “Writing an Exciting History Lecture,” Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, & Innovation, and History Department, University of Pennsylvania, Sept 2024.
- “Preparing Students for Essay Exams,” Organizer and Facilitator, TA Training, Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, & Innovation, University of Pennsylvania, Sep 2024.
- “TAing a History Course,” Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, & Innovation, and History Department, University of Pennsylvania, Aug 2024.
- “Teaching Assistant Scenarios in the Humanities,” Organizer and Facilitator, TA Training, Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, & Innovation, University of Pennsylvania, Aug 2024.
- “Teaching Demonstrations and Observations,” Organizer and Facilitator, TA Training, Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, & Innovation, University of Pennsylvania, Aug 2024.
- “Grading in the Humanities & Qualitative Social Sciences,” Organizer and Facilitator, TA Training, Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, & Innovation, University of Pennsylvania, Aug 2024.
- Fontaine Fellowship Society Conference, Mar 2023.
- “Imperial Entanglements: Kinship, *Accommodatio*, and Imagination of Self: A Conversation with Jessica Marie Johnson & Ananya Chakravarti,” Kaplan Panel, University of Pennsylvania, Apr 2021
- “Getting Into Print: Perspectives on Article/Book Publishing,” University of Pennsylvania, Mar 2021
- “What Can Historians Do? Social Justice, Community Outreach and Public Facing Writing,” University of Pennsylvania, Mar 2021
- Penn & Slavery Project Augmented Reality Launch Event, Feb 2021
- “So, You Voted, But Did It Really Matter?” University of Pennsylvania, Nov 2020
- “Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Academic Publishing (But Were Afraid to Ask),” University of Pennsylvania, Nov 2020.
- “Career Diversity for PhDs in History,” History Department, University of Pennsylvania, Oct 2020.
- “How to Network in the Pandemic,” History Department, University of Pennsylvania, Dec 2020.