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## Education

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University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

PhD Candidate, History, 2012-

*Dissertation:* "Projecting Power in the Dawnland: Colonization Schemes, Imperial Failure, and Competing Visions of the Gulf of Maine World, 1710-1800"

*Committee:* Daniel K. Richter (advisor), Kathleen M. Brown, Antonio Feros

Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

M.A., History, Aug 2012

*Thesis:* "An Unsettled Plantation: Nova Scotia's New Englanders and the Creation of a British Colony, 1759-1776."

*Thesis Advisor:* Jerry Bannister

Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

B.A., History, May 2010

## Publications

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### Edited Volumes

2012            "'To Boston in Order for Chester': The Seccombe Family Diaries and Planter Mobility, 1761-1783." In *Planters in the Atlantic World*, edited by Stephen Henderson and Wendy Robicheau. Fredericton: Acadiensis Press, 2012.

### Book Reviews

2015            Review of Newman, Andrew, *On Records: Delaware Indians, Colonists, and the Media of History and Memory*. H-Pennsylvania, H-Net Reviews. December 2015.

## Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

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- 2017-2018 Marguerite Bartlett Hamer Dissertation Fellow, McNeil Center for Early American Studies  
Louis Leonard Tucker Alumni Fellow, Massachusetts Historical Society
- 2016-2017 Elizabeth R. Moran Fellow, American Philosophical Society  
Penfield Dissertation Research Fellow, University of Pennsylvania  
New England Regional Fellowship Consortium, Research Fellow  
New York Public Library Short-Term Fellow  
Viv Nelles Essay Prize, Wilson Institute for Canadian History
- 2015-2016 Susan E. Snowden Graduate Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
- 2014-2015 Benjamin Franklin Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
- 2014 SAS Dean's Travel Subvention, University of Pennsylvania
- 2013 Colonial Essay Award, First Place, Colonial Society of Pennsylvania
- 2012-2014 Humanities Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
- 2012 Waitlisted, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Award

## Conference and Paper Presentations

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### Conference Papers

- 2018 *Forthcoming*: "The Current of Germans Will Be the Making of the Province:" Foreign Protestants, the British Empire, and the Weaponization of Settlement in the Gulf of Maine World, 1740-1800." Entangled Histories: Making New Connections in Early America c.1750-1850, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, Philadelphia, PA. April 2018.
- Forthcoming*: "Whose Protestant Empire? Settler Expansion in the Northeast and Dissenter Fear, 1748-1775." Religion and Politics in Early America (Beginnings to 1820), John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, St. Louis, MO. March 2018.
- 2017 *Forthcoming*: "Barren Icy Rocks or a Nursery of Seamen? Debating Nova Scotia and Ideologies of Empire in the Era of the American Revolution." North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. Nov 2017.
- "The Land Jobbers' Revolution: Land Speculation in Maine and Nova Scotia, 1765-1800" Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, PA. July 2017.

"Alexander McNutt's Empire." Mid-Atlantic Conference on British Studies 2017 Annual Meeting, The University of Maryland at College Park, MD. April 2017.

- 2016 "Managing Settler Expansion in the Dawnland: Wabanaki Border Enforcement and Visions of Land Sharing, 1730-1750" American Society for Ethnohistory Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN. Nov 2016.
- "The River Belongs Exclusively to the Passamaquoddy Tribe: Negotiating Boundaries in the Eighteenth Century Gulf of Maine World" On Edge: New Frontiers in Atlantic History, University of Southampton, Southampton, UK. July 2016.
- "Settling on a Border: Revolutionary Competition, Colonialism, and the Creation of an International Boundary Line" CUNY Early American Republic Seminar Graduate Conference, New York, NY. May 2016.
- 2015 "A Tale of Two Proclamation Lines: Delimiting Empire and the Quest for a Mi'kmaq Homeland, 1754-1770 " Bustle and Stir: Movement and Exchange in Early America, McNeil Center for Early American Studies Graduate Conference, Philadelphia, PA. October 2015.
- 2014 "Philadelphia Plantations: Nova Scotian Land Schemes and Imagining British America Between the Wars, 1763-1775." OIEAHC 20th Annual Meeting, Halifax, Nova Scotia. June 2014.
- 2012 "'No Place Fit for a Town:' The Failure of Philadelphia Township and Colonial Migration to late-1760s Nova Scotia." Atlantic Canada Studies Conference, Saint John, New Brunswick. May 2012.

#### **Invited Talks, Colloquia and Other Presentations**

- 2017 "Francis Bernard, Failed Land Speculator." Fourth Annual Maine Historical Society Historian's Forum, Portland, ME. July 2017.
- "The River Belongs Exclusively to the Passamaquoddy Tribe: Borderlands, Borderseas, and the Creation of an International Boundary Line." Yale Early American Historians Working Group, New Haven, CT. March 2017.
- Lunch at the Library Talk, American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, PA. Feb 2017.
- 2016 "The Division of Wabanakia: Speculators and Loyalists in Maine and Acadia After the American Revolution." CUNY Early American Republic Seminar, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY. March 2016.
- 2015 "No Brothers, Except Among Themselves: Loyalist Settlement and Native Dispossession in the Post-Revolutionary Northeast." McNeil Center Works-in-Progress Series, McNeil Center for Early American History, Philadelphia, PA. December 2015.

"Philadelphia's Plantations: Reimagining the Empire and the Creation of a Settler Colonial Northeast, 1763-1775." History Graduate Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. October 2015.

2011 "‘To Boston in Order for Chester’: The Seccombe Family Diaries and Planter Mobility, 1761-1783." Lawrence D. Stokes Seminar, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. November 2011.

### **Panels Organized**

2016 Co-organizer, "Native Borders and Imperial Designs," American Society for Ethnohistory Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN. Nov 2016.

### **Online Publications**

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2017 "Not Subject to the Scorn and Contumely of the Great: Alexander McNutt's Nova Scotia." *Au delà des frontières : La nouvelle histoire du Canada/ Beyond Borders: The New Canadian History*. < <https://thenewcanadianhistory.com/2017/05/01/not-subject-to-the-scorn-and-contumely-of-the-great-alexander-mcnutts-nova-scotia/>>. May 2017.

### **Teaching Experience**

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2014 Certificate in College and University Teaching, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania

2013-2015 Teaching Assistant, University of Pennsylvania:  
"Sinners, Sex, and Slaves: Race and Sex in Early America," Dr. Kathleen Brown.  
"Colonial Latin America," Dr. Tamara Walker.  
"Making of a Modern World: World History Since 1750" Dr. Lee Cassanelli.  
"Strategy, Policy, and War," Dr. Arthur Waldron.

2011 Teaching Assistant, Dalhousie University:  
"Atlantic Canada to Confederation: The Northeast in the Age of Empire, 1450-1867," Dr. Jerry Bannister.

### **Service**

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2017 Co-organizer, McNeil Center for Early American History Biennial Graduate Student Conference.

2016 Philip S. Klein Book Prize Committee, Pennsylvania Historical Association.

2016-Present Social Media Coordinator, McNeil Center for Early American History.

- 2014-2015 Graduate Student Representative, CLIO History Graduate Student Society, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2013-2014 President, CLIO History Graduate Student Society, University of Pennsylvania  
Co-organizer, Stephen Allen Kaplan Memorial Lecture series, University of Pennsylvania  
Co-organizer, Brown Bag Speakers Series, University of Pennsylvania
- 2011-2012 President, Graduate Student History Society, Dalhousie University  
Co-organizer, "History Across the Disciplines" Graduate Student Conference, Dalhousie University

## **Public History Experience**

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- 2011-2012 Led Historical Walking Tours of Halifax, Nova Scotia for Individuals and Groups
- 2010-2011 Intern, Association of Nova Scotia Museums, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 2009 Interpreter/Researcher, Old Burying Ground Foundation, Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Oral History Volunteer, Pier 21, Canada's Immigration Museum, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 2008 Interpreter/Assistant Curator, Cole Harbor Heritage Farm Museum, Halifax, Nova Scotia

## **Professional Affiliations**

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American Historical Association  
Organization of American Historians  
American Society for Ethnohistory  
Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society  
Friend of the MCEAS