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EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D., History, Yale University.
- 2014 M.Phil., History, Yale University.
- 2013 M.A., History, Yale University.
- 2011 B.A., History, The City College of New York.
- 2007–9 Borough of Manhattan Community College.

EMPLOYMENT

- 2020– Associate Director, Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute, New Haven, CT.
- 2018–20 Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Knox College.
- 2017–18 Visiting Faculty, Department of History, Lang College of Liberal Arts at The New School.
- 2012–15 Research/Editorial Assistant, The Papers of Benjamin Franklin.

PUBLICATIONS (selected)

Books

- [2028] *The Declaration of Independence: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press).
- 2026 *The Declaration of Independence: A Concise History* (Oxford University Press).
- 2024 *The Memory of '76: The Revolution in American History* (Yale University Press).
 [finalist for the 2025 George Washington Prize]
- 2020 *Past and Prologue: Politics and Memory in the American Revolution* (Yale University Press).

Articles

- 2024 “The Revolution at 250: A Conversation,” *Journal of the Early Republic* 44, no. 4 (Winter 2024): 513–79.

- 2021 “Revolution Lost? Vast Early America, National History, and the American Revolution,” *The William and Mary Quarterly, Third Series* 78, no. 2 (April 2021): 269–74.
- 2020 “Citizenship and the Memory of the American Revolution in Nineteenth-Century Political Culture,” *New York History* 101, no. 1 (Summer 2020): 30–53.
- 2017 “‘As Serves our Interest best’: Political Economy and the Logic of Popular Resistance in New York City, 1765–1775,” *New York History* 98, no. 1 (Winter 2017): 40–70.

Book Chapters

- 2023 “Peter Oliver,” in *History From Loss: A Global Introduction to Histories Written by Defeat, Colonization, Exile and Imprisonment*, eds. Marnie Hughes-Warrington and Daniel Woolf (New York: Routledge). [forthcoming]
- 2019 “The American Revolution,” in *American Yawp: A Massively Collaborative Open U.S. History Textbook, Vol. 1: To 1877* (Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, 2019).

Magazine Articles

- 2022 “A Means to an End,” *Lapham’s Quarterly* XIV, no. 4 (Fall 2022): 181–7.

Digital Publications (selected)

- 2020 “Revisionist History is an American Political Tradition” Made By History, *The Washington Post*, September 23.
- 2020 “Columbus never set foot here. Why do we remember Him?” Made By History, *The Washington Post*, June 15.
- 2019 “What Attorney General Barr Gets Wrong about the American Revolution,” Made By History, *The Washington Post*, November 22.
- 2018 “Anticipating a National History for a New Republic,” *The Readex Report* 13, no. 1 (February 2018).
- 2017 “The Historiography of the American Revolution: A Timeline.”
<https://bit.ly/AmRevHistTL>
- 2014 “When Benjamin Franklin Came Home: A Look at the Media Coverage of His Return,” *The Readex Report* 9, no. 1 (February 2014).
- 2013 “The Historiography of the American Revolution,” *Journal of the American Revolution* (August).
- 2012–present Author of numerous blog posts/essays for *The Junto* on historiography, pedagogy, and digital/public history.

Book Reviews

- 2025 A. Lynn Smith, *Memory Wars: Settlers and Natives Remember Washington's Sullivan Expedition of 1779* in *Journal of the Early Republic* 45, no. 2 (Summer 2025): 303-6.
- 2024 Shira Lurie, *The American Liberty Pole: Popular Politics and the Struggle for Democracy in the Early Republic* in *William and Mary Quarterly, Third Series* 81, no. 4 (October 2024).
- 2022 D. H. Robinson, *The Idea of Europe & the Origins of the American Revolution* in *Journal of the Early Republic* 42, no. 2 (Summer 2022): 280-3.
- 2021 "Assassin's Creed III," *American Historical Review* 126, no. 1 (April 2021).
- 2019 Kristina Bross, *Future History: Global Fantasies in Seventeenth-Century American and British Writings* in *Journal of American History* 106, no. 2 (2019): 440-441.
- 2019 James E. Lewis, Jr., *The Burr Conspiracy: Uncovering the Story of an Early American Crisis* in *Journal of the Early Republic* 39, no. 3 (Fall 2019), 572-574.
- 2014 *The Correspondence of Thomas Hutchinson, Volume 1: 1740-1766*, ed. John W. Tyler, in *The New England Quarterly* 87, no. 4 (December 2014): 752-4.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2025 Finalist, George Washington Prize, Mount Vernon/Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History/Washington College.
- 2017–18 Bernard and Irene Schwartz Postdoctoral Fellowship, New-York Historical Society and the Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at The New School.
- 2017 M. Elaine Rand Fellowship, Fred W. Smith National Library at Mount Vernon.
- 2017 George Washington Egleston Prize in American History, GSAS, Yale University.
- 2016 W. B. H. Dowse Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society.
- 2016 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship, The Library Company of Philadelphia.
- 2016 McNeil Fellow in Early American History, Historical Society of Pennsylvania.
- 2015 Nancy Halverson Schless Fellowship, American Philosophical Society.
- 2015 Short-Term Fellowship, Fred W. Smith National Library at Mount Vernon.
- 2014 Klingenstein Fellowship, New-York Historical Society.
- 2014 Lapidus-OIEAHC Early American and Transatlantic Print Culture Fellow, Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture.
- 2014 Coffelt Fellowship, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. (declined)

PUBLIC HISTORY AND MEDIA (selected)

- 2026 “The Origins of the First Amendment,” *American History Hit* (podcast), January 22.
- 2026 “How Revolutionary was the Declaration of Independence?” *American History Hit* (podcast), January 8.
- 2025 “Ken Burns' *The American Revolution* (Historian's Commentary),” *Reckoning with Jason Herbert* (podcast), November 23.
- 2025 “Episode 19: The Gambit,” *Worlds Turned Upside Down* (podcast), September 23.
- 2025 “2025 George Washington Book Prize Finalists,” C-SPAN, August 12.
- 2025 “Making the Declaration Relevant at 250,” webinar, CT Council for the Social Studies, April 29 and May 6.
- 2025 “The Truth about Paul Revere's Ride,” *American History Hit* (podcast), April 17.
- 2025 “Legacy of the 1775 Battles of Lexington and Concord,” C-SPAN2, April 11.
- 2025 “The Memory of 1776,” *Ben Franklin's World*, April 8.
- 2024 “Catching Up with Michael D. Hattem,” *Extraordinary Times*, November 21.
- 2024 “Revolutionary Art,” talk for K-12 teachers, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT, November 14.
- 2024 Interview, *Revolution 250* (podcast), November 5.
- 2024 “Reinventing the Revolution,” book review, *The Wall Street Journal*, August 21.
- 2024 Interview, *Repeating History*, WCNY, July 3.
- 2023–24 Consultant, “Whose Revolution?” Concord Museum, Concord, MA (NEH Public Humanities Grant).
- 2023–24 Project Scholar, “A New Agora for New York: Museums as Spaces for Democracy,” Museum Association of New York (NEH Public Humanities Grant).
- 2022–23 Board Member, Connecticut Coalition for History.
- 2022 Consultant, “New York City Revolutionary Trail,” app, Gotham Center for New York City History.
- 2021 Curator, “Close Encounters in the Colonies: Treasures from the David M. Rubinstein Americana Collection,” exhibit, New-York Historical Society.
- 2013–21 Co-founder, Producer, and Contributor, *The JuntoCast: A Podcast on Early American History*.

- 2021 Interview, “Michael Hattem, *Past and Prologue*,” *Ben Franklin’s World* (podcast), July 20.
- 2021 Quoted from interview, “Birth Pangs: One Nation, Many Truths,” *The New York Times*, July 3. (online title: “The Battle for 1776”)
- 2021 Quoted from interview, “The Politics of Teaching America’s Past,” *TIME*, July 5-12.
- 2021 Speaker, *History Summit* (virtual book festival), March.
- 2021 Interview, *New Books on History*, New Books Network (podcast).
- 2021 Interview, “10 Questions with Michael D. Hattem,” *From the Desk*.
- 2021 Interview, “Michael Hattem on the Long Tradition of Fashioning an American Past,” *Podopticon* (podcast)
- 2021 Interview, “Politics and Memory in the American Revolution with Michael D. Hattem,” *The Age of Jackson Podcast*.
- 2020–21 Historical Consultant, “Close Encounters in the Colonies: Treasures from the David M. Rubenstein Americana Collection,” New-York Historical Society.
- 2020 Grant Panel Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities.
- 2020 Quoted from interview, “Did America Have a ‘Good Relationship’ with Hitler? What Joe Biden Got Right and Wrong About That History During the Debate,” *TIME Magazine*, October.
- 2020 Quoted from interview, “Long before the controversy over Columbus Day, Noah Webster’s book taught children about the explorer who was the ‘discoverer of America’,” *Hartford Courant*, October 12.
- 2020 Interview, “Reflecting on the Work and Legacy of Bernard Bailyn with Michael Hattem,” *The Rogue Historian* (podcast).
- 2012–19 Managing Editor/Co-founder, *The Junto: A Group Blog on Early American History*.
- 2018–19 Historical Consultant, *Hamilton: The Exhibit*, Chicago, IL.
- 2018 Interview, “Gordon S. Wood’s *The Radicalism of the American Revolution* [1991] with Michael D. Hattem,” *Age of Jackson* (podcast), July.
- 2018 Interview, Radio Canada (about abolitionist history of Knox College and Galesburg).
- 2018 Writer/Producer, “The Prison Ship Martyrs’ Monument,” (for Open House New York’s *Sights and Sounds* podcast), The Gotham Center for New York City History.
- 2017 Creator, “The Historiography of the American Revolution: A Timeline.”

- 2017 Conference Co-Organizer, “*Ideological Origins at 50: Power, Rights, and the Rise and Fall of Free States*,” USC-EMSI/Yale CHESS, New Haven, CT, April 20-21.
- 2017 Interview, “From Personal to Professional: Collaborative History Blogs Go Mainstream,” *Perspectives on History* (AHA), April.
- 2015 Interview, “Benjamin Franklin and The Papers of Benjamin Franklin,” *Ben Franklin’s World* (podcast), May 26.
- 2015 Interview, “A Discussion on Early American History with *The JuntoCast*,” *Ben Franklin’s World* (podcast), March 30.
- 2014 On-Air Historical Consultant, *The American Revolution*, three-part documentary miniseries, Discovery Networks, first broadcast on December 15-16.
- 2014 Interview, “Letter Tied to Fight for Independence is Found in Museum’s Attic,” *The New York Times*, January 2.
- 2013 Interview, “Historians Seek a Delay in Posting Dissertations,” *The New York Times*, July 29.

CONFERENCES

Roundtables

- 2026 “America at 250: The Revolution, the Civil War, and the Shaping of Modern America,” Civil War Institute Summer Conference, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA, June 13.
- 2022 “Considering the Revolution: The Identities Created by the American Revolutionary War,” National Park Service Plenary Panel, National Conference on Public History, online, May 6.
- 2022 “The American Founding in Popular Memory,” Consortium of the Revolutionary Era Annual Conference, Starkville, MS, February 12.
- 2018 “Revolutionary Texts in a Digital Age,” Third Annual International Conference of Thomas Paine Studies, Institute for Thomas Paine Studies, Iona College, New Rochelle, NY, October 12.
- 2018 “Whither the Early Republic: A 40th-Anniversary Forum on the Future of the Field,” plenary roundtable, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, Cleveland, OH, July 21.
- 2016 “Pushing the Boundaries of History and the ‘Digital World,’” CUNY Early American Republic Seminar Conference, New York, NY, May 13.

- 2015 “Is There Still a Place for Ideas in Early American History?: A Roundtable on the Future of Early American Intellectual History,” Society for U. S. Intellectual History Conference, Washington D.C., October 18.
- 2015 “Early American Worlds: A State-of-the-Field Conversation,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, April 17.
- 2015 “Choosing Embargo?: A Roundtable on What to do with your Dissertation,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 3.

Panel Presentations

- 2025 “Concord and the Popular Memory of the American Revolution,” 1775: A Society on the Brink of War and Revolution, Concord Museum, April 11.
- 2017 “Historical Networking and the Institutionalization of History Culture in the Early Republic, 1783-1812,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, July 21.
- 2015 “‘Banished to the woods of America’: Reimagining the Colonial Past in the Early Republic,” CUNY Early American Republic Seminar Conference, New York, NY, May 1.
- 2012 “‘Improving the Minds of Our Fellow Citizens’: *The Independent Reflector* and Print as a Form of Institution-Building in British America,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History 2012 Conference, New York, NY, November 1.
- 2012 “Contesting Authority: Cultural Politics and Imperial Anglicanism in the Middle Colonies, 1747-1759,” Conference on NY State History, Niagara, NY, June 15.
- 2011 “‘Every wealthy Dunce is loaded with Honours’: William Livingston’s Cultural Imperative and the Anglophone Enlightenment in Colonial New York City, 1747-1770,” Researching New York Conference, Albany, NY, November 18.

Panels Organized

- 2017 “Creating the Past in the Early Republic: Critical Perspectives on the Cultural Production of History and Memory,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, July 21.

Panels Chaired

- 2023 “Making and Breaking Connections on the Eve of Revolution,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), Philadelphia, PA, July 16.
- 2019 "Taking Liberties: Memory, Myth, and Identity in Early America," Organization of American Historians Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, April 4.

- 2013 Political Economy and Empire in the Early Modern World, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, New Haven, CT, May 4.

Conference Organizer

- 2017 “*Ideological Origins* at 50,” USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute and Yale University’s Center for Historical Enquiry & the Social Sciences, Yale University, New Haven, CT, April 20-21.

Conferences by Invitation

- 2025 “The British Constitutional Struggle: Taxes, Tea, and the Crisis of 1774,” Liberty Fund, Providence, RI, October 23-26.
- 2025 “The American Revolution and Its Legacies from 1776 to Today,” Jack Miller Center and American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati, Washington, D.C., September 14-16.
- 2025 “The British Constitutional Struggle Over Parliament’s Imperial Authority, 1768-69,” Liberty Fund, Providence, RI, May 8-11.
- 2024 “The American Revolution and the British Constitutional Struggle: The Innovation of Parliamentary Supremacy, 1765-67,” Liberty Fund, Providence, RI, December 12-15.
- 2023 “From the Tea Act of 1773 to Independence,” Liberty Fund, Newport, RI, October 12-15.

INVITED TALKS

- 2026 Thomas Jefferson Society Lecture, Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, MO, September 16.
- 2026 Keynote, Civil War Institute Summer Conference, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA, June 12.
- 2026 American Revolutionary War Conference 250, Johnstown, NY, May 28.
- 2026 Monmouth County 250, Bingham Hall, Rumson, NJ, May 19.
- 2026 “Revolutionary Narratives: From Broadides to Hollywood,” Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA, May 18.
- 2026 Elm City Club, New Haven, CT, May 13.
- 2026 Abraham Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN, April 17.
- 2026 Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, April 9.
- 2026 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, March 31.

- 2026 Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, May 23.
- 2026 Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA, March 19. [remote]
- 2026 US Court of Appeals First Circuit Judges Conference, Portland, ME, March 17.
- 2026 Darien Library, Darien, CT, March 12.
- 2026 “Becoming American Scripture: The Declaration of Independence after 1776,” Tryon Palace, New Bern, NC, February 26.
- 2026 “The Unfinished Revolution at 250,” New Haven Museum, New Haven, CT February 25.
- 2026 Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN, February 21.
- 2026 Humanities Center Visiting Scholar Lecture, California State University, Chico, Chico, CA, February 19. [remote]
- 2026 “The American Origin Myth: Remembering the Revolution,” Tryon Palace, New Bern, NC, February 12.
- 2026 American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, MA, January 29. [remote]
- 2026 Pequot Library, Southport, CT, January 24.
- 2025 Cambridge Public Library, Cambridge, MA, November 10.
- 2025 Ridgefield Public Library, Ridgefield, CT, October 19.
- 2025 “Why We Remember the Revolution,” Newport Historical Society, Newport, RI, June 12.
- 2025 “Making the Declaration Relevant at 250,” CT Council for the Social Studies, webinar, April 29 and May 6.
- 2025 Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA, April 9.
- 2025 “Concord and the Popular Memory of the Revolution,” Concord Free Public Library, Concord, MA, April 5.
- 2025 “The Declaration of Independence at 250,” Shaping a Commemoration Rooted in Belonging, keynote, America250 CT, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, March 21.
- 2025 Museum of the American Revolution, Philadelphia, PA, January 23.
- 2024 William V. Coombs American History Lecture, Miami University, November 22.

- 2024 David Center Lecture, Washington Crossing Historical Park, Washington Crossing, PA, October 24.
- 2024 American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, PA, October 23.
- 2024 Ford Evening Book Talk, George Washington Presidential Library, Mount Vernon, VA, October 2.
- 2024 Author's Talk, American Revolution Institute, Society of the Cincinnati, Washington, D.C., September 3.
- 2024 Fireside Chat, The Library Company of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, August 15. [remote]
- 2022 "The American Origin Myth: Remembering the American Revolution," Huxley Theater, New York State Museum, Albany, NY, October 13.
- 2022 The American Revolution Roundtable of Philadelphia, August 29. [remote]
- 2021 "What's Postcolonial about (Settler) Colonial America?" roundtable, Temple Early American Seminar, Philadelphia, PA, October 4. [remote]
- 2021 Book Club, Benjamin Franklin House, London, UK, July 7. [remote]
- 2021 Poor Richard's Book Club, June 29, August 3. [remote]
- 2021 Fireside Chat, The Library Company of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, April 29. [remote]
- 2021 "Past and Prologue: A Conversation with Michael D. Hattem," Ford Evening Digital Book Talk, Mount Vernon Estate, Mount Vernon, VA, April 22. [remote]
- 2021 "The American Revolution and the Creation of American History," Fraunces Tavern® Museum, New York, NY, April 1. [remote]
- 2021 "*Past and Prologue: Politics and Memory in the American Revolution* — A Virtual Discussion with Michael D. Hattem," David Center for the American Revolution, American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, PA, January 27. [remote]
- 2020 "How 'Revisionist History' Shaped the American Revolution," New-York Historical Society, New York, NY, December 7. [remote]
- 2020 Yale Early American Historians, Yale University, New Haven, CT, November 18.
- 2019 "The American Revolution and the Creation of 'American History'," The 2019 Burkhardt Lecture in History, Knox College, Galesburg, IL, February 8.
- 2018 "Using the Many Lives of Benjamin Franklin to Teach the Eighteenth Century," keynote talk, New Jersey Social Studies Council Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, October 22.

- 2018 “Historical Memory and the American Revolution,” *The Past in the Present: Conversations with Historians*, with Joanne Freeman, New-York Historical Society, New York, NY, May 17.
- 2017 “Alexander Hamilton and the Constitution,” part of online teacher seminar, “Alexander Hamilton’s America,” The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, January 17.
- 2016 “Researching Early New York History at the NYPL,” New York Public Library, New York, NY, November 29.
- 2016 “*JuntoCast Live!*” Fall 2016 “Humanities in the Public Square,” NEH Lecture Series, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri, Columbia, MS, October 7. (A recording of a podcast episode in front of a live audience)
- 2015 *Chronicles: Stories from Early America*, digital history project, Omohundro Institute for Early American History & Culture, Williamsburg, VA, May 4.
- 2014 “Solving a 239-Year Old Mystery about the Authorship of a Long-Lost Continental Congress Document,” at “An Evening at the Morris-Jumel Mansion,” The Archivists’ Round Table of Metropolitan New York, NY, January 30.

TEACHING

- 2022–
present Graduate Instructor, History, Anthropology, & Modern Languages Department,
Eastern Washington University.
- HIST 532 Early American History to 1783
 - HIST 534 Nineteenth-Century U.S. History
- 2018–20 Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Knox College.
- HIST 275 Race, Sex, and Empire in North America before 1700, Fall 2018.
 - HIST 373 Women, Gender, and the American Revolution, Fall 2018.
 - HIST 295 The Origins of American Capitalism, Winter 2019.
 - HIST 295 The American Civil War, Winter 2019.
 - HIST 295 The American Origin Myth: The Revolution in American History and Culture, Spring 2019.
 - HIST 295 American Popular Music History, Spring 2019.
 - HIST 221 The European Enlightenment, Fall 2019.
 - PREC 129 The American Dream (First-Year Preceptorial), Fall 2019.
 - HIST 295 Sport in American Life, Winter 2020.
 - HIST 295 Political Violence in American History, Winter 2020.
 - HIST 145 West Africa in the Atlantic World, Spring 2020 (online)
 - HIST 267 The Early American History of Now, Spring 2020 (online)

- 2017–18 Visiting Faculty, Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at the New School.
- LHis 2080: The American Origin Myth: The Revolution in American History and Culture, Fall 2017.
 - LHis 2081: Creating the Atlantic World: Empires, Enlightenments, and Revolutions, Spring 2018.
- 2016–17 Assistant to John Demos, Summer Teachers Seminar, Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History, New Haven, CT.
- 2013–17 Teaching Fellow, Yale University.
- HIST 119 The Civil War and Reconstruction, David Blight, Spring 2017.
 - HIST 127 U.S. Lesbian and Gay History, George Chauncey, Fall 2016.
 - HIST 119 The Civil War and Reconstruction, David Blight, Spring 2015.
 - HIST 127 U.S. Lesbian and Gay History, George Chauncey, Fall 2014.
 - HIST 238 The Origins of the British Empire, Steven Pincus, Spring 2014.
 - HIST 116 The American Revolution, Joanne Freeman, Fall 2013.

REFERENCES

Joanne B. Freeman, Professor of History and American Studies, Yale University
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Rosemarie Zagari, University Professor and Professor of History, George Mason University
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