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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

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. Rubenstein 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, May 6. [remote]
- 2022 “The American Founding in Popular Memory,” Consortium of the Revolutionary Era Annual Conference, Starkville, MS, February 12. [remote]
- 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. [remote]
- 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. [canceled due to hurricane]
- 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/Commentated

- 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

- 2026 “The American Cause and the Imperial Constitutional Crisis of 1775,” Liberty Fund, Newport, RI, May 7-10.
- 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 Perennial College, NMH, Gill, MA, June 25.
- 2026 Keynote, Civil War Institute Summer Conference, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA, June 12.
- 2026 American Revolutionary War Conference 250, Johnstown, NY, May 28.
- 2026 Trumbull Library, Trumbull, CT, May 23.
- 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 Middlesex County Historical Society, Middletown, CT, April 30.
- 2026 City College of New York, New York, NY, April 21.
- 2026 Abraham Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN, April 17.
- 2026 University of North Carolina, Wilmington, NC, April 14.
- 2026 Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, April 9.
- 2026 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, March 31.
- 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,’” 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. (podcast episode recorded 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, Enlightenment, 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, Alan J. Boles, Jr., Class of 1929 Professor of History and American Studies, Yale University
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