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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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2020- Assistant Professor, Department of History, **Boston College**

## EDUCATION

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2020 Ph.D., History, **Princeton University**

Dissertation: "Schooling Suburbia: The Politics of School Finance in Postwar Long Island"

\* *John Reys Prize for Best Dissertation, Society for American City and Regional Planning History*

Graduate Certificate, Department of African American Studies, **Princeton University**

2017 M.A., History, **Princeton University**, General Exams passed with distinction

2015 M.A., History, **Hunter College**

2010 M.S., Education, **City College of the City University of New York**

2008 B.A., Sociology, **University of Chicago**, awarded with Departmental Honors

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book

2025 *Cracked Foundations: Debt and Inequality in Suburban America* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, forthcoming in fall 2025)

### Works in Progress

"Hidden Apartments: Informal Housing in Metropolitan New York," invited book chapter submitted to peer review, for edited collection on post-1960s New York City, eds. Johanna Fernandez, Kim Phillips-Fein, and Mason B. Williams.

### Journal Articles

2025 "Mortgaging Out: FHA Credit Policy, Segregated Rental Housing, and the Remaking of Metropolitan America," accepted with *Journal of American History*, anticipated publication in 2025, co-authored with Brent Cebul.

2021 "[The Frail Bonds of Liberalism: Pensions, Schools, and the Unraveling of Fiscal Mutualism in Postwar New York](#)," *Capitalism: A Journal of History and Economics* 2, no. 2 (Summer 2021): 427-472, co-authored with Sean H. Vanatta.

2018 "[From Sword to Shield to Myth: Facing the Facts of De Facto School Segregation](#)," *Journal of Urban History* 44, no. 6 (November 2018): 1197-1226.

## Digital History

2024 “[Building Inequality: Redlining and FHA Rental Housing](#),” digital mapping project in progress, with Brent Cebul. More description [here](#).

## Public History

2017 “[Princeton’s Founding Trustees](#)” and “[Slavery and the 1820 Trustees](#),” Princeton & Slavery Project, November.

## Reviews

- 2021 [Review](#) of John L. Rury, *Creating the Suburban School Advantage: Race, Localism, and Inequality in an American Metropolis*, in *History of Education Quarterly* 61, no. 1 (2021): 112-115.
- 2019 [Review](#) of Nicholas Dagen Bloom, *How States Shaped Postwar America: State Government and Urban Power*, in *Gotham Center for NYC History Blog*, November 12.
- 2019 [Review](#) of Kim Phillips-Fein, *Fear City: New York City’s Fiscal Crisis and the Rise of Austerity Politics*, in *The Metropole Blog*, May 15, with [response](#) from author.
- 2016 [Review](#) of Elizabeth Hinton, *From the War on Poverty to the War on Crime: The Making of Mass Incarceration in America*, in *Gotham Center for NYC History Blog*, September 8.

## Essays

- 2020 “[The next covid-19 victim? Public pension funds](#),” *Washington Post*, April 17, co-authored with Sean H. Vanatta.
- 2016 “[‘A Series of Blunders and Broken Promises’: IS 201 as a Turning Point](#),” *Gotham Center for NYC History Blog*, August 1, 2016.

## AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2024 Barre Ferre Foundation Fund for Publications, for Book Subvention (\$5,400)  
Princeton University, Department of Art and Archaeology
- 2024 The Schoff Memorial Fund at the University Seminars, for Book Subvention (\$3,000)  
Columbia University
- 2024 University Research Foundation Grant for Digital Mapping Project, “Building Inequality: Redlining and FHA Rental Housing” (\$71,450), University of Pennsylvania
- 2021 Co-winner, [John Reps Prize](#) for Best Dissertation  
Society for American City and Regional Planning History
- 2019 Graduate Student Paper Prize  
Society for American City and Regional Planning History
- 2019-2020 National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship
- 2018-2019 Woodrow Wilson Scholars Fellowship  
Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University

- 2018 Larry J. Hackman Research Residency Grant  
New York State Archives
- 2015 Paula Kaplowitz Enns Memorial Scholarship  
Hunter College
- 2008-2010 New York City Teaching Fellow  
New York City Department of Education

### **INVITED TALKS & GUEST LECTURES**

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- 2021 Guest Lecture, “Informal Housing in Suburban America,”  
This Land is Your Land: US Environmental History, Boston College, November 19
- 2021 Invited Talk (virtual), “Redlining and Its Legacies,”  
AP US History, Townsend Harris High School, New York City, April 15
- 2021 Invited Talk (virtual), “The Bonded Schoolhouse: Debt and Educational Inequality,”  
West Chester University, Transformative Education Speaker Series, March 9
- 2021 Guest Lecture (virtual), “Redlining and Its Legacies,”  
Consumer Culture’s Past and the Future of the Planet, Boston College, February 23
- 2020 Guest Lecture (virtual), “Redlining and Its Legacies,”  
This Land is Your Land: US Environmental History, Boston College, November 13
- 2019 Guest Lecture, “Suburban Dreams Deferred: Housing, Schooling, and Inequality,”  
Unrest and Renewal in Urban America, Princeton University, December 10
- 2019 Fellowship Talk, “Borrowing to Build: The Politics of School Bonds in Levittown,”  
Woodrow Wilson Scholars Fellowship, May 8
- 2017 Guest Lecture, “Vietnam: America in the War and the War in America,”  
The United States, 1920-1974, Princeton University, November 30

### **SELECTED CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS**

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- 2025 Discussant, “The New Fiscal History: A Roundtable Discussion,”  
Organization of American History Conference, Chicago, IL, April 3-6
- 2024 Discussant, “Visualizing the City: New Directions in the Urban Digital Humanities,”  
SACRPH, National Conference on Planning History, San Diego, CA, October 26
- 2024 Co-Organizer for Conference, “Redlining and FHA Rental Housing,”  
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA October 18
- 2024 “Building Inequality: Redlining and FHA Rental Housing,”  
Boston College History Department Lecture Series, October 11
- 2024 “Debt and Democracy: The Perils of Municipal Bonds for American School Districts,”  
Democracy and Its Technocrats Conference, Columbia University, NY, September 6-7

- 2024 “Starter Home,” works-in-progress presentation for Jefferson Scholars Foundation, National Fellowship Conference, Charlottesville, VA, May 30
- 2024 Discussant, “Roundtable: Space, Place, and the History of Capitalism,” Business History Conference, Providence, RI, March 15
- 2024 Manuscript Workshop, Mini-Conference for *Cracked Foundations*, Montserrat Center, Boston College, February 2
- 2023 Speaker, “Not Now: Modernism, Nativism, and Fascism in American Art and Culture,” McMullen Museum, Boston College, November 3
- 2023 Discussant, “Roundtable: New Histories of School Finance,” History of Education Society Conference (virtual), Atlanta, GA, November 3
- 2023 Discussant, “Roundtable: Cities and the History of Capitalism,” Urban History Association Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, October 28
- 2023 Comment, Madeline Webster, “Recontextualization of the Washington Park Urban Renewal Program,” Massachusetts Historical Society, March 23
- 2022 Panelist, “Environmental Racism Panel,” hosted by the Schiller Institute and UBGC Environment and Sustainability Branch, Boston College, November 29
- 2022 Commentator for panel, “Thinking in Metropolitan Terms about Planning,” SACRPH, National Conference on Planning History, New York, NY, October 20
- 2022 “Mortgaging Out: FHA Credit Policy and the Remaking of Metropolitan America,” Economic History Forum, University of Pennsylvania, September 30
- 2022 Discussant, “Roundtable: New Histories of Affordable Housing,” American Political History Conference, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, June 11
- 2022 “A Decent Home: The 1950s Suburban Boom on Long Island,” Massachusetts Historical Society, Modern American Culture and Society Seminar, April 26
- 2022 “Bailout Bonds: The Fiscal Crisis in Roosevelt, New York,” Organization of American Historians Conference, Boston, MA, April 1
- 2021 Discussant, “Informal Housing in Suburban America: A Roundtable Discussion,” Urban History Association Conference (virtual), October 23
- 2021 “Government Without Representation: The Incorporation Divide on Long Island,” Urban History Association Conference, Detroit, MI, October 21-24  
\**Canceled due to COVID-19*
- 2021 Discussant, “The Education Trap: Schools and the Remaking of Inequality in Boston,” Massachusetts Historical Society (virtual), June 14
- 2020 “Borrowing to Build: The Politics of School Construction in Postwar Suburbia,” History of Education Society Annual Conference (virtual), November 5
- 2020 Panelist, “Civil Rights and (In)Justice: Where We’ve Been, Where We Are, and Where We’re Going,” BC Bellarmine Society and Pre-Law Association (virtual), June 25

- 2020 “Borrowing to Build: The School Bond Crisis in Suburban New York,”  
Organization of American Historians Conference, Washington, DC, April 4  
\**Canceled due to COVID-19*
- 2020 Panelist, “Getting Your Work Out There: Tips on Publishing an Article,”  
Graduate Affairs Workshop, Department of African American Studies,  
Princeton University, February 18
- 2019 “The Frail Bonds of Liberalism: Pensions, Schools, and the Unraveling of  
Fiscal Mutualism in Midcentury New York,” Economic History Seminar,  
Columbia University, December 5
- 2019 “Stopping Robin Hood: The Opponents of School Finance Reform,”  
Society for U.S. Intellectual History Conference, New York, NY, November 10
- 2019 “Suburban Slumlords: Racial Capitalism and Informal Housing in Roosevelt”  
SACRPH National Conference on Planning History, Arlington, VA, November 2
- 2019 Comment, Destin Jenkins, “Pilfering and Sheltering: Making the South Safe for Racial  
Capitalism,” Modern America Workshop, Princeton University, March 26
- 2018 “Mortgaging the District: The Politics of School Bonds in Levittown, New York,”  
Urban History Association Conference, Columbia, SC, October 19
- 2018 “Industry Pays Its Way: Industrial Property, School Taxes, and Uneven Development,”  
Modern America Workshop, Princeton University, October 1
- 2018 Participant, History of Capitalism Summer Camp  
Cornell University, July 9-20
- 2018 “Bailout Bonds: The Fiscal Crisis in Roosevelt, New York,”  
part of panel, “Whose City? Histories of Urban Governance and Democratic  
Participation in the U.S. After 1968,” Princeton University, March 26
- 2018 Comment, Walter Johnson, “The Rise and Demise of the Most Radical  
City in the United States: A History of the Civil War in St. Louis,”  
Modern America Workshop, Princeton University, February 8
- 2016 Comment, Heather Ann Thompson, “Uncovering a Past that was Meant  
to Remain Hidden: The Perils and Possibilities of Writing Recent History,”  
Modern America Workshop, Princeton University, October 27
- 2016 “From Sword to Shield to Myth: Facing the Facts of De Facto School Segregation,”  
Urban History Association Conference, Chicago, October 15

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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- 2024 Project Description, “[Redlining and Rentals](#),” *Penn Today*, July 10
- 2020 Interview, “[Glass Teaches History Through a Real-World Lens](#),” *The Heights*, November 15
- 2019 Interview, “[Member of the Week: Michael Glass](#),” *The Metropole Blog*, January 29

## TEACHING

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### **Boston College**

#### Undergraduate Courses

HIST 1844	American Capitalism and Its Critics (core)
HIST 2441	U.S. Political History since 1968 (survey)
HIST 2824	Metropolitan America: Cities and Suburbs in the Twentieth Century (survey)
HIST 3481	The Segregated Metropolis (research methods)
HIST 4440	Housing America (seminar)
HIST 4443	America in the 1990s (seminar)
HIST 4961	Honors Thesis Seminar (research methods)
HIST 5467	Freedom in U.S. History (senior colloquium)

#### Graduate Courses

HIST 7101	Readings in American Urban History
HIST 7802	U.S. History since 1877
HIST 7799	Race and Inequality in Modern America

#### M.A. Examination Committee

2022	Austin Crann, “U.S. History since 1877” (major field)
2022	Matthew Kern, “Metropolitan America” (minor field)
2024	Sean Goodman, “U.S. History since 1877” (major field)
2024	MacKenzie Mills, “Race in Post-Civil War America” (minor field)

#### Undergraduate Honors Theses Directed

2022	Emily Browder, “Commuter is King: Urban Development in Post-World War II Chicago”
2022	Anna Calabro, “The Worst Governed City: Machine-Era Public Works in Philadelphia”
2022	Oliver Dilger, “Americans on the Playground: Seesaws and Civics, 1885-1930” (2nd reader)
2024	Nicholas Yustin, “Crime, Poverty, and Policing: Public Housing in 1990s Chicago”
2024	Rachel Liu, “Community Agency in Boston’s Chinatown: Resistance to Urban Renewal”
2024	Valentina Ochoa Saldarriga, “The Making of a Latino City: A Case Study of Elizabeth, NJ”
2024	Anna Davis, “Protecting Endangered Species: A History of Environmental Law” (2nd reader)
2025	Tamas Biro, “The Militia Movement in 1990s America”
2025	Jayne McGuire, “Exploring 1970s Feminism through the Workplace, Family, and Education”
2025	Brendan Mahoney, “From Vietnam to Iraq: The New Left and the War on Terror”

### **Princeton University**

2017	Assistant in Instruction, “The United States, 1920-1974,” Prof. Kevin M. Kruse
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### **South Woods State Prison** (Bridgeton, NJ)

2016	Adjunct Instructor, “U.S. History, 1877-Present,” Raritan Valley Community College (Princeton University’s Prison Teaching Initiative)
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### **New York City Department of Education**

2011-2015	10th Grade United States History and Global History, Bronx Lab School
2009-2011	9th-10th Grade United States History, Bronx Guild High School
2008-2009	7th Grade Special Education, M.S. 337X, The School for Inquiry and Social Justice

## PROFESSIONAL & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

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### Manuscript Reviewer

*History of Education Quarterly, Journal of Educational Administration and History,  
Journal of Policy History*

### Boston College

2023-            Director of the Undergraduate Honors Thesis Program  
2023            History Department Self-Study Committee  
2022            Reader, McCarthy Prize for Scholar of the College Senior Thesis  
2021-2024     History Department Lecture Committee  
2021-2022     Search Committee, African American History

### To the Profession

2023            Board of Directors Nominating Committee, Urban History Association  
2023            John Reys Prize Committee, Society for American City and Regional Planning History  
2019-2021     Associate Editor, *Gotham Center for New York City History Blog*  
2017-2020     Member, History of Education Writing Group (New York, NY)

### Princeton University

2019-2020     Junior Paper Writing Coach, Department of African American Studies  
2017-2018     Co-organizer, Modern America Workshop, Department of History  
2017-2018     Co-organizer, “Land, Property, and Power in the Modern Metropolis”  
Part of *Princeton-Mellon Initiative in Architecture, Urbanism, and the Humanities*

### Research Experience

2017-2018     Research Assistant for Professor Tera Hunter, Princeton University  
2015-2017     Researcher and Writer, Princeton & Slavery Project

### Bronx Lab School

2013-2015     Boys Varsity Soccer Coach, Evander Childs High School Campus  
2014-2015     Chapter Delegate, United Federation of Teachers

## AFFILIATIONS

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American Historical Association  
Organization of American Historians  
Society for American City and Regional Planning History  
Urban History Association

## REFERENCES

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Alison Isenberg, Princeton University  
Professor of History  
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Hughes-Rogers Professor of African American Studies  
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Brent Cebul, University of Pennsylvania  
Assistant Professor of History  
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