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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

EDUCATION

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

Works in Progress

Up in Flames: Real Estate and Wildfires in Southern California (book in progress)

"Flying Embers: The Battle Over Wood Shingles in California" (article manuscript)

Book

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

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

2026 "Hidden Apartments: Informal Housing in Metropolitan New York," in *New Histories of New York City Since the 1960s*, eds. Johanna Fernandez, Kim Phillips-Fein, and Mason B. Williams (accepted with University of North Carolina Press, forthcoming in 2026).

2025 "[Mortgaging Out: FHA Credit Policy, Segregated Rental Housing, and the Remaking of Metropolitan America](#)," *Journal of American History* 112, no. 1 (June 2025): 64-91, 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 Humanities

- 2025 [“Building Inequality: Mapping the Spatial and Racial Inequalities of FHA Section 608 Rental Housing, 1942-1950,”](#) co-authored with Brent Cebul. This project maps thousands of federally insured apartment complexes and examines their relationship to segregation.

Public History

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

Reviews

- 2025 Review of Nick Juravich, *Para Power: How Paraprofessional Labor Changed Education*, in *American Historical Review*, forthcoming in Fall 2025.
- 2025 [Review](#) of Andrew W. Kahrl, *The Black Tax: 150 Years of Theft, Exploitation, and Dispossession in America*, in *Journal of Social History*, forthcoming in Fall 2025.
- 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

- 2025 “We’ve Tried Abundance Before. It Gave Us the Trumps,” *Phenomenal World*, forthcoming in August 2025, co-authored with Brent Cebul.
- 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

- 2024 Barre Ferre Foundation Fund for Publications, for Book Subvention (\$5,359)
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” (\$68,450), University of Pennsylvania
2021	Co-winner, John Reys Prize for Best Dissertation Society for American City and Regional Planning History
2019	Co-winner, Graduate Student Paper Prize , for Best Conference Paper 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

2025	Book Talk for <i>Cracked Foundations</i> , in conversation with Lizabeth Cohen, Leventhal Map & Education Center at the Boston Public Library, October 15
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

- 2025 Discussant, “New Histories of New York City, 1970-2000,”
Organization of American History Conference, Philadelphia, PA, April 16-19
- 2025 “Mortgaging Out: FHA Credit Policy and Segregated Rental Housing”
Boston College Legal History Roundtable, October 30
- 2025 Discussant, “New Histories of New York City, 1970-2000,”
Urban History Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA, October 11
- 2025 Discussant, “New Books in Urban and Suburban History,”
Urban History Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA, October 10
- 2025 Discussant, “The New Fiscal History: A Roundtable Discussion,”
Organization of American History Conference, Chicago, IL, April 4
- 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 “Hidden Apartments: Informal Housing in Metropolitan New York,”
Workshop: New York City since the 1960s, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, June 15
- 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

- 2025 Interview, “[Member Spotlight: Michael Glass](#),” SACRPH Newsletter, January
- 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

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 5466 Race and Politics in Modern America (senior colloquium)
- HIST 5467 Freedom in U.S. History (senior colloquium)

Graduate Courses

HIST 7101	Readings in American Urban History (independent study)
HIST 7802	U.S. History since 1877 (seminar)
HIST 7799	Race and Inequality in Modern America (seminar)
HIST 8221	U.S. since 1900 (research methods)

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees

Joshua Rosen, chair, dissertation-in-progress

M.A. Examination Committees

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)
2025	Katie Zehner, “American Social and Cultural History” (major field)
2025	James Markis, “Twentieth Century U.S. History” (major 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	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	Nicholas Yustin, “Crime, Poverty, and Policing: Public Housing in 1990s Chicago”
2024	Anna Davis, “Protecting Endangered Species: A History of Environmental Law” (2nd reader)
2025	Tamas Biro, “War Against the Government: The Militia Movement in 1990s America”
2025	Jayne McGuire, “The Fight for Freedom and Equality: Feminism During the 1970s”
2025	Brendan Mahoney, “From Vietnam to Iraq: The New Left and the War on Terror”
2026	Steven Schadt, “Robert Moses and the Long Island Parkways”
2026	Daniel Schorr, “Punk Rock and Gentrification in New York City”

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

Manuscript Reviewer

History of Education Quarterly, Journal of Educational Administration and History, Journal of Policy History, Modern American History

Boston College

2023- Director of the Undergraduate Honors 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

2025- Treasurer, Society for American City and Regional Planning History
2024 “Junior Mentor” for Angus McLeod, Jefferson Scholars Foundation Fellowship
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

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

REFERENCES

Kevin M. Kruse, Princeton University (Dissertation Chair)
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