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Education

University at Albany, SUNY. August 2021 – Until Completion
PhD Candidate

University at Albany, SUNY January 2011 - May 2012
Master of Arts, History

University at Albany, SUNY September 2005 - May 2008
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

Work Experience

Deputy Director and Professor-in-Residence September 2023-Present
New York State Assembly Intern Program

- Coordinate the academic portion of the Assembly Intern Program which includes collaborating with multiple professors
- Recruiter and liaison to dozens of colleges and universities across the world
- Co-Instructor of Introduction to Politics and Power in New York State (undergraduate course section).
- Director for Assembly Part-Time Internship Program
- Develop various training sessions for interns and Assembly staff
- Co-Editor of “The Practical Guide to the New York State Legislature,” 2024.

Chief Coordinator, New York State Assembly Intern Program December 2021 – Sept. 2023

- Adviser for Assembly interns on academic and office matters
- Co-Instructor of the Assembly Graduate Practicum
- Liaison between Assembly offices and Intern Program
- Evaluate intern performance
- Advise Director on intern and program matters
- Organize large events including Mock Budget Hearings, Mock Session, and other simulations
- Organize and moderate panels and issue forums
- Provide special guidance to unsupervised interns

Lecturer in History, Siena College January 2024 – Present

- HIST 104 America in the World, 1596-1877

Part-Time Lecturer, University at Albany, SUNY

August 2023 – Present

- HIS 100 American Political and Social History Until 1865

Director of Public Relations, Albany Housing Authority

April 2021 – December 2021

- Served as chief spokesperson for the Authority
- Oversaw all communications activities
- Responded to media and public inquiries
- Drafted and edited news releases and articles
- Contacted press and other media to publicize Authority programs
- Acted as liaison between the facility and various community organizations
- Prepared and maintained records and make reports
- Advised Executive Director and assisted with daily duties of the Executive Office

Legislative Director, Assemblyman David F. Gantt

May 2013 - December 2020

- Managed the Albany office of a senior member of the New York State Assembly which included supervising a small staff
- Was responsible for all grants (SAM and Priority Projects)
- Organized and hosted all of Assemblyman Gantt's Albany fundraisers
- Oversaw the affairs of the Assembly Transportation Committee from 2013-2018
- Drafted, advocated, and passed legislation
- Advised Assemblyman Gantt on policy and political matters
- Represented Assemblyman Gantt at meetings and events
- Coordinated all Rochester Assembly Delegation meetings and budget requests
- Wrote all significant material (press releases, budget letters, and speeches)
- Worked closely with Assembly Intern Program advising and mentoring students

Legislative Aide, Assemblyman David F. Gantt

June 2008 - May 2013

- Clerked for Assembly Transportation Committee, tracked bills, drafted constituent letters, met with constituents and interest groups, and supervised interns.

Intern, Assemblyman David F. Gantt

January 2008 - June 2008

- Clerked for Assembly Transportation Committee, tracked bills, drafted constituent letters, and met with constituents and interest groups.

Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center, Callicoon, NY
Assistant Activities Director and Kids Camp Director

June 2004 - August 2008

- Organized and ran the resort's daily activities
- Managed a staff of camp counselors

Publications

“Lifting the Political Fog: People, Power, and Antislavery Politics in Upstate New York” (pending publication).

"Upstate New York on the Brink of War: The Garrisonians and the March Toward Civil War." *New York History*, vol. 97 no. 2, 2016, p. 149-165.

“Millard Power Fillmore: A Short Sketch,” *The New York History Blog*, October 10, 2016.

“A Breach of Peace,” *New York Archives*, Winter 2015, p. 24-27.

Presentations

“Upstate New York on the Brink of War: Abolitionists, the North, and the March Towards Civil War,” Association of Public Historians of New York State 2018 Conference, Rochester, NY, October 2018.

“Underground Railroad Consortium of New York State Workshop,” Organizer and moderator, New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators Weekend, Albany, NY, February 2016.

“Peace and Union: Upstate New York Communities on the Brink of War,” Capital District Civil War Round Table, Watervliet, NY, December 2015.

“Peace and Union: Upstate New York Communities on the Brink of War,” *Researching New York*, Albany, NY, November 2015.

“Upstate New York on the Brink of War: Abolitionists, The North, and the March Toward Civil War,” *Researching New York*, Albany, NY, November 2012.

Media Projects

[History Tavern Podcast](#)

- Creator, host, and producer of an interview-based podcast (46 episodes) that features prominent historians including Harold Holzer, Amy Murrell Taylor, Paul Finkelman, and Gary Gallagher
- Several episodes are audio documentaries with multiple historians
- Responsible for research, guest outreach, technical production, and on-air presence

Affiliations and Awards

Arthur A. Ekirch Jr. Prize in American History, University at Albany, SUNY, History Department, April 2023

Professional Development Grant, Graduate Student Association, University at Albany, SUNY, December 2022

- For work producing a [podcast](#) featuring historian William Blair at the 2022 Civil War Institute Summer Conference in Gettysburg.

Capital District Civil War Round Table (2015 - Present)

- Vice President (January 2020 – December 2021)
- At-Large Board Member (January 2018 - January 2020)

New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators Scholarship (2011)

Licenses

Notary Public, State of New York