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### EDUCATION

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#### Ph.D. in History

Expected July 2023

*Northwestern University, Evanston, IL*

Dissertation: "Carceral Crisis: The Challenge of Prison Overcrowding and the Rise of Mass Incarceration, 1970-2000"

Committee: Kevin Boyle (chair), Martha Biondi, Brett Gadsden, Elizabeth Hinton

#### M.A. in History

*Northwestern University, Evanston, IL*

June 2017

#### B.A. in History

*St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN*

May 2013

Phi Beta Kappa, May 2013

Phi Alpha Theta, September 2012-May 2013

### TEACHING & INSTRUCTION

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#### Instructor of Record

Spring 2021

*Department of History, Northwestern University*

- Developed and taught upper-level undergraduate seminar course entitled "Prison Nation: The Rise of Mass Incarceration in the United States"

#### Teaching Assistant

Fall 2017-Spring 2019

*Department of History, Northwestern University*

- The United States Since 1900: The Mid-Twentieth Century (*Spring 2019, Professor Kevin Boyle*)
- Gay and Lesbian History (*Fall 2018, Professor Lane Fenrich*)
- Go Directly to Jail: The Punitive Turn in American Life (*Winter 2018, Professor Michael Sherry*)

#### Graduate Assistant

September 2017-December 2017

*Department of History, Northwestern University*

- Provided history writing assistance to undergraduates enrolled in History department course

## **ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

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“It’s at the state and local level that problems exist”: The Armed Career Criminal Act and the Puzzle of Federal Crime Control in the Reagan Era,” *The Journal of Policy History* (Forthcoming, Spring 2023).

### **Review Essays**

“Towards a More “Purple” US Political History: Continuity and Consensus in Post-1960s Metropolitan America.” *Journal of Urban History*, (March 2020).  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0096144220910461>.

### **Book Reviews**

John Kromer, *Philadelphia Battlefields: Disruptive Campaigns and Upset Elections in a Changing City* (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2020) *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies* 89, no. 2 (2022): 315-318. <https://doi.org/10.5325/pennhistory.89.2.0315>

## **CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

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“*Harris v. Philadelphia* and the Dilemma of Mass Imprisonment in Law and Order Philadelphia” at Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal, July 2022.

“*Harris v. Philadelphia* and the Dilemma of Mass Imprisonment in Law and Order Philadelphia” at Chabraja Center for Historical Studies Graduate Conference: Global Perspectives on the Prison and Systems of Punishment, Evanston, IL, April 2022.

Panelist on “Woman and Police Power from Segregation to Gentrification,” a roundtable on Anne Gray Fischer’s *The Streets Belong to Us: Sex, Race, and Police Power from Segregation to Gentrification* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2022) at the Organization of American Historians’ Conference, Boston, MA, March 2022.

“Carceral Crisis: The Challenge of Prison Overcrowding and the Rise of Mass Incarceration, 1970-2000,” Historical Society of Pennsylvania and The Library Company Fellowship Colloquia, Online, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

“Breaking the Law in the Way They Treat People Who Broke the Law: *Jackson v. Hendrick* and the Problem of Prison Overcrowding in Philadelphia Prisons,” Franke Future Directions Forum, Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Online, May 2021.

“It’s at the state and local level that problems exist”: The Armed Career Criminal Act and the Puzzle of Federal Crime Control in the Reagan Era,” Northwestern Comparative Historical Social Science Workshop, Online, October 2020.

“Punitiveness—like a ‘free lunch’—is not free”: The Problem and Peril of Prison Overcrowding in Law and Order Pennsylvania,” Annual Meeting on Law and Society, Online, May 2020.

“Rethinking Partisanship in the Postwar United States,” Boston University American Political History Institute 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, March 2019.

“The Women Are Worse Than The Men”: Gender, White Backlash, and Colorblind Racism in South Philadelphia, 1971-1982,” Annual Meeting on Law and Society, Toronto, Canada, June 2018.

“The Women Are Worse Than The Men”: Gender, White Backlash, and Colorblind Racism in South Philadelphia, 1971-1982,” Chabraja Center for Historical Studies Graduate Conference, “Resistance in History From Transgression to Transformation,” Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, April 2018.

“The Women Are Worse Than The Men’: The Gendered Politics of White Backlash In South Philadelphia, 1971-1982,” Social Science Historical Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, November 2017.

## **FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS**

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### **Presidential Fellow**

**September 2021-August 2023**

The Graduate School, Northwestern University, *Evanston, IL*

- One of six scholars awarded the most competitive and prestigious fellowship at Northwestern University for graduate students in 2021 to support two years of dissertation research and participation in the Northwestern University Society of Fellows.

### **Franke Graduate Fellow**

**September 2020-June 2021**

Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University, *Evanston IL*

- One of four scholars awarded to support dissertation research, teaching an undergraduate seminar on the history of United States mass incarceration in the History department, and participation in an interdisciplinary collective of faculty, graduate students, undergraduates, internationally renowned visiting scholars, and distinguished visiting artists.

### **Albert M. Greenfield Fellow**

**June 2020-May 2021**

Historical Society of Pennsylvania, *Philadelphia, PA*

- Selected as the sole fellow awarded to support research at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### **Public Humanities Research Workshop Research Grant**

**February 2021**

- Received funding for research grant to support development of a podcast on the New Deal

### **Arlen Specter Fellow**

**September 2019-September 2020**

Arlen Specter Center, *Philadelphia, PA*

- One of two scholars awarded for research trips to Arlen Specter Senatorial Papers in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Graduate Research Grant**

**June 2019-June 2020**

The Graduate School, Northwestern University, *Evanston, IL*

- Awarded for research trips to Pittsburgh, State College, Philadelphia, and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

**Conference Travel Grant**

**December 2019**

Northwestern University History Department, *Evanston, IL*

- Awarded to attend 2019 Making and Unmaking Mass Incarceration Conference.

**Conference Travel Grant**

**March 2019**

Northwestern University History Department, *Evanston, IL*

- Awarded to attend and present at Boston University American Political History Institute 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference.

**Graduate Summer Fellowship**

**June-September 2018**

Nicholas D. Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, *Evanston, IL*

- Awarded to support summer research internship at Chicago History Museum.

**Conference Travel Grant**

**June 2018**

The Graduate School, Northwestern University, *Evanston, IL*

- Awarded to attend and present at 2018 Annual Meeting on Law and Society.

**Conference Travel Grant**

**November 2017**

The Graduate School, Northwestern University, *Evanston, IL*

- Awarded to attend and present at 2017 Social Science Historical Association Annual Meeting.

**Department of History Research Grant**

Northwestern University, *Evanston, IL*

- Awarded to support research at any time during the graduate career.

**PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

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“The False Promise of Criminal Justice Reform,” review of Kay Whitlock and Nancy Heitzeg’s *Carceral Con: The Deceptive Terrain of Criminal Justice Reform* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2021), January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, *The Nation*, <https://www.thenation.com/article/culture/carceral-con-review/>. \

“On Russell Maroon Shoatz’ ‘Death By Regulation,’” 1997 with Robert Saleem Holbrook, Executive Director of the Abolitionist Law Center, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, *The Metropole* (the official blog of the Urban Historical Association), <https://themetropole.blog/2021/12/15/on-russell-maroon-shoatzs-death-by-regulation-1997-with-robert-saleem-holbrook-executive-director-of-the-abolitionist-law-center/>.

- First installment of [Disciplining the Nation](#) series, co-launched with Matthew Guariglia in December 2021.

“The American Right to Riot: On Elizabeth Hinton’s *America on Fire*,” review of Elizabeth Hinton’s *America on Fire: The Untold History of Police Violence and Black Rebellion Since the 1960s* (New York: Liveright, 2021), October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, *The Cleveland Review of Books*, <https://www.clereviewofbooks.com/home/elizabeth-hinton-america-on-fire-review>.

“Rosen on Berger and Losier, ‘Rethinking the American Prison Movement,’” August, 2021, *H-Pennsylvania*, <https://networks.h-net.org/node/8590/reviews/8126559/rosen-berger-and-losier-rethinking-american-prison-movement>.

“Disciplining the City: Scholarship and the Carceral State Year in Review, 2020,” with Matt Guariglia, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, *The Metropole* (the official blog of the Urban Historical Association), <https://themetropole.blog/2021/01/04/disciplining-the-city-scholarship-and-the-carceral-state-year-in-review-2020/>.

“Aaron Sorkin’s Inane, Liberal History Lesson,” November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, *The Nation*, <https://www.thenation.com/article/culture/aaron-sorkins-inane-history-lesson/>.

“Disenfranchisement in jails weakens our democracy,” October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, *The Washington Post*, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/10/21/disenfranchisement-jails-weakens-our-democracy/?fbclid=IwAR1KdR5CeHpP6KfDogYYX8JucdJSykvzxxxqOJ9LgicdFRZBFtmnXy7vjxo>.

“Grow Community Power Spotlight Series – Charlotte Rosen,” *Abolitionist Law Center*, [https://mailchi.mp/alcenter.org/growcommunitypower?fbclid=IwAR0RmouoQ1CZXG5m96cUyxuBX6iv1pqYF1YJnaXO9FsGHxkZ6M9\\_Tqw92uI](https://mailchi.mp/alcenter.org/growcommunitypower?fbclid=IwAR0RmouoQ1CZXG5m96cUyxuBX6iv1pqYF1YJnaXO9FsGHxkZ6M9_Tqw92uI).

Urban History Association *The Metropole* (Official Blog of the Urban History Association) Virtual Roundtables on Race, Policing and Abolition, July 1<sup>st</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, and July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyLwQLqja2LhLIK8Gs87dCw>

- Organized and moderated with Dr. Matt Guariglia three virtual roundtables on race, policing, and abolition that featured carceral state historians such as Heather Ann Thompson, Kelly Lytle-Hernandez, Dan Berger, and more discussing the Spring 2020 uprisings and police abolition in historical perspective.

“Abolition or Bust: Liberal Police Reform as an Engine of Carceral Violence,” June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, *The Abusable Past* (Digital venue from the Radical History Review), <https://www.radicalhistoryreview.org/abusablepast/abolition-or-bust-liberal-police-reform-as-an-engine-of-carceral-violence/>.

“Get Police Out of Schools – Including University Campuses,” with Claudia Garcia-Rojas, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020, *Truthout*, [https://truthout.org/articles/get-police-out-of-schools-including-university-campuses/?fbclid=IwAR334oYIZDtUyfs5wphLQ3Cw8e39LN7Y7T\\_F6-f9ITqrlqsx7Aplot95vhA](https://truthout.org/articles/get-police-out-of-schools-including-university-campuses/?fbclid=IwAR334oYIZDtUyfs5wphLQ3Cw8e39LN7Y7T_F6-f9ITqrlqsx7Aplot95vhA).

“Histories of Police, Policing, and Police Unions in the United States,” with Matt Guariglia, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, *The Metropole* (the official blog of the Urban Historical Association), <https://themetropole.blog/2020/05/06/histories-of-police-policing-and-police-unions-in-the-united-states/>.

“In Jails, ‘A Catastrophe Waiting to Happen,’” April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, *Belt Magazine*, <https://beltmag.com/catastrophe-prison-jails-covid-19-coronavirus/>.

“Blurred Politics, Uncomfortable Histories: On Lila Corwin Berman’s “Metropolitan Jews” January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, *The Cleveland Review of Books*, <https://www.clereviewofbooks.com/home/lila-corwin-berman-detroit-metropolitan-jews-midwest>

“Disciplining the City Review Essay, 2019,” with Matt Guariglia, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, *The Metropole* (the official blog of the Urban Historical Association), <https://themetropole.blog/2019/12/19/disciplining-the-city-review-essay-2019/>

“Reclaiming an Ethical Suburbanism: On Amanda Kolson-Hurley’s “Radical Suburbs,” March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, *The Cleveland Review of Books*, <https://www.clereviewofbooks.com/home/2019/3/22/reclaiming-an-ethical-suburbanism-on-amanda-kolson-hurleys-radical-suburbs>

“Rethinking Partisanship in the Postwar United States,” February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, *The Metropole* (the official blog of the Urban Historical Association), <https://themetropole.blog/2019/02/19/rethinking-partisanship-in-the-postwar-united-states/>.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Research Assistant

June 2020-June 2021

Dr. Reiko Hillyer, Lewis and Clark College

- Served as research assistant for historian Reiko Hillyer who is writing a manuscript entitled *Windows in the Walls: The Permeability of the Prison in the Twentieth Century United States*.

### Summer Research Intern

June-September 2018

Chicago History Museum, Chicago, IL

- Conducted primary and secondary research on the 1968 Democratic National Convention for the Chicago History Museum’s “The Chicago 00 Project,” a virtual reality digital education tool.

## LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

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### Team Member

June 2020-present

### Study and Struggle Program

- Assist in the development and management of the Study and Struggle program, an ongoing project to organize and provide political education against incarceration and criminalization in Mississippi, namely through developing curriculum for abolitionist study groups in Mississippi and across the country both inside and outside of prisons. I also spearhead a zine-writing project in collaboration with imprisoned organizers across the nation and organize the logistics for the Study and Struggle's Fall "Critical Conversations" webinar series in partnership with Haymarket Books, which brings together abolitionist scholars and activists such as Angela Y. Davis, Rukia Lumumba, Dean Spade, Nick Estes, and more to discuss themes in the curriculum for the upcoming month.

### Study Hall Tutor

**March 2019-present**

Northwestern Prison Education Program

*Stateville Correctional Center, Crest Hill, IL*

- Visit Stateville Correctional Center, a maximum-security men's prison in Illinois, weekly to provide tutoring and academic support to 41 incarcerated students in Northwestern's Prison Education Program (NPEP).

### Public Humanities Graduate Research Workshop

**September 2020-June 2021**

*Northwestern University, Evanston, IL*

### Teaching Certificate Program

**September 2019-June 2020**

*Northwestern Searle Center for*

*Advancing Learning and Teaching, Evanston, IL*

### Director of Media & Campus Relations & Associate Director of Development

**May 2019-May 2020**

Northwestern Prison Education Program

Graduate Student Advisory Council

*Northwestern University, Evanston, IL*

- Develop NPEP newsletter and communications materials, liaise with media, co-direct NPEP fundraising efforts, and write grant applications, including assisting with a \$1 million dollar Mellon Foundation Grant application.

### Workshop Organizer

**July 2018-June 2021**

Comparative Historical Social Science Workshop

*Northwestern University, Evanston, IL*

### Associate Editor

**May 2019-present**

*The Metropole*, Official blog of the Urban History Association

Co-editor of "Disciplining the City" series

### Organizer

**November 2019-present**

Legal History Collaborative Research Network

Law and Society Association

**Member** **September 2018-present**  
History Department Teaching Committee,  
*Northwestern University, Evanston, IL*

**Conference Organizer** **October 2018-May 2019**  
Second Annual Chicago Area Comparative Historical Social Science Conference,  
*Northwestern University, Evanston, IL*

**Vice President** **September 2018-August 2019**  
History Graduate Student Organization,  
*Northwestern University, Evanston, IL*

**Volunteer** **June 2015-July 2016**  
*Catalyst Project, Oakland, CA*

**Volunteer Canvasser,** **September 2014-November 2014**  
*Lift Up Oakland, Oakland, CA*

**Volunteer,** **August 2013-July 2014**  
*Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Berkeley, CA*

**Peace Scholar** **Summer 2012**  
Peace Prize Forum Scholars,  
*Nobel Peace Prize Forum, Oslo, Norway*

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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**Membership & Communications Associate** **August 2014-July 2016**  
*East Bay Housing Organizations, Oakland, CA*

**Volunteer Coordinator** **August 2013-July 2014**  
*Satellite Affordable Housing Associates, Berkeley, CA*

**English Language Learning Writing Tutor** **September 2012-May 2013**  
*St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN*

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Historical Association  
Organization of American Historians  
American Society for Legal History  
Law and Society Association  
Social Science Historical Association  
Urban History Association



African American Intellectual History Society