

DR. CORY JAMES YOUNG, PH. D.

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EDUCATION

Georgetown University **2014-2021**

PhD in History, August 2021

Dissertation: “For Life or Otherwise: Abolition and Slavery in South Central Pennsylvania, 1780 to 1847”

Adviser: Adam Rothman

MA in History, May 2016

State University of New York College at Geneseo **2009-2013**

BA in History, *summa cum laude*, December 2013

Honors thesis: “‘For Family Use’: Slavery, Monticello Plantation, and the Letters of Thomas Jefferson”

Adviser: Justin Behrend

EMPLOYMENT

University of Nebraska-Lincoln **2021-2023**

Postdoctoral Associate

Project Manager: Petitioning for Freedom: Habeas Corpus in the American West

PI: Katrina Jagodinsky

FELLOWSHIPS

- ❖ **Friends of the MCEAS Fellowship**, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, 2020-2021
- ❖ **Dorothy Brown Teaching Fellowship**, Georgetown University, 2020-2021 (*declined*)
- ❖ **Albert M. Greenfield Foundation Dissertation Fellowship**, Library Company of Philadelphia and Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 2020
- ❖ **Capitol Applied Learning Lab Teaching Fellowship**, Georgetown University, 2019
- ❖ **American Studies Association Fellowship**, 2014-2016
Assisted in planning and administrating 2015 annual meeting in Toronto, ON

GRANTS

- ❖ **Cosmos Scholar Grant**, 2019
- ❖ **Cumberland County Historical Society History-POPS! Grant**, 2018
- ❖ **Cosmos Scholar Grant**, 2017

PRINT PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Review: *Standard-Bearers of Equality: America's First Abolition Movement*, Paul J. Polgar, *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 145, no. 1 (January 2021): pp. 88-90.
- ❖ “From North to Natchez during the Age of Gradual Abolition,” *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 143, no. 2 (April 2019): pp. 117-139

- ❖ “Conclusion: Policing Patriotism and the Responsibilities of Activist History” in Wuerenberg, Nathan and William Horne, eds. *Demand the Impossible: Essays in History as Activism*. Washington, DC: Westphalia Press, 2018. pp. 201-206

SELECT WEB PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ [“A Just and True Return: A Dataset of Pennsylvania’s Surviving County Slave Registries,”](#) *Magazine of Early American Datasets* 46 (July 22, 2021), <https://repository.upenn.edu/mead/46/>
- ❖ [“‘JIM, \(alias James Boyd.\):’ Enslaved Migrant Laborers in the American North,”](#) *The Activist History Review*, April 15, 2019
- ❖ [“‘Bloom Where You’re Planted’: Local History as Activism and Healing,”](#) *The Activist History Review*, November 8, 2017

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- ❖ “The Atlantic Slavery and Contested Emancipations of Asylum Peters,” in Grego, Caroline, Lucien Holness, and William Horne, eds. *Black Americans in the Age of Emancipation*

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- ❖ “Ownership in *Absentia*: Opportunism and Optimism in Pennsylvania’s County Slave Registries,” ASLH, New Orleans, LA, November 4-6, 2021 (*accepted*)
- ❖ “‘The Last Slave in Pennsylvania,’ or Black Obituary Politics in a Northern ‘Free’ State,” AHA, Seattle, WA, January 7-10, 2021 (*cancelled due to COVID-19*)
Panel organizer, The Antebellum Afterlives of African-American Slavery
- ❖ “‘Treasures of the United States’: Enslaved Waggoners at Work in the Cumberland Valley,” SLSA, Chapel Hill, NC, September 11-13, 2020 (*cancelled due to COVID-19*)
- ❖ “The Black Family and the Archive during Slavery’s Waning Days in the Pennsylvania Interior,” OAH, Washington, DC, April 2-5, 2020 (*presented virtually due to COVID-19*)
- ❖ “The Legal Foundations of Pennsylvania Term Enslavement during the Age of Gradual Abolition, 1780 to 1826,” ASLH, Boston, MA, November 20-23, 2019
- ❖ “Labor, Last Wills, and Slavery’s Endurance in South Central Pennsylvania,” SHEAR, Cleveland, OH, July 19-22, 2018
- ❖ “South by North: Land and Labor in the Lower Mississippi Valley, 1780-1830,” SLSA, Athens, GA, May 18-19, 2018
- ❖ “From North to Natchez During the Age of Gradual Abolition,” Southern Capitalisms Graduate Conference, Johns Hopkins University, March 4-5, 2016
- ❖ “‘For Family Use’: Slavery, Monticello Plantation, and the Letters of Thomas Jefferson,” Phi Alpha Theta West/Central New York Regional Conference at SUNY Geneseo, April 13, 2013
- ❖ “Fair-Weather Friendship: American Diplomacy and the Haitian Revolution, 1797-1806,” COPLAC Undergraduate Research Conference at Eastern Connecticut State University, October 27, 2012

WORKSHOPPED PAPERS

- ❖ “Securing Gradualism: The Pennsylvania Judiciary and Abolition, 1780-1847,” McNeil Center for Early American Studies Dissertation Fellows Workshop, September 24-26, 2020

- ❖ “Beyond Pennsylvania: Mobility and the Geography of Gradual Abolition,” Georgetown University U.S. History Seminar, December 3, 2019
- ❖ “Making Demand: White Attitudes and Black Slaves in Senegambia, 1350-1700,” Georgetown University African History Seminar, October 29, 2015

INVITED TALKS

- ❖ “For Life or Otherwise: Abolition and Slavery in the Pennsylvania Interior, 1780-1847,” Richards Center Emerging Scholars Speakers Series, State College, PA, February 12, 2021
- ❖ “[“A Slave for Life If I So Chuse”: Abolition and Slavery in Lancaster County.](#)” LancasterHistory’s Black History Month Lecture, Lancaster, PA, February 27, 2020
- ❖ “[Abolition and Slavery in Cumberland County, PA.](#)” Cumberland County Historical Society Lecture Series, Carlisle, PA, April 19, 2018

DIGITAL PROJECTS

- ❖ **Creator**, [A Just and True Return](#), Fall 2019-Present (*currently in development*)
- ❖ **Contributor**, [Georgetown Slavery Archive](#), Fall 2015-Summer 2018

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

- ❖ **Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Award (nomination)**, Georgetown University, Spring 2018
- ❖ **Katherine J. Beck Prize for Outstanding Senior History Major**, Spring 2013
- ❖ **Best Paper Prize**, Phi Alpha Theta Western/Central New York Regional Conference, Spring 2013
- ❖ **David J. Prior Award**, The Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges, Spring 2013
- ❖ **Geneseo Presidential Scholar**, Spring 2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- ❖ **Series Organizer**, DH Afternoons, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Fall 2021-Present
- ❖ **Department Organizer**, Georgetown Alliance of Graduate Employees, Spring 2017-Fall 2019
- ❖ **Associate Editor**, [The Activist History Review](#), Winter 2019-Summer 2019
Edited the [December 2018](#) issue, “[Oh, the Humanities!](#)”
- ❖ **Copy Editor**, [The Activist History Review](#), Winter 2017-Winter 2019
- ❖ **US History Field Representative**, Georgetown University, Fall 2015-Fall 2018
- ❖ **Publications Coordinator**, American Studies Association, Fall 2014-Summer 2016
- ❖ **Adolescence Education Certification** (Social Studies), State of New York, 2014

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- ❖ Member: American Historical Association, Organization of American Historians, American Society for Legal History, Southern Labor Studies Association, Georgetown Alliance of Graduate Employees

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

❖ **Instructor of Record**

Georgetown, Fall 2019
HIST099: Slavery in the American North

❖ **Teaching Assistant**

Chandra Manning, Georgetown, Fall 2018
HIST099: American Revolution

Katie Benton-Cohen, Georgetown, Fall 2017
HIST099: Becoming American

Adam Rothman, Georgetown, Spring 2017
HIST286: Slavery in North America

Brian Taylor, Georgetown, Fall 2016
HIST180: U.S. History to 1865

Justin Behrend, Geneseo, Spring 2013
HIST188: Intro to the History Major

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

❖ **Research Assistant**

Rep. Christopher Rabb, Fall 2019-Present
Researching the history of racial injustice in early Pennsylvania in order to assist a state representative in [preparing a reparations bill](#)

Rachel Swarns, Fall 2017, Summer 2020
Researched Georgetown University's African-American descendant community at Georgetown's Booth Family Center and at NARA

Jacob F. Lee, Summer 2019
Examined IRS records at NARAII pertaining to the Whiskey Rebellion

Kirk Savage, Fall 2018-Winter 2019
Examined records at NARA pertaining to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Greg Downs, Fall 2014
Examined records at NARA to document the movements and positions of several U.S. army companies during Reconstruction

Justin Behrend, Spring 2014
Helped prepare the [companion website](#) for Behrend's *Black Politicians Database*

❖ **Secondary School**

Substitute Teacher, Pittsford Central School District, Spring 2014

Taught a variety of subjects to students from grade six to twelve and developed eighth-grade units on the Holocaust and contemporary U.S. history

Student Teacher, Calkins Road Middle School and Canandaigua Academy, Fall 2013

Developed and implemented social studies unit plans for eighth-grade U.S. History and twelfth-grade Participation in Government