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I specialize in the colonial history of the Northeast, with a focus on overlapping networks of slavery in the Dutch and British Atlantic worlds. My dissertation, “Bound by Bondage: Slavery among Elites in Colonial Massachusetts and New York,” compares the ways that slavery shaped the elite cultures of these colonies by examining the social and kinship networks that intertwined enslavers with those they enslaved. It is centered on the Stuyvesant, Bayard, and Livingston families and shifts the usual historical focus away from their lives in New Netherland and colonial New York to their slave networks that spanned the colonial boundaries of the Atlantic, connecting the bouwerijs and manors of New York to the elites of Massachusetts, the Caribbean, and the European metropolises.

I am a native of Oak Park, Illinois, and a 1998 graduate of the University of Chicago Laboratory High School. I received my AB cum laude from Harvard College in 2002 and, after time in the private sector, began my graduate studies under the principal advisement of Mary Beth Norton at Cornell University in 2007. I received my MA in 2010 and PhD in 2013.

My current research interests include comparative Native and African American slavery, the slave roots of the Northern antislavery movement, and the ways in which colonial era events and actors were re-imagined during the early Republic.

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