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## **Education**

Emory University, Ph.D.

August 2003

Major Field of Study: American History

College of William and Mary, M.A.

May 1998

Major Field of Study: American History

University of Texas at Austin, B.A. with Honors.

August 1993

Majors: History, African American Studies

### **Publications**

- Blanck, Emily. "Honor Emancipation by Celebrating Juneteenth" Room for Debate: How Should Americans Remember Reconstruction?, *New York Times Online*, May 26, 2015.
- Blanck, Emily. *Tyrannicide: Forging an American Slave Law in Revolutionary South Carolina and Massachusetts* (Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, November 2014).
- Blanck, Emily. "Why Scholars Need to Study Slavery in New Jersey" New Jersey History, Vol 127, No 1 (2012).
- Blanck, Emily. "The Legal Emancipations of Leander and Caesar: Manumission and the Law in Revolutionary South Carolina and Massachusetts," *Slavery and Abolition*, August 2007, 235-254.
- Blanck, Emily. "Freedom Suits in North America" and "Somerset Decision" in *Encyclopedia of Antislavery and Abolition*, Peter Hinks and John McKivigan eds. (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2007).
- Blanck, Emily. Book Review, M. Ruth Kelly, *The Olmsted Case: Privateers, Property, and Politics in Pennsylvania, 1778-1810,* in Law and History Review.
- Blanck, Emily. Book Review, Daniel Richter, Facing East from Indian Country in The Eighteenth Century: A Current Bibliography.
- Blanck, Emily. "Seventeen Eighty-Three: The Turning Point in the Law of Slavery and Freedom in Massachusetts" New England Quarterly, Vol. 75, no. 1 (March 2002), 24-51.
- Blanck, Emily. Book Review, William Mahar, Behind the Burnt Cork Mask: Blackface Minstrelsy, in Journal of the Early Republic, Vol. 20, No. 2 (Summer 2000), 320-322.

## <u>Conferences and Presentations</u>

- March 2016 "Galveston on San Francisco Bay: The Transport and Transformation of the Juneteenth Holiday to a New Community" American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, CA.
- October 2014 "Juneteenth: Politicization and Grassroots Activism" City University of New York African Diaspora Conference, Staten Island, NY.

April 2013 "Juneteenth: Official Memorialization of Slavery and Emancipation in the

21st Century" Eastern American Studies Association, Harrisburg, VA.

February 2012 "Juneteenth: Black Voices Take Over their own Histories" American

Association of Geographers, New York, NY.

April 2011 "Joy Takes over the Streets: Exultant Celebrations of African American

Citizenship as a Statement of Dissent," Popular Culture

Association/American Culture Association Conference, San Antonio, TX.

September 2009 "Citizenship and Slavery: Beyond Property and Persons." San Francisco State

Rights Conference, San Francisco, CA.

March 2009 "The Ignored Story of the *Tyrannicide* Affair" AAAHRP, Biennial Black History

Conference, Seattle, WA.

March 2007 "Teaching and Researching Slavery: The Importance of Slavery to American

Economy and Culture" Panel, Celebrating Abolition, Remembering the

Sacrifice, Ursinus College, Collegeville, PA.

April 2006 "The Battle over Thomas Jeremiah: South Carolina Revolutionaries vs. the

Royal Government" British Association for American Studies, Canterbury,

UK.

April 2004 "The Legal Emancipations of Leander and Caesar: Manumission and

the Law in Revolutionary South Carolina and Massachusetts" Conference on

New England Slavery and the Slave Trade, Colonial Society of

Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts.

March 2004 "The Origins of the Fugitive Slave Clause" Organization of American

Historians, Boston, Massachusetts.

November 2003 "The 'Contest between Liberty and Property': Freedom Suits in the

Revolutionary Era" ASLH, Washington, D.C.

April 2002 "Defining Slave Resistance in Revolutionary South Carolina and

Massachusetts" Graduate Student Forum in Early American History, The

Colonial Society of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts.

January 2002 "Black Claims on the Law in Revolutionary Massachusetts and South

Carolina" at the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Abolition,

and Resistance, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

October 2001 "Origins of the Slavery Controversy in the Constitutional Convention,"

McNeil Center for Early American Studies Brown Bag Lunch, University of

Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

July 2001 "Contrary Slave Law in Building a Nation: Massachusetts and South

Carolina" Society for Historians of Early American Republic (SHEAR), Johns

Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

#### Theses and Dissertation

"Revolutionizing Slavery: The Legal Culture of Slavery in Revolutionary Massachusetts and South Carolina, 1765-1789," Ph.D. Dissertation, Emory University, Advisor: James L. Roark

"Reaching for Freedom: Black Resistance, Public Performance, and the Roots of a Gendered African-American Culture in Late-Eighteenth-Century Massachusetts" Masters Thesis, College of William and Mary.

# Manuscript Evaluation and Consultant Work

RCA Heritage Museum, NJ Historical Society Grant, 2015

AP US History Table Leader 2012-2014

AP US History Grader 2005-2012

Proposal Review, The Art of Historical Detection, Spring 2014

Review US History Textbook, Created Equal, Spring 2007

Review Essay Submission, William and Mary Quarterly, Fall 2006

## Fellowships, Honors, and Grants

2007-2008 NSFG Research Grant, Rowan University

Fall 2002 Research Scholarship, Colonial Dames of America

Nov. 2001 Associate Fellow, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance

and Abolition, Yale University

2001-2002 Brown Fellowship in Southern Studies, Emory University

June 1999 "Creating the Federal Republic," The Institute for Constitutional Studies,

Supreme Court Historical Society, Seminar fellow.

1993 Honors in History.

### **Leadership in Professional Organizations**

2014-2016 Vice President, Eastern American Studies Association

## **University Leadership**

2013-present Coordinator of American Studies

2017-present Dean's Fellow for Research and Graduate Studies, College of Humanities and

Social Sciences.

**Teaching** 

Fall 2013 Associate Professor Rowan University, Department of History and

**American Studies** 

Sp 2008-Sp 2012 Assistant Professor, Rowan University, Department of History and

**American Studies** 

Sp 2004-Fall 2006 Temporary, Full-time Instructor, Rowan University

Fall 2001-Spr 2004 Adjunct Instructor, Rowan University

Fall 2000 Instructor, Emory University

Fall 1998 Teaching Assistant, Emory University

Summer 1997 Teaching Assistant, College of William and Mary

#### Courses Taught

US History to 1865

US History since 1865

Introduction to American Studies (Democracy in America)

Significant Moments in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

American Intellectual History

US Legal and Constitutional History to 1870

US Legal and Constitutional History since 1870 Senior Seminar in American Studies (Slavery, Racism and Cultural Production) History Seminar