

CURRICULUM VITAE

Daniel A. Gagnon

EDUCATION:

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
M.A., History, May 2017

Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts
Teacher certification graduate program leading to a Massachusetts Initial Teaching License

Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island
B.A., *cum laude*, History, May 2015
Minor: French Language and Literature

Languages: French, basic Italian

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

A Salem Witch: The Trial, Execution, and Exoneration of Rebecca Nurse. Yardley, PA: Westholme, 2021.

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

“Skeletons in the Closet: How the Actions of the Salem Witch Trials Victims’ Families in 1692 Affected Later Memorialization.” *The New England Journal of History* 75/76, no. 2/1 (Spring/Fall 2019): 32–73.

Other:

Local history article series “Town Treasures,” published monthly in the *Danvers Herald* and also available at <https://spectersofsalemvillage.com/>.

Numerous articles in *The Newsletter of the Rebecca Nurse Preservation Society*.

“Map: Sites in the Life of Rebecca Nurse.” October 30, 2018. Created using Google Map Maker. Fully documented map of major sites in the life of Rebecca Nurse, from baptism until her execution and burial in 1692. <https://spectersofsalemvillage.com/map-life-of-rebecca-nurse/>.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

A Salem Witch: The Trial, Execution, and Exoneration of Rebecca Nurse, author discussion with History Camp America. 8pm, November 18, 2021. [Online here](#).

Book Launch: *A Salem Witch: The Trial, Execution, and Exoneration of Rebecca Nurse*. October 23, 2021, at the Rebecca Nurse Homestead Museum.

“America’s Summer Road Trip 2020.” Gave a presentation on the life of Rebecca Nurse as a leading expert in a nation-wide livestream program that drew thousands of viewers. August 2020. [Available here](#).

“Walkable Witch-Hunt Sites in Danvers.” Presentation streamed live from Tapley Hall by the Danvers Historical Society, Danvers, Mass., August 2020.

“Skeletons in the Closet: How the Actions of the Salem Witch Trials Victims’ Families in 1692 Affected Later Memorialization.” Presented at:
-Peabody Historical Society, Peabody, Mass., February 2020.

- The Rebecca Nurse Homestead Museum, Danvers, Mass., October 2019.
- Danvers Historical Society Lecture Series at Tapley Hall, Danvers, Mass., May 2019.

“Safeguarding Secularism: France and the Debate over a Religious Reference in the European Constitution.” Paper presented at the Boston College Biennial Conference on the History of Religion: “Religion and Public Life,” Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Mass. April 1, 2016

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

WWLP-TV, *Mass Appeal*, October 29, 2021. “Debunking common misconceptions about the Salem Witch Trials.” Appeared as a subject matter expert. [Available here](#).

Nolan, Erin. “Where It All Began: Danvers Tour Visits Sites That Sparked Witch Hysteria.” *Salem News*, August 24, 2021. Front page.

Nolan, Erin. “Lost Gravestones Return: Discarded Markers Get Attention in Rebecca Nurse Homestead Cemetery.” *Salem News*, September 24, 2020. Front page.

Diamantides, Alyse. “A Puzzle From the Past: Teacher, Researcher Dives into Unexplored Territory of the Salem Witch Trials.” *Danvers Magazine*, Fall 2019.

TEACHING- AND HISTORY-RELATED EXPERIENCE

History Teacher, Rockport High School, Rockport, Mass.

Docent Supervisor, The Rebecca Nurse Homestead Museum, Danvers, Mass.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2015 Providence College Undergraduate Craft of Research Prize, *Third Prize*
Paper: “France and the Community of Six”

“Best Writer” 2014-2015, *The Cowl* (Providence College’s student newspaper)

2014 Providence College Undergraduate Craft of Research Prize, *First Prize*.

Paper: “Algeria, de Gaulle, and the Birth of the French Fifth Republic”

Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society

Pi Delta Phi National French Honor Society

Eagle Scout of the Year Award and Scholarship, The Massachusetts Society of The Sons of the American Revolution, 2011

Eagle Scout with Gold Palms, Boy Scouts of America, 2010

Danvers Preservation Commission Historic Preservation Award, 2003

MEMBERSHIPS AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Elected Town Meeting Member (2016-present), Town of Danvers, Mass.

Appointed member of the Salem Village Historic District Commission, Town of Danvers, Mass.

Board of Directors, The Rebecca Nurse Homestead Museum, Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Historical Society, Danvers, Mass.