

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

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

Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts
Teacher certification graduate program leading to a Massachusetts 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:

Book:

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 Book Presentations:
-Peabody Institute Library of Danvers, Rebecca Nurse Homestead Museum, Peabody Essex Museum, Danvers Historical Society, Online Author Discussions with History Camp America, Rockport Public Library, Salem Historical Tours Online History Show, Sandy Bay Historical Society, Salem’s Witch House, and many others.

“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.

“Walkable Witch-Hunt Sites in Danvers.” Presentation at Tapley Hall for 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, The Rebecca Nurse Homestead Museum, Danvers Historical Society Lecture Series at Tapley Hall, History Camp Boston.

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

ACMi-Television, *ACMi-News*, September 30, 2022. “A Tale of Two Witch Cities.” Appeared as a subject-matter expert.

Forman, Ethan. “On the Hunt: New Witch-Hunt Tour Highlights Danvers as the Place Where It All Began.” *Danvers Magazine*, Winter 2021. Magazine cover story.

WWLP-TV, *Mass Appeal*, October 29, 2021. “Debunking common misconceptions about the Salem Witch Trials.” Appeared as a subject-matter expert.

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.

Tour Leader, Salem Village Witch-Hunt Walking Tour, Danvers Mass. As a subject-matter expert, Salem Historical Tours partnered with me for this historical walking tour each fall.

Docent Supervisor, The Rebecca Nurse Homestead Museum, Danvers, Mass. The Nurse Homestead is the the only home of a victim of the 1692 Salem Village Witch-Hunt that is preserved and open to the public,

HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2015 Providence College Undergraduate Craft of Research Prize, *Third Prize*
“Best Writer” 2014-2015, *The Cowl* (Providence College’s student newspaper)
2014 Providence College Undergraduate Craft of Research Prize, *First Prize*.
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.

Appointed member of the Community Preservation Act Study Cmte, Town of Danvers, Mass.

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

Danvers Historical Society, Danvers, Mass.