**GLORIA McCAHON WHITING**

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**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

Assistant Professor of History, University of Wisconsin–Madison

January 2016 – present

**EDUCATION**

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA

Master of Arts in History, May 2010

Doctor of Philosophy in History expected May 2016

*Research Interests*: Early North American Social, Cultural, and Material History; Women’s, Gender, and Family History; Race and Slavery in the Atlantic World.

*General Examination, passed with the highest distinction, in the following fields*:

Early American History, with Professor Jill Lepore

Modern American History, with Professor Walter Johnson

History of the Atlantic World, with Professor Vincent Brown

Early African History, with Professor Charlotte Walker

**Rice University**, Houston, TX

Bachelor of Arts *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, with Honors in History, May 2006

Majors in History, English, and Policy Studies

**DISSERTATION**

“African Families, American Stories: Black Kin and Community in Early New England.”

Advisor: Laurel Thatcher Ulrich

Readers: Annette Gordon-Reed, Walter Johnson, Jane Kamensky, Jill Lepore

**FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & HONORS (SELECTED)**

Graduate Student Travel Grant, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, 2015

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Charles Warren Center, 2014–2015

Graduate Society Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, 2014–2015 (declined)

Coordinating Council for Women in History Berkshire Fellowship Honorable Mention, 2014

Grant for Innovative Graduate Research, Center for American Political Studies, 2014

Dissertation Research Fellowship, Charles Warren Center, 2011, 2012, and 2013 (declined)

New England Regional Consortium Fellowship Grant, 2012–2013

Kate B. and Hall J. Peterson Fellowship, American Antiquarian Society, 2012–2013

Michael Kraus Research Grant in Colonial History, American Historical Association, 2012

Artemas Ward Fellowship for Dissertation Research, Harvard University, 2011–2014

Summer Travel Award, Harvard University History Department, 2011

Graduate Society Term-Time Merit Fellowship, Harvard University, 2011 (declined)

Richard A. Berenson Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University, 2010–2013

Jacquelyn Dowd Hall Prize, Southern Association for Women Historians, 2009

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Fellowship, Harvard University, 2009

**PUBLICATIONS**

“Power, Patriarchy, and Provision: African Families Negotiate Gender and Slavery in New England.”

The *Journal of American History* (article under contract).

“Sojourners and Strangers in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic.” Review of Cornelia H. Dayton and

Sharon V. Salinger, *Robert Love’s Warnings: Searching for Strangers in Colonial Boston* (Philadelphia:

University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014) in *Common-place*, Winter 2015.

Review of Katherine Howlett Hayes, *Slavery Before Race: Europeans, Africans, and Indians at Long Island’s*

*Sylvester Manor Plantation, 1651–1884* (New York: New York University Press, 2013) in the *Journal*

*of the Early Republic*, Summer 2014: 285-287.

**INVITED LECTURES & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)**

“Gender, Family, and Freedom in Post-Revolutionary New England.” Delivered at the Annual

Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Raleigh, North Carolina,

July 19, 2015.

“*The Selling of Joseph*: Slavery, Freedom, and Black Family Life in Samuel Sewall’s Neighborhood at

the Turn of the Eighteenth Century.” Delivered at the Joint Conference of the Omohundro

Institute for Early American History and Culture and the Society of Early Americanists,

Chicago, Illinois, June 20, 2015.

“The Body of Liberties and Bodies in Bondage: Dorcas the Blackmore, Dorchester’s First Church, and

the Legalization of Slavery in the Anglo-Atlantic World.” Delivered at the Boston Area Early

American History Seminar at the Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Massachusetts, May 19,

2015.

“‘the Negroes have left’: African Americans and the Politics of Emancipation in Revolutionary

Massachusetts.” Delivered at the Conference on the Causes, Course, and Consequences of the

American Revolution sponsored by Boston University, Williams College, the Massachusetts

Historical Society, and the David Library of the American Revolution, Boston, Massachusetts, April

9, 2015.

“Power, Patriarchy, and Provision: African Men and Women Build Families in Early New England.”

Delivered at the American Studies Summer Institute of the University of Massachusetts, Boston, July

10, 2014.

“‘Claiming the Right of Being Born Free, Equal, and Independent’: New England Slaves and the Work

of Freedom in the Revolutionary Era.” Delivered at the University of Michigan Graduate Student

Conference on the History of Labor, Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 10, 2014.

“‘How can the wife submit?’ African Families Negotiate Gender and Slavery in New England.”

Delivered at the Boston Seminar on the History of Women and Gender at the Arthur and Elizabeth

Schlesinger Library, Cambridge, Massachusetts, April 15, 2014.

“‘She lives with her Husband somewhere in Town’: Slavery, Freedom, and Family in Eighteenth

Century New England.” Delivered at the Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence, Rhode Island,

March 27, 2013.

“‘That You May Become Good Christians’: Religion and Slave Family Life in Early Massachusetts.”

Delivered at the Boston College Biennial Conference on the History of Religion, Chestnut Hill,

Massachusetts, March 30, 2012.

“Challenges in Studying Early Black Family Life.” Delivered at the Graduate Student Forum in Early

American History at the Colonial Society of Massachusetts in Boston, June 17, 2011.

“Slavery, Craft, and Identity in Eighteenth-Century Boston.” Delivered at the annual symposium of the

Material Culture Institute at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, May 21, 2011.

“Agents of the State: Black Women and Interracial Welfare Work in the District of Columbia, 1863

1915.” Delivered at the triennial conference of the Southern Association for Women Historians,

Columbia, South Carolina, June 6, 2009.

**ADVISING**

*Non-Resident Tutor in Eliot House*, 2010–2014

Served as primary academic advisor for History concentrators living in Eliot House, one of Harvard’s twelve undergraduate residence halls. Approved plans of study and advised students on course offerings and concentration options. Mentored students considering graduate school.

*Honors Thesis Advisor & Reader*, 2010–2012

Advised senior history major through the process of researching and writing an honors thesis, and served as a reader for thesis writers working on topics as varied as Allied financing during World War I and the history of insanity defense in American law and politics.

**ADMINISTRATION**

*Coordinator, Harvard University Early American History Working Group*, 2010–2012

Applied for and acquired requisite funding. Made and publicized schedules of faculty and graduate student presentations. Arranged for outside scholars to share their works in progress. Coordinated faculty discussions on scholarly issues of interest to graduate students.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association, 2011 – present

Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora, 2014 – present

Coordinating Council for Women in History, 2012 – present

Massachusetts Historical Society, 2011 – present

Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture, 2011 – present

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, 2015 – present

Southern Association for Women Historians, 2009 – present

**LANGUAGES**

Spanish – high proficiency (reading and writing)

French – proficiency (reading)

**REFERENCES**

Laurel Ulrich, 300th Anniversary University Professor

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