

# Katrina Ponti

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## EMPLOYMENT

Ernest May Postdoctoral Fellow in History and Policy  
Belfer Center, Kennedy School  
Harvard University

## EDUCATION

May 2022

Ph.D. in History  
University of Rochester

### Dissertation

“Virtuous Emulations of Liberty: Citizen Diplomats in U.S. Foreign Affairs, 1780-1820”

Advisor: Michael Jarvis

Readers: Ronald Angelo Johnson and Pablo Sierra Silva

### Fields of Study

*Early America and the World*, with Thomas Slaughter

*Modern America and the World*, with Daniel Borus

*Atlantic World*, with Michael Jarvis

*Early Modern Europe* with Thomas Devaney

2016

M.A. in History  
University of Rochester

2015

M.A. in History  
Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Thesis: “The Unwitting Diplomat: John Gardiner Jr. in the Foreign Relations of the Early Republic.”

Advisor: Clarence Maxwell

2012

B.A. in Political Science with distinction  
Specialization in global affairs  
Penn State University

## PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC-FACING ENGAGEMENT

Book Review of “Jeanne E. Abrams, *A View from Abroad: The Story of John and Abigail Adams in Europe*,” *Journal of the Early Republic* (January 2022)

“Pandemic Politics: Lessons from the United States’ first epidemic” Chatham House and *International Affairs* (August 2020)

“The Diplomatic Character(s) of the Early Republic” *Passport: The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review* 50, no. 1 (April 2019)

### Digital

Contributor, “Episode 6: Making a Good First Impression” *Consolation Prize*, a podcast Season One, Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media (December 2020)

Review of *The War of 1812: U.S. War Department Correspondence, 1812-1815*, by John C. Fredriksen for *H-War* (July 2017)

***Under Review***

“Our Proud Spirited Fellows’: The American Navy in Public Diplomacy with South America, chapter in *Sea Power by Other Means* (Kiel University Press)

***In Progress***

“*Tsawalk* as a Maritime Strategy on Precontact Vancouver Island”

**FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

***EXTERNAL***

2021-2022

May 2021

2020-2021

2020-2021

January-April 2020

2019-2021

May 2019

***University of Rochester***

April 2021

Summer 2020

Summer 2019

Spring 2019

Spring 2018

2015-2020

***Millersville University***

2014-2015

Spring 2014

2013-2014

***Penn State University***

Summer 2011

Fall 2011

Morgenthau Fellow, Notre Dame University International Security Center (nonresident)

Library & Museum Resident Research Fellow, American Philosophical Society

Fulbright Fellow, Canada at the University of Victoria

World Politics and Statecraft Fellow, Smith Richardson Foundation (nonresident)

Research Fellow, National Defense University

Junior Scholar, IPSCON, Kissinger Center, Johns Hopkins SAIS (nonresident)

Visiting Junior Fellow, Bruce Centre for American Studies, Keele University

Finalist, University Three Minute Thesis competition  
Linda and A. William Salomone Prize, Department of History

Research Grant, Susan B. Anthony Institute for Women and Gender Studies

Verne Moore Fellowship for Research, Department of History

The Sanford Elwitt Memorial Prize for Research, Department of History

Graduate Fellowship, Dean of Graduate Studies

Graduate Assistant Fellowship, Department of History  
Noonan Endowment Award for Research, Dean of Graduate Studies

Graduate Assistant Fellowship, Dean of the School of Education

Strategic Language Institute Grant and Internship for the Study of Arabic

Grant-in-Aid for research in London

**TEACHING**

***International Security Center, Notre Dame University***

*Instructor of Record*, July 2022

Introduction to Democracy and Grand Strategy

**Department of History, University of Rochester**  
 Instructor with Robert Westbrook, Spring 2020  
 American Movies in Their Moment: The Silver Age,  
 1968-1980

*Instructor of Record*, Fall 2019  
 The History of Espionage

*Instructor of Record*, Summer 2018  
 Alexander Hamilton's Atlantic World

*Archaeology Instructor with Michael Jarvis*, Summers  
 2015, 2017, 2020, and 2022  
 Smith's Island Bermuda Field School

*Teaching Assistant*, Spring 2018  
 History of Mortality (Thomas Devaney)  
 Hitler's Germany (Thomas Fleischman)

*Teaching Assistant*, Fall 2017  
 Modern China (Dahpon Ho)

## SYMPOSIA

2021

### **Organized**

Panel "The American Household Abroad, 1785-1830: A Theoretical Framework for the Study of Diplomacy,"  
 Panelist, "Between Duty and Inclination: The First American 'Third Culture Kids'," *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference*, Digital June 14

2017

*The Future(s) of Microhistory: A Symposium*, a two-day conference sponsored and funded by the University of Rochester and the New York Humanities Corridor. Convener and Organizer with Thomas Devaney (University of Rochester).  
 November 17-18

2022

### **Invited**

Presenter, "Ambiguous U.S. Foreign Policy in the Indo-Pacific: A History," *Uncertainty: the Indo-Pacific Region and American Foreign Policy* sponsored by the America and the World Consortium, University of Texas Austin, March.

2020

Moderator, "Global Affairs," *Fulbright Canada Discussion Series*, December 3.

2020

Presenter, "Unsung Ambassadors: American Women in Europe, 1779-1795." *Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, July.

2020

Presenter, "Diplomatic Daughters and American Representation in Europe, 1779-1800." *Society for*

*Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference*, New Orleans, June.

- 2019 Presenter, "Operative Disorganization: Consular Posts in Early American Diplomacy." Invited presentation to the *Workshop on Consuls* sponsored by Brown University, May 6-7.
- 2018 Presenter, "The Diplomatic Characters of the Early Republic: Lessons from Alexander Hamilton." Invited presentation to the *Conference on Strongmen and Networks: The Rise of Informal Diplomats* sponsored by the National University of Singapore, December 11-12.
- 2018 Presenter, "A Spy on the Wall: Espionage and U.S. Foreign Relations in the Atlantic World." Invited presentation to the *Washington Early America Seminar* sponsored by the University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University and the Miller Center, December 7.
- 2018 Presenter, "In the Land of the Three Miamis: Indian Agents as Diplomats in Ohio Territory." *Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting*, Cincinnati, July 19-22.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2019- 2020 Graduate Archivist, University of Rochester Special Collections
- 2017-2020 Undergraduate Coordinator, University of Rochester Humanities Center
- 2017-2020 Research Assistant to Michael Jarvis, Digital St. George's  
Summers 2015, 2017, 2020, 2022 Archaeologist, Smith's Island Field School
- Summer 2016 Graduate Head Organizer, University of Rochester Pre-College Program
- 2014-2015 Graduate Archivist, The Pennsylvania State Archives  
2013-2015 Research Assistant to Tracey Weis, Oral History of the Lancaster, PA YWCA
- 2012-2013 Lobbyist and Legislative Researcher, Wanner Associates, Harrisburg, PA
- Summer 2011 Resident Intern and Tutor for Arabic, Penn State Language Institute

## **LANGUAGE**

English (Native Fluency)  
French (Intermediate Proficiency)  
Arabic (Basic Reading Proficiency)

## **SERVICE**

- 2019-2021 *University of Rochester*  
Member, Department of History Climate and Culture Committee
- 2017-2019

2016-2018 History Department Representative to the Graduate Student Association  
 2016-2018 Co-Coordinator of History at Work (HaW) professional development program  
 2016-2018 Social Coordinator of the Graduate History Society  
 2016-2017 Co-Coordinator of History Department Monthly Workshops

***Millersville University***  
 2014-2015 Graduate Student Liaison to Faculty  
 2014-2015 History Graduate Program Curriculum Consultant  
 2013-2014 NCATE Program Accreditation for the School of Education

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Coordinating Council for Women in History  
 The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic  
 The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations  
 The Network for New Diplomatic History

#### **REFERENCES**

Michael Jarvis, Associate Professor of History  
 University of Rochester  
[michael.jarvis@rochester.edu](mailto:michael.jarvis@rochester.edu)

Pablo Sierra Silva, Associate Professor of History  
 University of Rochester  
[pablo.sierra@rochester.edu](mailto:pablo.sierra@rochester.edu)

Ronald Angelo Johnson, Ralph and Bessie Mae Lynn Chair of History  
 Baylor University  
[Ronald\\_A\\_Johnson@Baylor.edu](mailto:Ronald_A_Johnson@Baylor.edu)