

PhD in American & New England Studies at Boston University

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Deadline December 15, 2023

The American & New England Studies Program (AMNESP) is a nationally recognized leader in American Studies. Our students and faculty study the disparate yet interconnected cultures of the United States as seen in the ideas and actions of its people, and as expressed in a range of forms, especially culture, the arts, media, literature, and institutions. We are attuned to the global and national dimensions of the US experience and to the importance of race, gender, sexuality, and inequality. The program was founded in 1970 with an emphasis on New England; over the last thirty years especially we have covered all regions of North America, from the colonial period to the present. Intellectually vibrant, our interdisciplinary program also seeks to give students, at all levels, skills that will prepare them for careers both in and outside the academy.

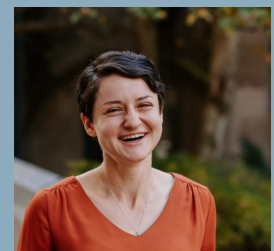
Funding Opportunities

PhD students receive full funding for five years, during which they take courses, teach in their fields and disciplines of interest, and develop and write dissertations. The fellowship package guarantees **two years of dissertation fellowship** with no service obligations. Additional funding is available from Boston University for travel to conferences, for archival research, and for internships.

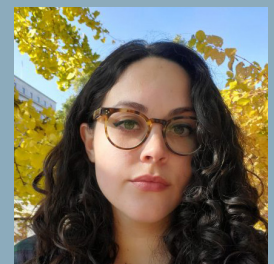
Current students have recently received outside fellowships from the Fulbright Foundation, the American Antiquarian Society, the Massachusetts Historical Society, the Huntington Library, the Beinecke Library, the Corning Museum of Glass, the New Bedford Whaling Museum, and the American Historical Association.

The Program's own independent Graduate Student Association (GSA) is comprised of elected PhD students who sponsor events and programs for developing professional skills, while representing our students' interests to the governing faculty.

Current Student Fellowships



Perri Meldon
American Conservation Experience (ACE) Disability History Fellow, National Park Service



Emily Palombella
Graduate Research Fellowship, Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale University



Arthur Kanya
New England Regional Fellowship Consortium Award, Massachusetts Historical Society

At the point of admission, PhD students are assigned an advisor from among a network of 60 affiliated faculty from 12 departments. From this deep pool PhD students select academic advisors and dissertation directors to match nearly any interdisciplinary pursuit in American Studies. We have recently welcomed new affiliated faculty in the fields of African American Studies, Asian American Studies, Latinx Studies, Musicology and Ethnomusicology, Native American & Indigenous Studies, and Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies.

Incoming students are also assigned a peer mentor with a few years' experience in the program.

Selected PhD Faculty Advisors and Disciplines of Study

Daniel Abramson
History of Art & Architecture

Paula Austin
*African American & Black
Diaspora Studies; History*

Ross Barrett
History of Art & Architecture

**Michael Birenbaum
Quintero**
*College of Fine Arts,
Ethnomusicology*

Brooke Blower
History

Japonica Brown-Saracino
Sociology

Wade Campbell
Archaeology

Louis Chude-Sokei
*African American & Black
Diaspora Studies; English*

André de Quadros
*College of Fine Arts,
Music Education*

Maia Gil'Adí
English

Charlotte Howell
*College of Communication,
Film & Television Studies*

William Huntting Howell
English

Deborah Jaramillo
*College of Communication,
Film & Television Studies*

Brendan McConville
History

Susan Mizruchi
English

William Moore
Material Culture

Ianna Hawkins Owen
*African American & Black
Diaspora Studies; English*

Anita Patterson
English

Anthony Petro
*Women, Gender &
Sexuality Studies; Religion*

Sarah Phillips
History

Carrie Preston
*Women's Gender, &
Sexuality Studies; English*

Joseph Rezek
English

Takeo Rivera
English

**Andrew
Robichaud**
History

Kim Sichel
*History of Art &
Architecture*

Bruce Schulman
History

Career Outcomes

Recent graduates are employed as tenure-track professors, public historians, museum curators, directors at major cultural and historical institutions, and in a wide variety of positions in the public and private sectors. AMNESP alumni currently work at Duke University, NYU, Dartmouth College, Harvard University, the University of Texas at Austin, Penn State Harrisburg, Northeastern University, the University of San Diego, the Yale University Gallery, the Library of Virginia, the Shelburne Museum, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Peabody Essex Museum.



Mariah Kupfner, PhD (2021)
*Assistant Professor of American Studies
and Public Heritage
Penn State, Harrisburg*



Sean Case, PhD (2023)
*Post-doctoral Fellowship,
International Relations
Yale University*



Jessica S. Samuel, PhD (2021)
*CEO & Founder
Radical Education & Advocacy
League, LLC*



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