

CURRICULUM VITAE

Daniel A. Gagnon

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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.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

"Salem's Trials," invited lecture for the Tufts Historical Review, Tufts University, in coordination with their Spring 2025 journal issue *Trials*. March 4, 2025.

Visiting Scholar, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute - The Salem Witch Trials: Their World & Legacy (Summer 2023), Endicott College, Beverly, Mass.

A Salem Witch: The Trial, Execution, and Exoneration of Rebecca Nurse Book Presentations:

-Massachusetts State House Library, C-SPAN's *American History TV*, Rebecca Nurse Homestead Museum, Peabody Essex Museum, Online Author Discussions with History Camp America, Salem Historical Tours Online History Show, Salem's Witch House, Society of Colonial Wars of MA, and dozens of other libraries and historical societies.

"America's Summer Road Trip 2020." Presented on the life of Rebecca Nurse, as a leading expert in a nation-wide livestream program that drew thousands of viewers. August 2020.

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

Martin, Malea. "Places Restored, Threatened, Saved, and Lost." *Preservation Magazine*, Fall 2024. Interviewed about Danvers' nationally significant c.1670 Ingersoll Tavern.

PreserveCast, by Preservation Maryland. "A Salem Witch," Featured Guest. February 26, 2024.

Write Now! with Gayle Heney. Interviewed about *A Salem Witch* across two episodes of this television program, which is syndicated across many local tv channels in Massachusetts. Broadcast January and March 2024.

Enos, Caroline. "'A Tale of Two Salems;' Danvers Sees Tourism Spill in from Witch City." *Salem News*, October 26, 2023. Front page.

Enos, Caroline. "Danvers Author to Speak at Statehouse Wednesday." *Salem News*, October 25, 2023. Front Page.

The Salem Witch Trials Podcast, featured guest. "In the Beginning: Who Were the Puritans? With Dan Gagnon," October 1, 2023. "Rebecca Nurse: A Visible Saint is Toppled," February 14, 2024. "Anniversary Episode: An All-Star Panel Discussion from Danvers," along with Prof. Emerson Baker and Rachel Christ-Doane, October 1, 2024.

C-SPAN: *American History TV*, "Daniel Gagnon, A Salem Witch" book talk, January 14, 2023.

Thou Shalt Not Suffer: The Witch Trial Podcast, featured guest. "Rebecca Nurse of Salem with Dan Gagnon." December 29, 2022. "Dan Gagnon on Salem Witch Trials Victim George Jacobs, Sr." June 8, 2023.

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.

TEACHING- AND HISTORY-RELATED EXPERIENCE

History Teacher, Rockport High School, Rockport, Mass. (2019-present)

Including six years at Rockport High School, I have a total of nine years' experience teaching at Massachusetts public high schools.

Tour Leader, Salem Village Witch-Hunt Walking Tour, Danvers, Mass.

Created the first historical walking tour of the 1692 Salem Village Witch-Hunt -related sites in Danvers. Tours have included college groups and the general public.

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

The Nurse Homestead is the only home of a victim of the 1692 Salem Village Witch-Hunt that is preserved and open to the public. Train and supervise docents (employees and interns).

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Associate Fellow, Royal Historical Society, 2024
Providence College Undergraduate Craft of Research Prize 2015, *Third Prize*
“Best Writer” 2014-2015, *The Cowl* (Providence College’s student newspaper)
Providence College Undergraduate Craft of Research Prize 2014, *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, Town of Danvers (2016--)
Appointed member, Town of Danvers Preservation Commission (2023--)
Chairman and appointed member, Town of Danvers Historic Districts Commission (2020-25)
Appointed member, Town of Danvers Charter Review Committee (2024-25)
Chairman, Town of Danvers Historic Preservation Ad-Hoc Study Cmte (2023-24)
Appointed member, Town of Danvers Community Preservation Act Study Cmte (2022)
Board of Directors, The Rebecca Nurse Homestead Museum, Danvers, Mass.
Nominations Committee, Danvers Historical Society, Danvers, Mass.