

Hello! I am an Assistant Professor in the [History Department](#) at Brown University. I primarily work on the history of the life, earth, and environmental sciences, the history of museums, and the history of capitalism, especially in nineteenth and early twentieth century North America.

I recently published a book about dinosaurs entitled "[Assembling the Dinosaur: Fossil Hunters, Tycoons, and the Making of a Spectacle](#)." This project uses the history of paleontology as a means to examine how the ideals, norms, and practices of modern capitalism shaped the way scientific knowledge was made, certified, and distributed during America's Long Gilded Age.

I also co-edited the 2018 issue of [Osiris](#) (with Eugenia Lean & William Deringer) on the theme of "Science & Capitalism: Entangled Histories."

Finally, I have written several essays about the material culture of the earth sciences, the history of museums, the organization of a capitalist marketplace, the valuation of fossils, and the authentication of specimens. You can find pdfs of these in the publications page of this site.

