



New York State Museum—  
University at Albany  
Ph.D. Dissertation Research  
Fellowship Program

# Museum Mission Statement

- o The New York State Museum serves the lifelong educational needs of New Yorkers and visitors through its collections, exhibitions, scholarship, programs, media and publications in science, history, anthropology, and art. The Museum explores and expresses New York State's significant natural and cultural diversity, past and present.

# Program Objectives

- o Contribute to the Museum's education mission.
- o Provide students with experience performing research in a museum.
- o Students learn the importance of museum collections in modern research.
  - o Use of existing Museum collections in research.
  - o Add to Museum collections through research.

# Activities

- o Perform dissertation research under the mentorship of a Museum curator.
- o Learn curatorial practices.
- o Contribute to public programs and exhibitions,
- o Mentor younger students.

# Practical Aspects

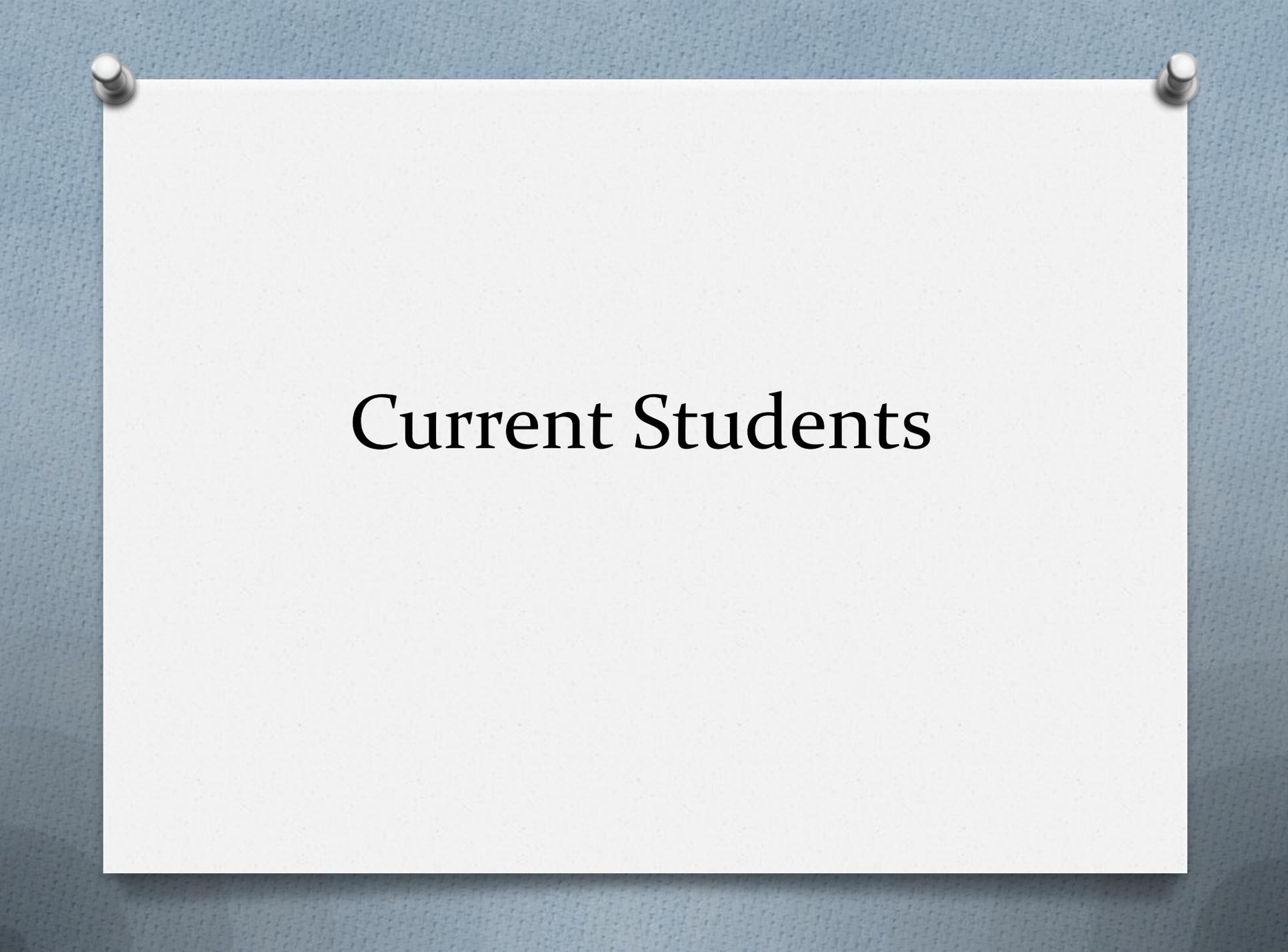
- o Students receive a stipend:
  - o 20 hours per week during fall and spring semesters
  - o 40 hours per week during the summer.
- o Students receive a tuition waiver for up to four years.
- o Museum mentors serve on the student's dissertation committee.

# Numbers

- o 18 students since 2001
  - o 7 students have completed their Ph.D.s
    - o 1 in Anthropology
    - o 2 in History
    - o 4 in Biology
  - o 4 students are ABD
    - o 2 in Anthropology
    - o 1 in Biology
    - o 1 in History
  - o 1 anthropology student transferred to Northwestern University after completing his M.A.
  - o 6 current students

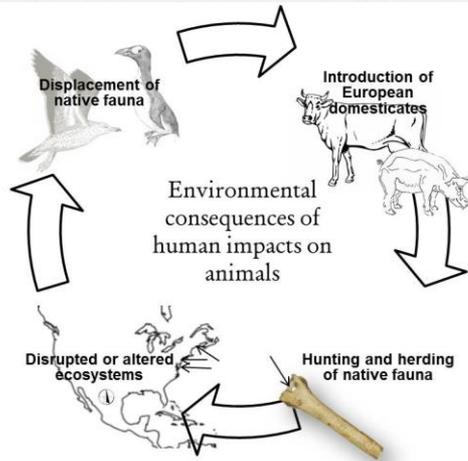
# Program Graduates

- o Jennifer Lemak, Ph.D., History (2004)
  - o *Southern life, northern city the history of Albany's Rapp Road community*
  - o New York State Museum, Chief Curator (History)
- o Martin Solano, Ph.D. Anthropology (2006)
  - o *The life stresses of poverty: skeletal and historical indicators of activity patterns in the Albany County Almshouse skeletal collection, 1825-1925*
  - o Smithsonian Post Doc, prior to entering private business in numismatics
- o Nan Mullenneaux, Ph.D. History (2008)
  - o *Acting Women: exploits and explanations of mid-nineteenth century American actresses*
  - o Duke University, Thompson's Writing Program
- o Julie Urban, Ph.D. Biology (2008)
  - o *A phylogenetic investigation of the planthopper superfamily Fulgoroidea (Insecta: Hemiptera) with emphasis on the family Fulgoridae*
  - o North Carolina State Museum, Assistant Head, Genomics & Microbiology Research Lab
- o Christopher Collins, Ph.D. Biology (2011)
  - o *The importance of disease and behavior in mammalian ecology and behavior*
  - o Saint John Fisher College, Assistant Professor of Biology
- o Joel Ralston, Ph.D. Biology (2011)
  - o *Biogeographic consequences of historic and contemporary climate change in boreal forest birds*
  - o Saint Mary's College Indiana, Assistant Professor of Biology
- o Sean Robinson, Ph.D. Biology (2012)
  - o *Experimental and molecular studies of bryophyte dispersal on alpine summits*
  - o SUNY Oneonta, Assistant Profession of Biology



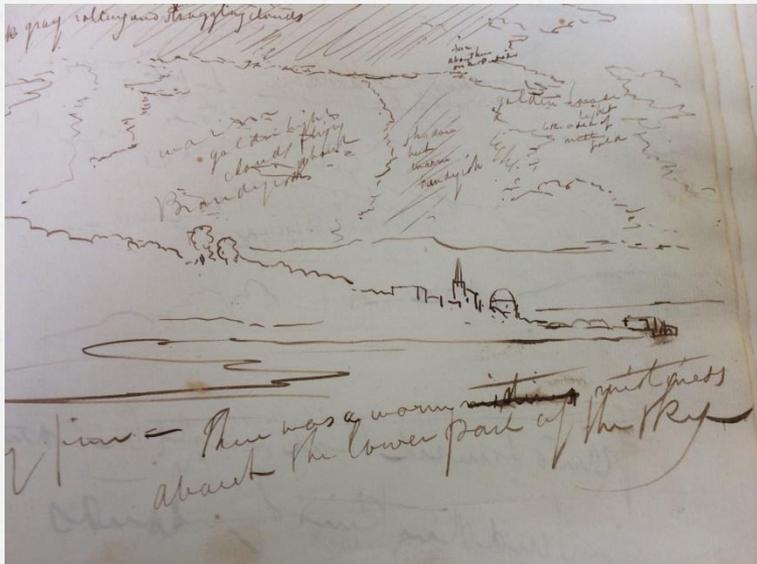
Current Students

# Jessica Watson



University at Albany Anthropology Department  
Dissertation: Ecological Effects of Colonization on Mammals and Birds along the Northeastern Atlantic Coast  
Mentor: Dr. Christina Rieth, State Archaeologist  
First year fellow

# Matthew DeLaMater



University at Albany History Department

Dissertation: Mountains of Modernity: The Adirondacks and the City 1825-1885

Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Lemak, Chief Curator (History)

Second year fellow

# Spencer Bruce



University at Albany Biology Department

Dissertation subject: Genetic diversity and population structure of wild brook trout in New York State: Assessing hatchery influence on native populations

Mentor: Dr. Jeremy Wright, Curator of Ichthyology

Second year fellow

# Sarah Heins



University at Albany Anthropology Department

Dissertation: A Zooarchaeological Study of Animal Husbandry at the Late Neolithic Verteba Cave, Ukraine

Mentor: Dr. Robert Feranec, Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology

Second year fellow

# Jordan Louks



University at Albany Anthropology Department

Dissertation: Lock, Hull, Wheel, and Rail: An Archaeological Study of the Construction of Ethnicity and Industry in New York

Mentor: Dr. Michael Lucas, Curator of Historical Archaeology

Third year fellow

# Alyssa FitzGerald



University at Albany Biology Department

Dissertation: Speciation and niche evolution in Catharus thrushes

Mentor: Dr. Jeremy Kirchman, Curator of Ornithology

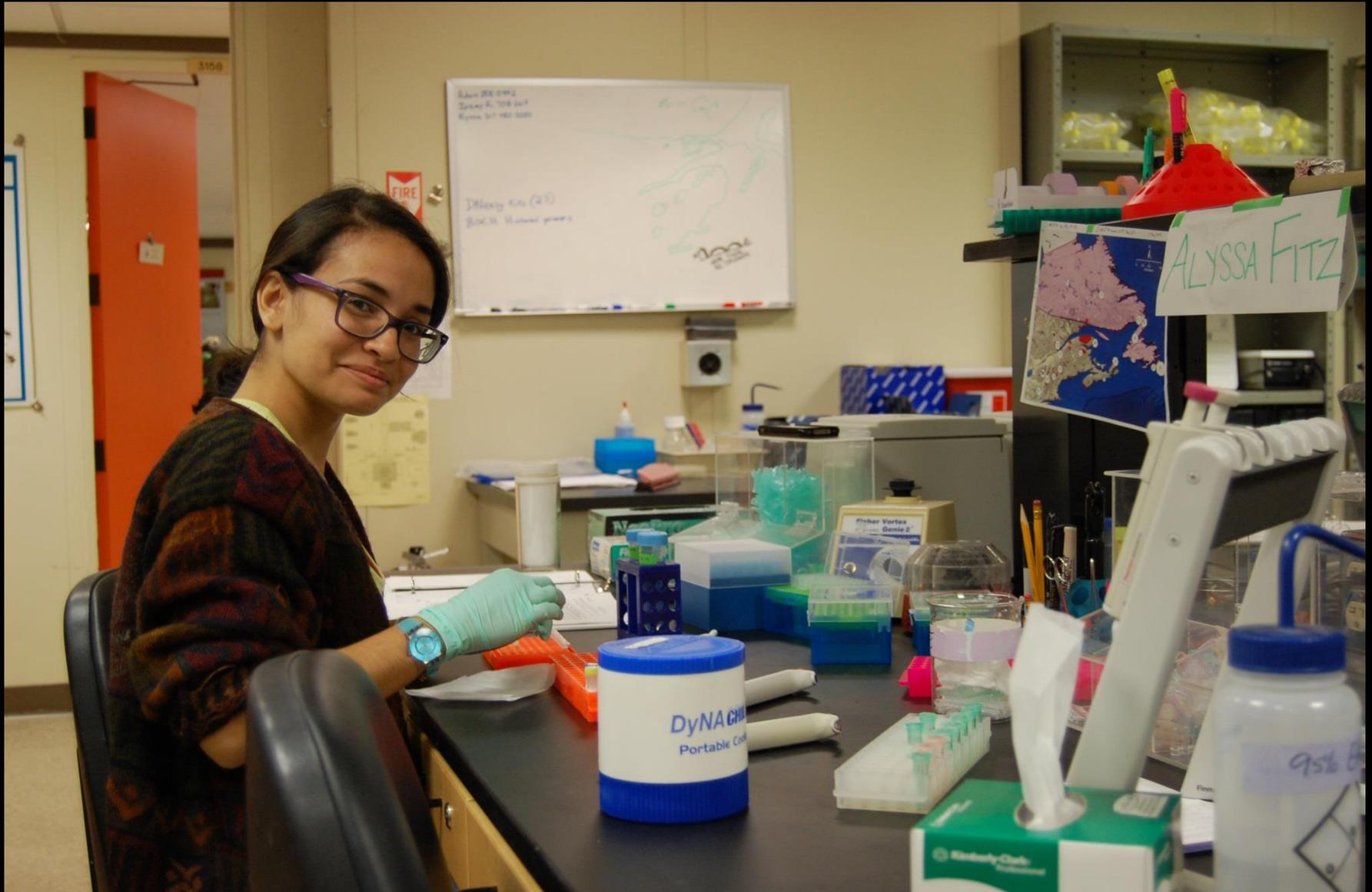
Fourth year fellow



# NYSM Fellows drive research in new directions



# NYSM Fellows drive lab work in new directions



# NYSM Fellows drive new collaborations



# Fellows add specimens to the collections



# Fellows are a vital link to SUNY-Albany



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## Undergraduate Program

## Graduate Programs

### Ph.D. Programs

*Ecology and Evolutionary Biology*

Molecular, Cellular, Developmental, and Neural Biology

### Master's Programs

Professional Science Management Certificates

## People



## The Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB) Ph.D. Program

The unique strengths of the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB) core area enable students seeking their Ph.D. degree in Biology to become graduates with productive careers in teaching, research, and translating research findings into public policy recommendations.

### EEB Links

[EEB Faculty](#)

[EEB Students](#)

### Useful Ph.D. Links

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### Biological Sciences

University at Albany, State University of New York

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PHONE (518) 442-4300  
FAX (518) 442-4767  
EMAIL  
[biology@albany.edu](mailto:biology@albany.edu)

[Faculty/Staff Directory](#)

### Biology Events

Sigma XI Lecture: Lee Dugatkin, Ph.D.

• Tuesday, December 8

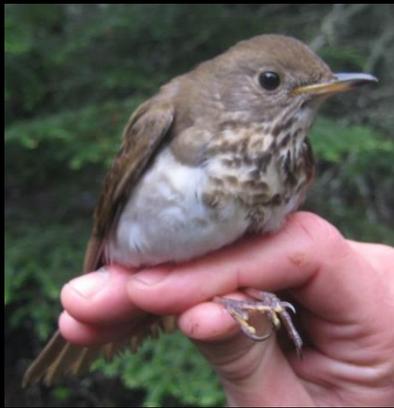
# Fellows contribute to the culture of scholarship and learning at NYSM



# Fellows become scientists and museum professionals







**Bicknell's Thrush**  
*Catharus bicknelli*



**Gray-cheeked Thrush**  
*Catharus minimus*

# Speciation between the Bicknell's Thrush and Gray-cheeked Thrush

**NYSM Fellowship**



**Alyssa FitzGerald**  
**January 2016**



# Breeding range of boreal birds



Range maps from BirdLife International and NatureServe. 2013.



Gray-cheeked Thrush



1) Are they two unique species?



Bicknell's Thrush

Range maps from BirdLife International and NatureServe. 2013.



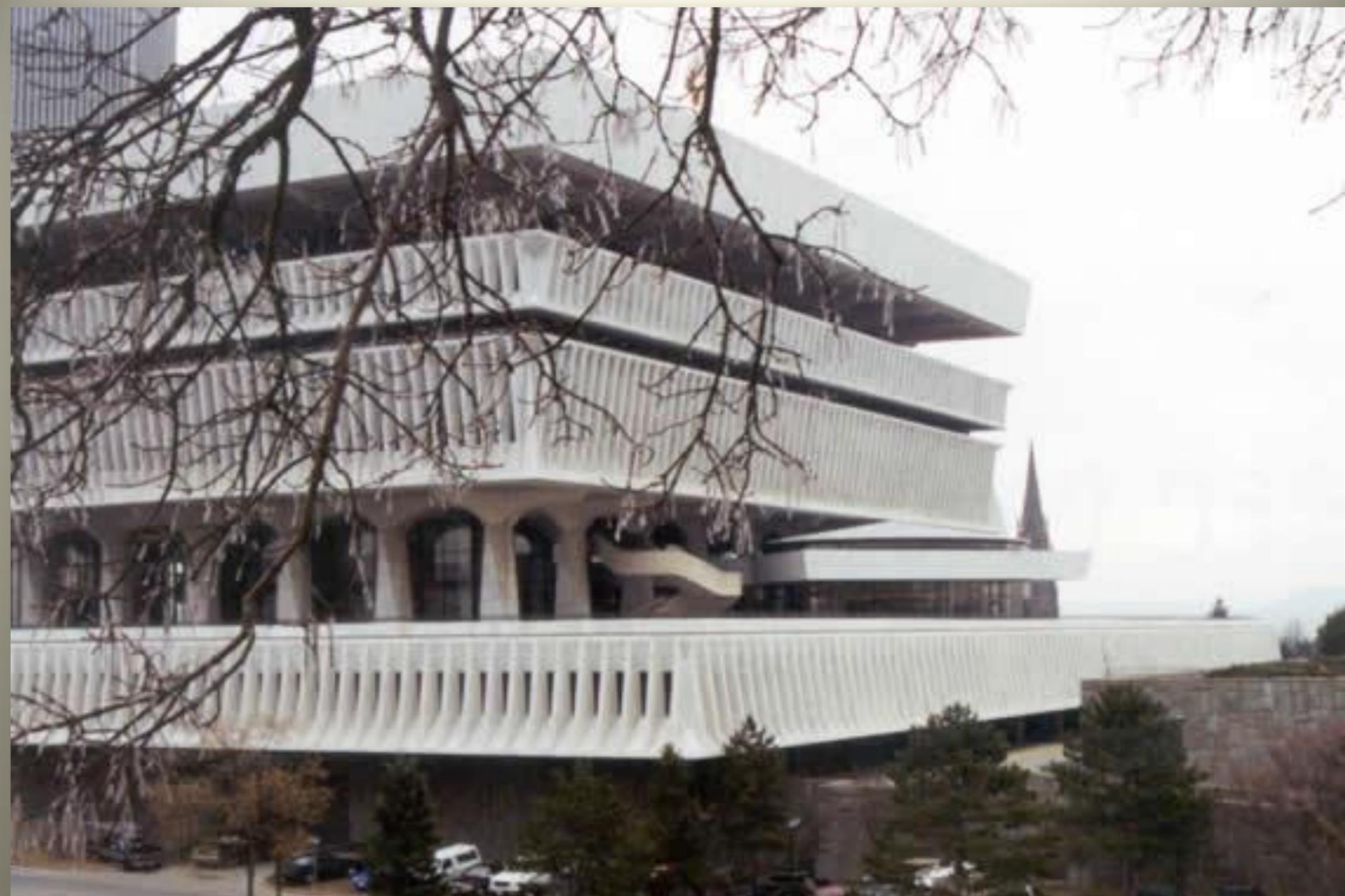


# Benefits of the NYSM Fellowship

- Lab space
- Colleagues with broader research scopes
  - BioLunch
- Collaboration with other museum scientists
- Ornithology curatorial assistant
  - >100 bird specimens
  - Reorganized skin and teaching collections
  - Taught students laboratory skills
- Teaching AND Museum skills

Thank you!





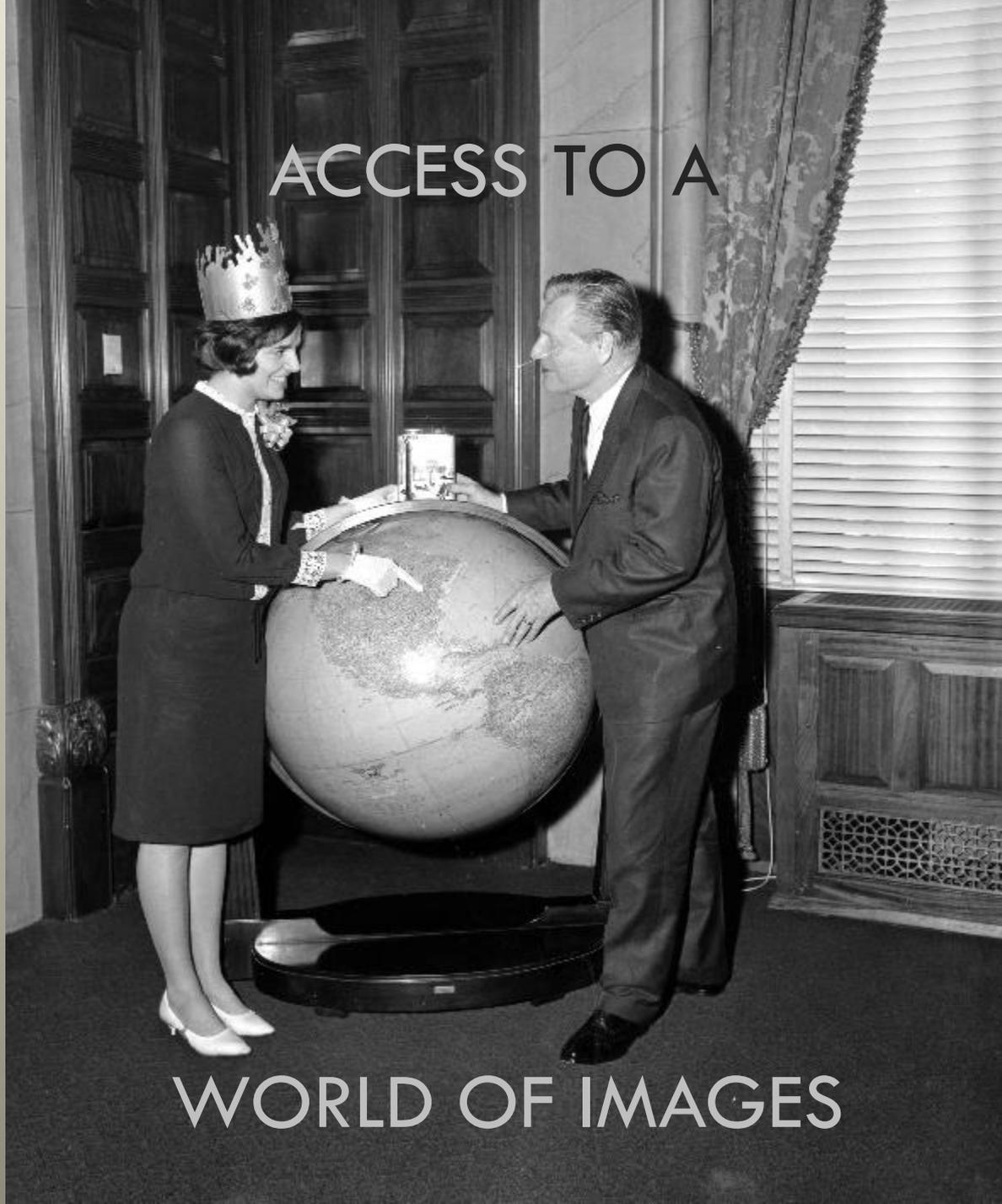
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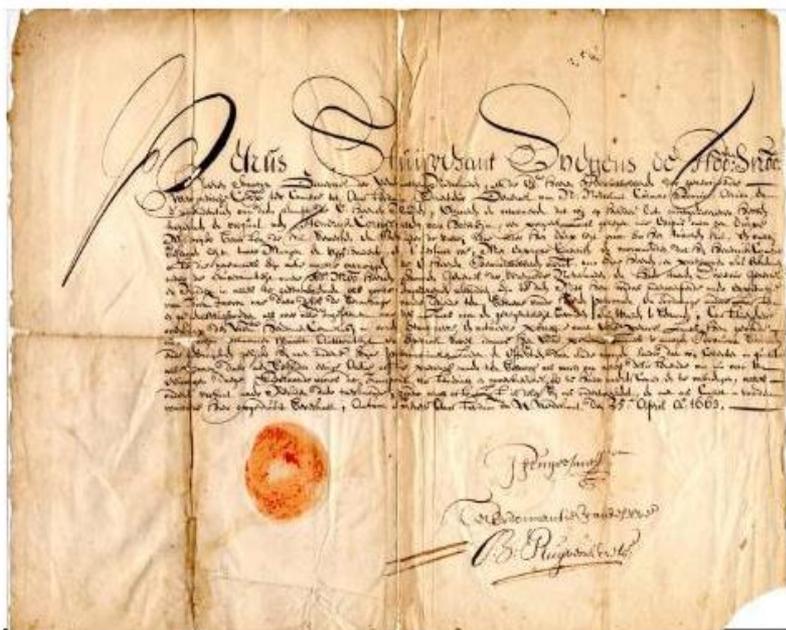
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## Gleason Sheldon and Hazel



Gleason Sheldon posing for a photograph with his daughter, Hazel.

**Identifier:** NYSA\_A0412-78\_B2\_F46\_Sheldon

**Language:** English

**Repository:** New York State Archives

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### Related Worksheets



# New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919 for Gleason Sheldon

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Sheldon, Gleason 1.754.064 \* White \* Colored.  
(Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: Otto Cattaraugus NEW YORK  
(Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

\* Enlisted \* ~~Enlisted~~ \* Inducted at Gowanda N Y on Nov 22, 1917  
Place of birth: Leon N Y Age or date of birth: 23 10/12 yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:  
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Grades, with date of appointment:  
Pvt 1cl July 9/18

Engagements:

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.

Served overseas from † May 27/18 to † May 14/19, from † to †

Honorably discharged on demobilization May 22/19, 19

In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported 0 per cent disabled.

Remarks:

Form No. 724-1, A. G. O. \*Strike out words not applicable. †Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.



# New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919

WWI Army/Navy Cards from the Vault > Cards from the vault (Box V9217)

Name **BOGART- HUMPHREY DE FOREST** Service Number **112-30-62**  
~~Enrolled~~ at **USS GRANITE STATE AT NEW YORK N.Y.** Date **5-28-18** *263*  
 Enrolled **18 YRS 5 MO** Rate **SEAMAN 2 CLASS** U. S. ~~N.~~ **XXX**  
 Home Address **245- WEST 103 RD. ST** Town **NEW YORK** U. S. N. R. F.  
 County **XX** State **N.Y.**  
**B** Served at From To Served as No. Days

Served at	From	To	Served as	No. Days
NAVAL TRAINING CAMP AT PELHAM BAY PARK N.Y.	7-3-18	11-11-18	SEAMAN 2 CLASS	167

Remarks:

Date ~~XXXX~~ **6-18-19** **SEAMAN 2 CLASS**  
 Place **Inactive Duty** **RECEIVING SHIP AT NEW YORK N.Y.** Rating at Discharge

Surname: Johnson Christian name: Henry Army serial number: 105,348

Residence: 23 Monroe St Albany NEW YORK  
(Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

\*Enlisted \*R. A. \*N. G. \*E. R. C. \*Inducted at Albany N Y May 5 1917  
 Place of birth: Winston Salem N C Age or date of birth: 23 yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: Co. C 15 Inf N. Y. M. G. (Co. C 369 Inf) to disch

Grades, with date of appointment:  
Sgt May 1/18

Engagements:

Wounded in action (degree and date) severely July 14 1918

Served overseas from Dec 14/17 to Feb 14/19, from Feb 14/19 to Feb 24/19

\*Honorable discharged on demobilization: Feb 24/19 19\_\_  
(If separated for other cause give reason)

In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported 0 percent disabled.

Remarks:

Form No. 724-B, A. G. O. \*Strike out words not applicable. †Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.



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## Photograph of Charles Freeman



Photograph of Charles Freeman, an African-American soldier during World War I, standing outside on what appears to be snow.

**Identifier:**

NYSA\_A0412\_B16\_F33\_Freeman\_Charles

**Language:** English**Repository:** New York State Archives**Source:** New York State Archives. New York (State). Education Dept. Division of Archives and History. World War I veterans' service data and photographs, 1917-1938. Series A0412-78, Box 16, Folder 33.**Rights:** This image is provided for education and research purposes. Rights may be reserved. Responsibility for securing permissions to distribute, publish, reproduce or other use rest with the user. For additional information see our [Copyright and Use Statement](#).**Alternate Identifier:** DMS ID Number: 176930**Relation:** Is referenced by: New York Archives Magazine, Fall 2006, p. 30.**Is format of:** Digital representation of 8" x 11" document.

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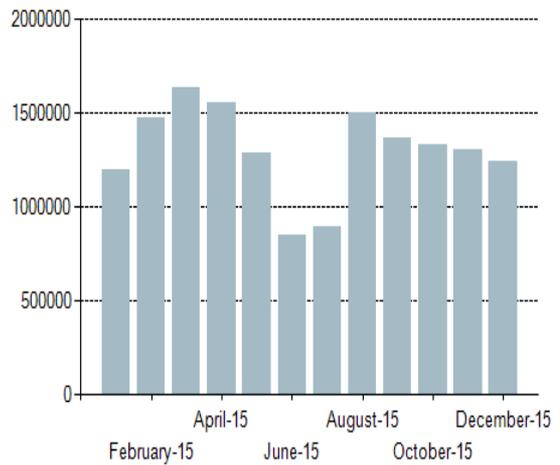
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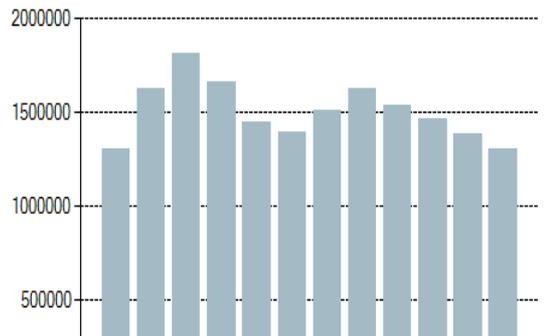
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May-2015	1,293,332
June-2015	852,333
July-2015	900,261
August-2015	1,505,256
September-2015	1,370,968
October-2015	1,332,865
November-2015	1,302,342
December-2015	1,242,157

Total: 15,680,998

Searches



Month	Searches
January-2015	1,310,405
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June-2015	1,400,402
July-2015	1,514,403
August-2015	1,620,670
September-2015	1,660,445
October-2015	1,446,888
November-2015	1,400,402
December-2015	1,310,405

My Databases:

- All None
- New York, Census of Inmates in Almshouses and Poorhouses, 1830-1920
- New York, World War I Veterans' Service Data, 1913-1919
- U.S. Census Mortality Schedules, New York, 1850-1880
- U.S. Federal Census - 1880 Schedules of Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes
- Dutchess County, New York, Naturalization Records, 1932-1989
- U.S. Census Non-Population Schedules, New York, 1850-1880
- New York, Town



# Citizen Support for World War I

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### Directions

For this assignment, you will be provided with a set of documents. Answer the questions for each document based on the information in the document and your knowledge of social studies. Keep in mind the time period, meaning, and purpose of each of the documents.

### Historical Context

Throughout the course of World War I, Americans made tremendous contributions and sacrifices in many aspects of their lives to support the war effort.

### Task Description

Answer the questions for each of the documents provided. The documents and the questions that follow them may be helpful in the essay portion of the assignment.

### Part A: Instructions

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### Part B: Essay

Using information from at least five of the documents provided, your knowledge of social studies, and outside information:



## NYS Bill and Veto Jackets: 2011, Chapter 95

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**IN ASSEMBLY**

June 14, 2011

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AN ACT to amend the domestic relations law, in relation to the ability to marry

NSA

This bill enacts the Marriage Equality Act relating to ability of individuals to marry.

**Identifier:** NYSA\_12590-12\_L2011\_Ch0095

**Date:** 2011

**Language:** English

**Repository:** New York State Archives

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TO THE ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14 of Article III of the Constitution and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me, I do hereby certify to the necessity of the immediate vote on Assembly Bill Number 8354 entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the domestic relations law, in relation to the ability to marry"

The facts necessitating an immediate vote on the bill are as follows:

This bill would amend the domestic relations law to grant same-sex couples the long overdue right to enter into civil marriages in New York. The continued delay of the passage of this bill would deny over 50,000 same-sex couples in New York critical protections currently afforded to different-sex couples, including hospital visitation, inheritance and pension benefits.

Because the bill has not been on your desks in final form for three calendar legislative days, the Leader of your Honorable body has requested this message to permit the immediate consideration of this bill.



G I V E N under my hand and the Privy  
Seal of the State at the  
Capitol in the City of  
Albany this fifteenth day  
of June in the year two  
thousand eleven.

BY THE GOVERNOR

Counsel to the Governor

*Myler S. Deneuster*



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### Thomas Indian School Photograph, Group Portrait of female Graduates



Silver gelatin photograph of twelve female students in white dresses posing on the steps of a building on the Thomas Indian School grounds. All of the girls are dressed alike in white dresses and headbands. Each one is holding a crown wreath. The manner of dress suggests a ceremony or graduation. ... [\[more\]](#)

**Identifier:** NYS\_A1913-77\_59

**Date:** circa 1930

**Contributor:** New York (State). Dept. of Social Services.

**Language:** English

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### Thomas Indian School Photograph. 1901 Football Team



Silver gelatin photograph depicting fourteen members of the Thomas Indian School football team posing for a group portrait. All are in uniform and are seated or standing before a painted back drop. A young man in the center of the first row holds a football dated 1901. A formal athletics program ... [\[more\]](#)

**Identifier:** NYSA\_A1913-77\_81

**Date:** 1901

**Language:** English

**Repository:** New York State Archives

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## Research

### "I Love New York" - Stars

Advertisement promoting tourism in New York State, ca. 1982

**Identifier:** NYSA\_17600-95\_mpf16\_aaaa-aa-cc

**Series:** 17600-95, New York State promotional films, 1950-1989, New York State Department of Commerce, Bureau of Media Services

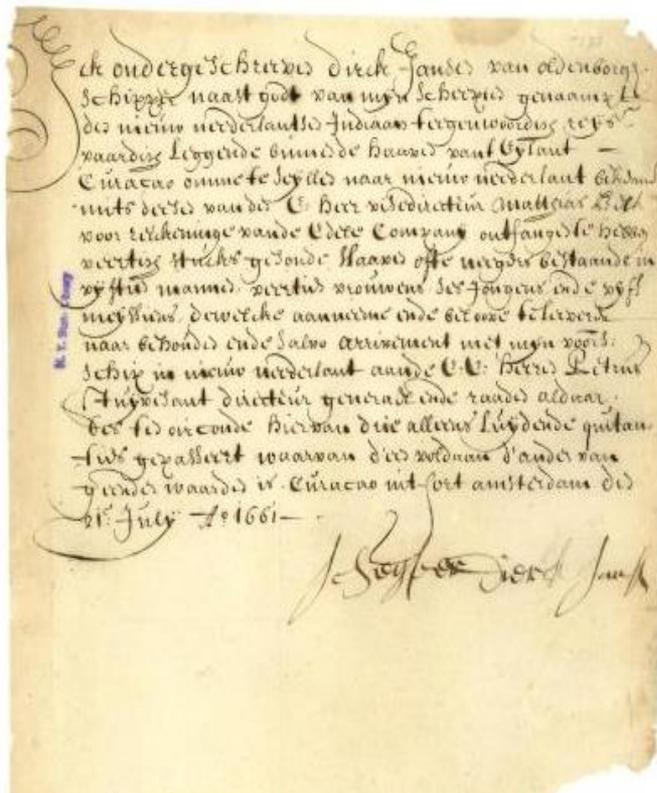




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### BILL OF LADING for forty slaves loaded at Curaçao for New Netherland



Bills of lading for sundry cases and forty slaves (15 men, 14 women, 6 boys and 5 girls), shipped for New Netherland from Curaçao.

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**Identifier:** NYSA\_A1883-78\_V17\_73

**Date:** July 21 1661

**Contributor:** Jansen, Dirck

**Source:** New York State Archives. New York (Colony). Council. Curaçao records, 1640-1665. Series A1883-78. Volume 17, document 73.

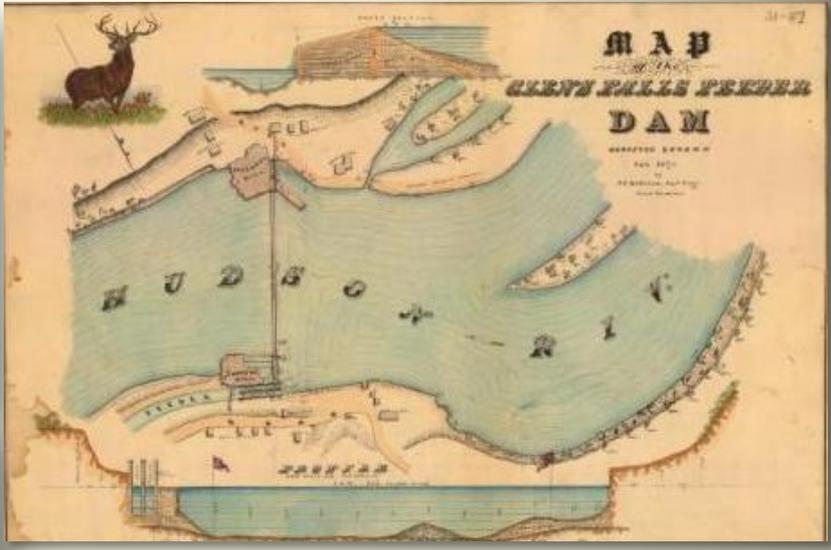
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Rank	USG GRANITE STATE AT NEW YORK N.Y.		5-20-18	2-23					
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Home Address	245 WEST 102 RD. ST		Town	N.Y.					
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Place	RECEIVING SHIP AT NEW YORK N.Y. Rating at Discharge								

