

## Sam Bisno

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### EDUCATION

- 2025 M.A., History, Queen's University Belfast (*not yet completed*)  
Supported by George J. Mitchell Scholarship
- 2024 B.A., History, Princeton University, *summa cum laude*  
Minors: African American Studies, Latin American Studies, Humanistic Studies  
Cumulative GPA: 4.0 | Departmental GPA: 4.0

### RECENT RESEARCH

- 2024 "The Gin Complex: Slavery, Plantations, and the Cotton Gin in the Short-Staple U.S. South, 1793–1860" (advisor Matthew Karp)  
Winner, C. O. Joline Prize (best senior thesis in American history)
- 2023 "‘Herself and Mr. Reed’: Frustration and Freedom at the Beaufort Freedman's Bank, 1864–1873" (advisor Alison Isenberg)  
Winner, Carter Kim Combe Prize (best junior independent work in history)

### PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- 2023 "Olive Trees and Peasant Comrades: Spain as Refuge and Residence for the Abraham Lincoln Brigade," *Clio's Scroll: The Berkeley Undergraduate History Journal* 26, no. 2 (2023): 64–115.  
Winner, George Watt Prize, Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives
- "José Martí and the Racial Politics of Racelessness in the Cuban Independence Movement," *Columbia Journal of History* 7, no. 1 (2023): 1–15.
- 2022 "Painting into the Equation: The Vandalism of *How Ya Like Me Now?* and David Hammons's Portrayal of Race," *Tortoise: A Journal of Writing Pedagogy* 9, no. 1 (2022): online.

### HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

#### External

- 2024–25 George J. Mitchell Scholarship, US-Ireland Alliance
- 2023 George Watt Prize, Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives  
Exploratory Research Grant, Hagley Museum and Library

#### Princeton

- 2024 Laurence Hutton Prize (best overall academic record in history)  
C. O. Joline Prize in American History (thesis prize)  
Nominee, Center for Digital Humanities Senior Thesis Prize
- 2023–24 Phi Beta Kappa

- 2023 William Koren Jr. Memorial Prize (best junior-year record in history)  
Carter Kim Combe Prize (junior independent work prize)  
Research grants from Lawrence Stone and Shelby Cullom Davis Fellowship; Office of Undergraduate Research Senior Thesis Research Grant; Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies Junior Independent Work Grant
- 2022–24 Behrman Undergraduate Society of Fellows
- 2022 Theodore Weiss Writing Award  
Research grant from Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies
- 2021 Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence

## RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2023 Beth Lew-Williams, Princeton Dept. History  
Hannah Postel, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Stanford University Dept. Economics
- 2022 Beth Lew-Williams, Princeton Dept. History
- 2020–21 Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, Princeton Dept. African American Studies

## TEACHING

- 2022–23 Head TA, Interdisciplinary Approaches to Western Culture, Princeton Dept. Humanistic Studies
- 2022 Course design for Approaches to American History, Princeton Dept. History

## SERVICE

- 2022–24 *Princeton Historical Review*  
Editor-in-chief, 2023–24  
Editor, 2022–23
- 2021–23 Historical conditions researcher, Princeton Asylum Project (supporting asylees' legal cases)

## PUBLIC HISTORY

- 2025 Research intern, African Americans and the Irish-Born in Natchez During the Age of Slavery (upcoming public database hosted by Queen's University Belfast)
- 2023 Research intern, Thaddeus Stevens & Lydia Hamilton Smith Center for History and Democracy, Lancaster, PA
- 2021 Intern, StoryCorps, Brooklyn, NY (curated oral history collections)

## PUBLIC WRITING

### Positions

- 2020–24 *Nassau Weekly*  
Editor-in-chief, 2023–24  
Managing editor, 2022–23

### Selected Articles

- 2023 “Over 240 Years Later, an Ohio Community Remembers Its Founding Massacre,” *Midstory*, January 28, 2023.
- 2022 “‘Fighting for Everyone’: From California to Pittsburgh, Sectoral Bargaining is Building Worker Power,” *Nassau Weekly*, September 25, 2022.
- “Amazon just the latest business behemoth to dominate our landscape,” *Postindustrial*, June 1, 2022.
- 2021 “Jeff Bezos Launches Us to 1892,” *Nassau Weekly*, August 1, 2021.
- 2020 “The Pandemic as a Portal to Equitable Education,” *Nassau Weekly*, July 28, 2020.

### **LANGUAGES**

Spanish (advanced), Portuguese (beginner)