

**BENJAMIN J. KOCHAN**

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**EDUCATION**

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- Ph.D., History Department, Boston University (BU)**, expected May 2022  
Major Field: North American political and environmental history  
Dissertation Title: “Factory Fleets and Fewer Fish: Ecology and Politics of the Northwest Atlantic, 1945-1996” (prospectus approved February 2016)
- B.S., History Department, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**, 2006  
Thesis Title: “Following the Flag: Baseball and National Identity in Foreign Lands”
- Cambridge University (Fitzwilliam College)**, 2003-2004 (Cambridge-MIT Exchange)
- St. Petersburg State University**, March 2004 (one-week seminar on post-Soviet Russia)

**HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

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- Summer Research Fellowship**, BU Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2018
- Warren-McLeod Summer Fellowship**, BU Marine Program, 2017 (awarded 2016)
- National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholar**, “American Maritime Commons,” Frank C. Munson Institute for American Studies at Mystic Seaport, CT, 2016
- Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship**, BU Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2016
- Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship**, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2015-2016
- Graduate Writing Fellowship**, BU Writing Program, 2015-2017
- Graduate Research Award**, BU History Department, 2015
- “**Pass with Distinction**,” PhD Qualifying Exam, BU History Department, 2014
- Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award**, BU Graduate School of Arts and Science, 2012-2013
- Graduate Teaching Fellowship**, BU History Department, 2012-2015
- Dean’s Fellowship**, BU History Department, 2011-2012
- First Prize**, MIT History Department Essay Contest, 2003  
Essay title: “Fire in the Sky: Electrifying Boston’s Horse-Drawn Streetcars”  
Essay became required reading for Prof. Robert Fogelson’s “Downtown” course

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- Part-Time Faculty**, College of Environment and Life Sciences, University of Rhode Island, 2022  
Instructor of Record, “New England and the Sea”
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Maritime Studies**, Sea Education Association, 2021  
Instructor of Record, “Oceans and Society,” Science at SEA
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Maritime Studies**, Sea Education Association, 2018-2019  
Instructor of Record, “Marine Environmental History,” Caribbean Reef Expedition  
Secondary Instructor, “Ocean Science and Public Policy,” Caribbean Reef Expedition
- Instructor of Record**, BU Writing Program, 2015-2017  
WR100: “Writing Seminar: Oceans Past and Present”  
WR150: “Writing and Research Seminar: Oceans Past and Present”
- Instructor of Record**, BU History Department, 2015  
HI214: “History of Piracy”
- Teaching Fellow**, BU History Department, 2012-2015  
HI176: “World History after 1500” (Prof. Betty Anderson)  
HI214: “History of Piracy” (Prof. Clifford Backman)  
HI289/IR349: “History of International Relations, 1900-1945” (Prof. Erik Goldstein)

- HI337: “America in Depression and War, 1890-1945” (Prof. Sarah Phillips)  
HI152: “The United States since 1865” (Prof. Sarah Phillips)  
HI338: “Cold War America, 1945-1968” (Prof. Sarah Phillips)

#### **BU GUEST LECTURES**

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- “A Brief History of Piracy after 1500,” guest lecture for Prof. Betty Anderson’s “World History after 1500,” February 2015  
“The Public Trust Doctrine in American Legal History,” guest lecture for Prof. Jennifer Bender’s “Marine Policy, Resource Management, and Public Debate,” October 2013  
“American Indians in the Twentieth Century,” guest lecture for Prof. Sarah Phillips’s “Cold War America, 1945-1968,” December 2012

#### **CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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- “The Price of Competition: Fish Fillets, Tariffs, and the Atlantic Fishermen’s Union,” Northeast and Atlantic Region Environmental History Forum, Canada Agriculture and Food Museum, Ottawa, ON, June 2018  
“Governor Francis W. Sargent: Fisheries Manager,” Environmental History Seminar Series, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA, February 2018  
Graduate Research Panelist, “Bodies/Water: Knowledge and the Hydrosphere,” Georgetown University, Washington, DC, November 2017  
“A Question of Trade-Offs’: New England and the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976,” Northeast and Atlantic Region Environmental History Forum, University of Connecticut Avery Point, May 2017  
“A Question of Trade-Offs’: New England and the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976,” American Political History Institute Graduate Student Conference, BU, March 2017  
“Looking East and Thinking Below the Surface: Fisheries Management in the Northwest Atlantic, 1945-1996,” Massachusetts Historical Society (Brown-Bag Lunch Seminar Series), Boston, MA, January 2016  
“Beef Issue: Starvation, the Ghost Dance, and the Wounded Knee Massacre,” Annual Meeting of the Agricultural History Society, Provo, UT, June 2014

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Historical Association  
American Society for Environmental History  
International Maritime History Association  
North American Society of Oceanic History  
Organization of American Historians

#### **RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

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**Constitution Seafood**, Boston, MA  
Sales Associate: June 2007-August 2011  
Fishmonger-in-Training: April 2006-June 2007  
**WMBR Radio**, Cambridge, MA  
Producer, Announcer, and Disc Jockey for the “Late Risers’ Club,” August 2002-present  
Producer, Writer, and Announcer for “The Circus Left for Chatham” (a 15-minute news segment on whales in Massachusetts Bay), November 2013  
**MIT History Department**, Cambridge, MA

Research Assistant for Prof. Christopher Capozzola, May 2004-September 2004  
Research Assistant for Prof. Meg Jacobs, May 2003-September 2003