

# **Dr Joseph Yannielli**

**Lecturer, History at Aston University**

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## **Biography**

Dr Joseph Yannielli joined Aston as a Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Modern History in June 2018. Before this, he was a postdoctoral associate at the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition and a Lecturer in History at Yale University. He also served as a Perkins Postdoctoral Fellow at Princeton University, affiliated with the Princeton Humanities Center and the Center for Digital Humanities. Prior to his arrival in the UK, he designed and taught courses on digital and transnational history at a number of universities in the United States. Joseph's main fields of interest are slavery and abolition, with a special focus on America, West Africa, and the wider world during the nineteenth century. Other areas of interest include political and social movements, missionaries and religion, capitalism and globalization, and the United States in the world. He is also interested in digital scholarship and has developed several public projects, most recently Princeton & Slavery. More information can be found on his blog. Currently, Joseph is completing a book about the Mendi Mission and the role of Africa in the American abolition of slavery. Established in the wake of the Amistad revolt, the mission was a transatlantic extension of the Underground Railroad and a key site of action and imagination in the global contest over chattel slavery. He is also developing new digital projects, including an interactive, comparative database of runaway advertisements.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Social Movements, Slavery in the United States, Slavery, Abolition, Slavery in West Africa

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## **Education**

**Yale University**

PhD

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