

Matthew Skic

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Collections and Exhibitions

March 2025-present

Senior Curator

August 2024-March 2025

Curator of Exhibitions

December 2020-July 2024

Associate Curator

June 2018-December 2020

Assistant Curator

June 2016-June 2018

Museum of the American Revolution: Philadelphia, PA

- Project Director and Lead Curator, Special Exhibition on Loyalists (Opening Fall 2027)
- Project Director, special exhibition *The Declaration's Journey* (opening October 18, 2025)
- Lead Curator, special exhibition *Witness to Revolution: The Unlikely Travels of Washington's Tent* (February 17, 2024-January 5, 2025).
- Lead Curator, special exhibition *Black Founders: The Forten Family of Philadelphia* (February 11-November 26, 2023).
 - 2024 Award of Excellence, Leadership in History Awards, American Association of State and Local History
- Lead Curator, special exhibition *Liberty: Don Troiani's Paintings of the Revolutionary War* (October 16, 2021-September 5, 2022).
- Lead Curator, special exhibition *Flags and Founding Documents* (June 12-September 6, 2021).
- Curatorial Team, special exhibition *When Women Lost the Vote: A Revolutionary Story, 1776-1807* (October 2, 2020-April 25, 2021).
 - 2023 S.K. Stevens Award, PA Museums
 - 2022 Award of Excellence, Leadership in History Awards, American Association of State and Local History
- Curatorial Advisor, online interactive feature *Finding Freedom* (launched November 2020).
 - 2022 silver-level Anthem Award in the "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Category," The Webby Awards
 - 2021 bronze-level MUSE Award, American Alliance of Museums
- Lead Curator, special exhibition *Cost of Revolution: The Life and Death of an Irish Soldier* (September 28, 2019-March 17, 2020).
 - 2022 S.K. Stevens Award, PA Museums
 - 2021 Award of Excellence, Leadership in History Awards, American Association of State and Local History
- Co-curator, special exhibition *Hamilton Was Here: Rising Up in Revolutionary Philadelphia* (October 27, 2018-March 17, 2019).
 - 2021 S.K. Stevens Award, PA Museums
 - 2020 Award of Excellence, Leadership in History Awards, American Association of State and Local History
- Co-curator, special exhibition *Among His Troops: Washington's War Tent in a Newly Discovered Watercolor* (January 13-February 19, 2018).

EDUCATION

- Master of Arts, American Material Culture and Museum Studies Certificate** May 2016
Winterthur Program in American Material Culture, University of Delaware: Newark, DE
Lois F. McNeil Fellow
- Bachelor of Arts, History** May 2014
College of Arts and Sciences, American University: Washington, DC

FELLOWSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- David B. Kennedy and Earhart Week-Long Fellowship** October 2024
William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, MI
- State Society of the Cincinnati of Pennsylvania Week-Long Fellowship** April 2024
Society of the Cincinnati: Washington, DC
- The Attingham Summer School** June-July 2022
The Attingham Trust: London, UK

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- Books
 - *Black Founders: The Forten Family of Philadelphia*, Museum of the American Revolution (February 2023).
 - *Liberty: Don Troiani's Paintings of the Revolutionary War* (principal author), Stackpole Books (October 2021).
 - *Cost of Revolution: The Life and Death of an Irish Soldier*, Museum of the American Revolution (November 2019).
 - *Among His Troops: Washington's War Tent in a Newly Discovered Watercolor* (co-author), Museum of the American Revolution (July 2019).
- Articles
 - "James Forten," *Two Hundred Years: The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1824-2024* (November 2023).
 - "Loyalty, Delirium and Grief: The Portraits of Richard Mansergh St George," *Irish Architectural and Decorative Studies*, Vol. 23 (December 2021).
 - "In His Own Image," *National Gallery of Victoria Magazine* (September/October 2019).
 - "Done in by Rebellion," *The Magazine Antiques* (September/October 2019).
 - "'The Industry of Our Ingenious Gunsmiths': John Nicholson and Joseph Perkin in Revolutionary Philadelphia," *Bulletin of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum* (2019).

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

- "At War, At Sea: The Legacy of James Forten as a Revolutionary War Veteran," Anderson House, Society of the Cincinnati (March 5, 2024).
- "Curating Black Founders: The Material World of the Forten Family of Philadelphia," 76th Annual Antiques Forum, Colonial Williamsburg (February 27, 2024).
- "Picturing the Fortens: Portraits of a Free Black Family in Philadelphia," Pleasing Truths: Framing Identity, A Symposium, DAR Museum (November 3, 2023).