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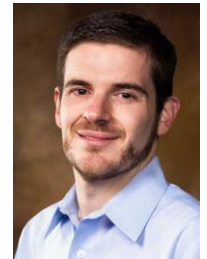
The Ragged Road to Abolition: Slavery and Freedom in New Jersey, 1775-1865

by DR. JAMES J. GIGANTINO II

Saturday, March 28, 2020 at the Roseland Free Public Library Community Meeting Room 20 Roseland Avenue Roseland, New Jersey 07068	Meet & Greet Reception / Coffee 9:00 AM Program Begins 9:30 AM Question and Answer Session, Book Signing and Light Luncheon to Follow.
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The Grover Cleveland Birthplace Memorial Association is sponsoring a public program featuring noted New Jersey author Dr. James Gigantino II and his book "The Ragged Road to Abolition: Slavery and Freedom in New Jersey" at the Roseland Free Public Library on March 28, 2020. Doors open at 9:00 AM. Ample free parking.

Dr. James J. Gigantino II is the Department Chair of History at the University of Arkansas, and native of Cranford, New Jersey. As an early American historian, he has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in the history of Colonial, Revolutionary, Early National, and Antebellum America while as a historian of slavery and the Atlantic World, he has taught courses in African American history, Comparative Slavery, the Atlantic World, and Modern Africa. He is also a member of the African & African American Studies Program.



His first book, *The Ragged Road to Abolition: Slavery and Freedom in New Jersey, 1775-1865* (University of Pennsylvania Press, October 2014) focuses on how northerners successfully extended slavery in the aftermath of the American Revolution. In it, he reveals how the slow death of slavery in the North complicated the formation of black communities and influenced how northerners understood the sectional crisis.

"This magisterial volume sets the standard for examining slavery in New Jersey politics, economy, and society. More broadly, Gigantino deepens understanding of the state's role in sustaining the North's ambivalent stance on the peculiar institution."—*Choice*

"James Gigantino II has written . . . the definitive book on the abolition of slavery in New Jersey."—*American Studies*

"Gigantino . . . has written an accessible account of abolition that will be useful to New Jersey historians, educators, and even legislators."—*Journal of American History*

Dr. Gigantino was awarded the 2015 Robert P. McCormick Prize by the New Jersey Historical Commission, and winner of the 2015 New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance Authors Award

His second book, *William Livingston's American Revolution* (University of Pennsylvania Press, October 2018) uses the life and experiences of William Livingston, New Jersey's first governor, to explore the role of revolutionary government under fire and the dynamic relationship between mid-level administrators like Livingston, the national government, and average Americans.

Dr. Gigantino will take gladly take questions and sign copies of his books.

Event registration can be made at www.presidentcleveland.org or call Grover Cleveland Birthplace at (973) 226-0001. Cost to the public is \$25 and includes the coffee hour reception and light luncheon. The cost for GCBMA members is \$20; and a special rate for students at \$10.00.

Please RSVP by March 22, 2020. The Grover Cleveland Birthplace Memorial Association is a 501C3 corporation crated to promote and preserve the birthplace and legacy of the 22 and 24th President, Grover Cleveland . Go to www.presidentcleveland.org or facebook.com/ClevelandBirthplaceAssociation