



# BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## **BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S PUBLIC HISTORIAN HONORED BY AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

February 17, 2017 Brooklyn, NY—Brooklyn Historical Society's (BHS) Public Historian, Julie Golia, PhD, and her project partner Robin Katz, Outreach & Public Services Librarian at University of California Riverside, were awarded the James Harvey Robinson Prize from the American Historical Association for creating TeachArchives.org. This is the second major award the website has received. Dr. Golia represented BHS and accepted the 2016 James Harvey Robinson Prize at the American Historical Association's Annual Meeting in Denver.

TeachArchives.org is a resource for teachers, administrators, librarians, archivists, and museum educators that offers sample exercises and informative articles based on a new approach to teaching in the archives. With an impressive range of research-based pedagogy and classroom-tested exercises, the site has the potential to influence secondary, collegiate, and graduate history courses.

TeachArchives.org is the result of Students and Faculty in the Archives (SAFA), a three-year project at BHS funded by the U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE). SAFA partnered with 18 faculty at 3 colleges within walking distance of the institution's archives: Long Island University Brooklyn, New York City College of Technology (City Tech), and Saint Francis College. From 2011 to 2013, SAFA brought over 1,100 students to BHS to analyze original documents. Independent evaluators have found that SAFA students are more engaged and perform better than their peers in non-SAFA classes.

For historians seeking to impart on their students more of what they do, and less of what they know, Teacharchives.org is an invaluable resource.

### **About Brooklyn Historical Society**

Founded in 1863, Brooklyn Historical Society is a nationally recognized urban history center dedicated to preserving and encouraging the study of Brooklyn's extraordinary 400-year history. Located in Brooklyn Heights and housed in a magnificent landmark building designed by George Post and opened in 1881, today's BHS is a cultural hub for civic dialogue, thoughtful engagement and community outreach.

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