

# **Kevin P. McDonald**

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## **Biography**

Kevin P. McDonald is an Assistant Professor of Colonial America and Atlantic World History, with research interests in maritime history, pirates and piracy, colonialism/empire, and slavery. Dr. McDonald received his Ph.D. in History at the University of California, Santa Cruz (2008) and the M.A. in History from Rutgers University/NJIT. He was an A.W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Humanities at Carnegie Mellon University (2011-12). Professor McDonald has taught courses in American history, world history, and maritime history at UC Santa Cruz, The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, and New York University. His book, *Pirates, Merchants, Settlers, and Slaves: Colonial America and the Indo-Atlantic World*, (University of California Press, 2015), explores a global trade network located on the peripheries of world empires and shows the illicit ways American colonists met the consumer demand for slaves and East India goods. The book reveals that pirates played a significant yet misunderstood role in this period and that seafaring slaves were both commodities and essential components in the Indo-Atlantic maritime networks. His next project will examine the transportation of Pacific breadfruit to the West Indies in the Age of Atlantic Revolutions.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

History, Atlantic World, Piracy, Indian Ocean World, Maritime History, Slavery, Pacific History, Colonial America, Colonialism, Empire and Colonialism, American History, World History

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## **Affiliations**

The Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction, The American Historical Association, The World History Association, Association of Caribbean Historians

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## **Education**

**University of California at Santa Cruz**  
Ph.D. History

**Rutgers University**  
M.A. History

**University of Richmond**  
B.A. History and International Studies

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## **Accomplishments**

**Pirates, Merchants, Settlers, and Slaves: Colonial America and the Indo-Atlantic World**  
University of California Press, 2015

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