

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY Library & Museum

Celebrate Archives Month with the Center for Digital Scholarship

The [Center for Digital Scholarship \(CDS\)](#) promotes access to the collections of the American Philosophical Society through innovative digital humanities projects, a robust digitization program, and experimentation with new modes of digital discovery.



The Center for Digital Scholarship at the APS is proud to celebrate Archives Month Philly throughout October. Archives are information centers where records about the past are made available to researchers. During the month of October, everyone is invited to celebrate archives, the work of archivists, and the rich history of Philadelphia at events across the city and surrounding areas.

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Featured Archives Month Event: A Revolutionary Transcribathon

THE *Revolutionary* CITY

APS All Day Public Program

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM In-person event
Franklin Hall 427 Chestnut St Philadelphia, PA 19106

Come celebrate Archives Month Philly with the Center for Digital Scholarship (CDS) at the APS and the team behind *The Revolutionary City: A Portal to the Nation's Founding* (Rev City). On October 16, 2024, we will be hosting a day-long Transcribathon at the American Philosophical Society (APS).

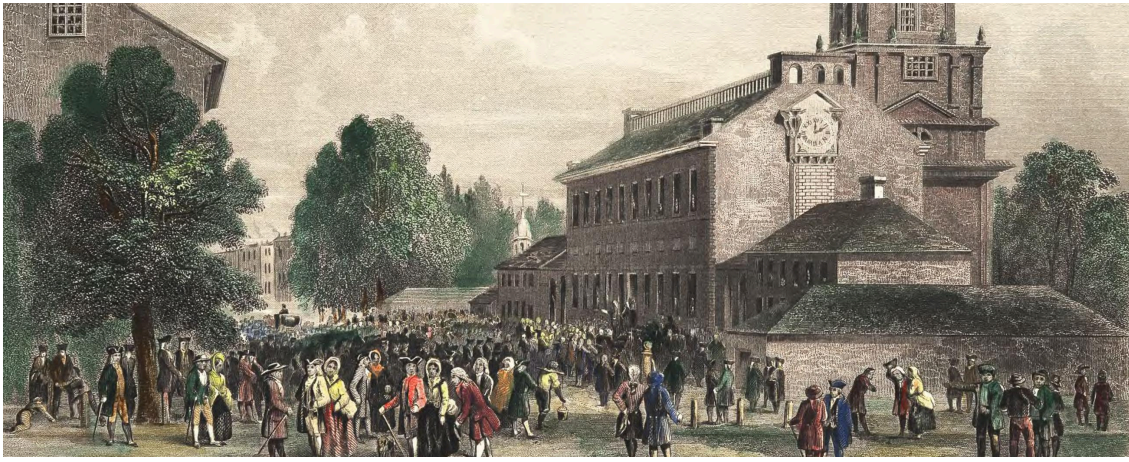
The CDS promotes the use of APS Library & Museum collections through digitization, digital humanities initiatives, and the development of innovative library software. At this event, the CDS will demonstrate machine-learning transcription software to make transcription of our manuscript collections possible. Participants will have the chance to try out our local instance of eScriptorium, an open-source automatic transcription platform. Our DH team will be on hand to answer questions about using this and related technologies in your own work and at your own institution.

The transcribathon will run from 11:00 AM until 8:00 PM (doors open at 10:30 AM). Feel free to participate part or all of the day. This event is BYOL (bring your own laptop!). You will transcribe using our digital transcription platform and will have access to several machine-learning models for transcription. Refreshments will be available to fuel your transcriptions. Participants will also receive fun giveaways and exciting behind-the-scenes looks at the APS.

More information and registration for this event can be found [here](#).

We encourage you to share word of this event with your network and colleagues.

The Revolutionary City



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Uncovering Hidden Stories from Philadelphia's Revolutionary Past

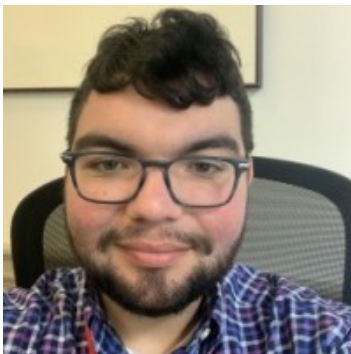
In anticipation of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the Center for Digital Scholarship developed The Revolutionary City: A Portal to the Nation's Founding—a one-stop-shop for students, educators, and scholars, to access diverse stories of the American Revolution from the perspective of early residents of America's revolutionary city, Philadelphia. This project unites manuscript collections from the APS, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and the Library Company of Philadelphia, and tells the story of the American Revolution as it unfolded in Philadelphia. By forefronting the voices of those traditionally marginalized from the historic record, this resource provides a more complete and inclusive picture of the Revolution.

Over the next two years, the CDS will expand the project to include material from new partners, develop innovative discovery tools and teacher resources, and plan a series of programs aimed at engaging a diverse range of audiences in a conversation about Philadelphia's unique role in the American Revolution.

Learn more about the project [here](#).

The Growing CDS Team

MarBina Rothblatt Assistant Digital Archivist

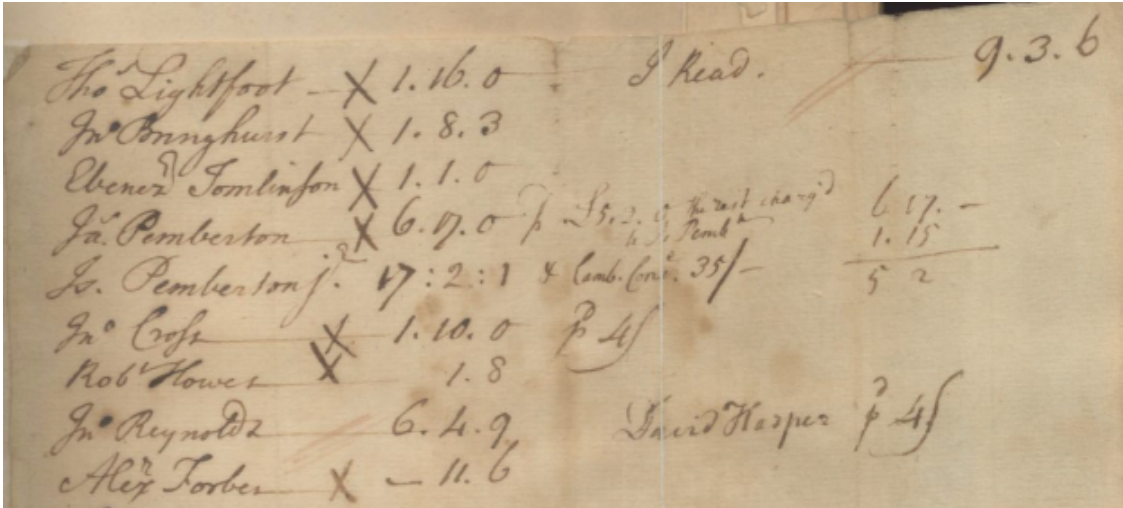


The Center for Digital Scholarship (CDS) is pleased to welcome the inaugural MarBina Rothblatt Assistant Digital Archivist **Elias G. Larralde**.

Elias earned his MLIS from the University of Arizona, specializing in archival studies. Prior to joining the APS, Elias was the archival assistant at the Center for Creative Photography where he focused on processing, reference, and digital work. He holds a B.A in History from Florida State University.

This position works with the Martine A. and Bina Aspen Rothblatt Digital Archivist to ensure the organization, access, and long-term preservation of APS Library & Museum born-digital content. In his position at APS, Elias focuses on ingesting born-digital materials found in the collection to make them available to researchers.

Blogs from the CDS Staff



Who's Who in the Franklins' Shop Books? - David Nelson

Recent Programming

We have a wonderful collection of recordings from past CDS programs. These include:

October 18th, 2023 - [The Franklins' Shop Books, 1730-1748 -- A Virtual Discussion](#) with the APS's Center for Digital Scholarship

March 3, 2023 - The Launch event for the ["Visualizing Women in Science"](#), a new digital resourced produced by CDS.

You can also browse or subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#).

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