

Rebecca Reimer joined the staff of Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens in September as Curator of Interpretation.

Rebecca's educational and professional experiences draw from a variety of backgrounds, which will be well utilized in her new position. As an undergraduate at Connecticut College in New London, Connecticut, she majored in American history and worked as a tour coordinator for the local historical society. The introduction to local maritime and nineteenth-century history prompted her senior research project, which studied the role of women in New England's prosperous whaling industry.

After graduation, Rebecca served as an educator specialist for Mystic Seaport Museum, Inc. She worked developing and implementing educational tours and programs until 2006, when she left to pursue a graduate degree. Rebecca completed her master's degree in February 2008 at the University of Bristol in Bristol, England, where she studied historical archaeology. She participated in excavations in Virginia as part of her course of study, using her experiences in her dissertation in order to examine the archaeology of slavery in the American South.

Joining the staff of Tryon Palace in September, Rebecca is quickly becoming involved in its fast-paced schedule. While working to develop new educational programs for the near future, she is also taking part in the annual Christmas program, and will be coordinating Tryon Palace's participation in both New Bern's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War. "I'm extremely excited to be involved with Tryon Palace," Rebecca says. "There are so many fascinating projects – both at present and in the future – and such a wealth of historical resources. I'm delighted to be a part of it."