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King Philip's War reshaped the political and diplomatic landscape of seventeenth century New England, but on the northern front of the conflict the violence did not solidify English hegemony. Scholars have approached King Philip's War from many angles: Jill Lepore telling a story of language and racial boundaries in *The Name of War: King Philip's War and the Origins*

Maine and New Hampshire, the English pursued a military campaign that took on the character of an ethnic cleansing in its degree of violence. English attempts to either wipe the Indian presence off the map of New England or cripple the political sovereignty of Indian societies were fueled by the potent memory of the chapter of King Philip's War that occurred in the South, the presence of southern refugees in northern Indian communities, and an anxiety generated by the military and strategic strength of the Wabanaki nation.

My research focused

With funding from the Grua/O'Connell Research Award, I traveled to Boston for three days to view the correspondence of Waldron in the Massachusetts Archives and identified sources in the Massachusetts Historical Society as well. *Volume 30: Indian, 1603-1705* of the Massachusetts Archives Collection was particularly useful for the letters it contained detailing exchanges between Waldron and Wabanaki Indian leaders during King Philip's War.

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