

# Family Heritage Experience

 American Ancestors.



## Jennifer Zanolli

### Family Heritage Experience Manager

With a career spanning more than fifteen years in visitor engagement and museum education, Jennifer is committed to creating meaningful, accessible, and engaging experiences that connect people with history. She has held leadership positions at the New Bedford Whaling Museum and the USS Constitution Museum, where she developed innovative public programs, led visitor services teams, and designed immersive educational experiences that made history relevant to diverse audiences.

Jennifer holds a BS in nonprofit management from Lesley University and an MA in museum education from Tufts University. A passionate advocate for the power of museums to connect people, she is dedicated to making history personal, relevant, and accessible to all audiences.

*“Family history is more than a collection of names and dates—it’s a tapestry of stories that shape who we are. At American Ancestors, I guide visitors through the Family Heritage Experience, introducing them to the practice of genealogy. I love seeing the spark of curiosity as they begin exploring their past. This permanent exhibit is designed to inspire that curiosity and provide a welcoming space for guests to start that journey.”*

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