

CURRICULUM VITAE

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

JAMES MUIR
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of History, Classics, and Religion and Faculty of Law
University of Alberta

II. EDUCATION

Ph.D 2005, York University. Thesis: "Civil Law in Colonial Halifax: Merchants and Craftsmen, Creditors and Debtors."
M.Phil 1997, University of Waikato. Thesis: "The Changing of the Forest: Ecological Colonialism, Legislation, and the New Zealand Bush, 1840-1920."
M.A. 1994, York University.
B.A. Honours, 1993, University of Manitoba

III. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Dissertation Prize (Top Dissertation at university in that year) York University, June, 2005.
Commonwealth Scholarship, New Zealand Vice Chancellor's Committee, 1994-1995.

IV. AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Canadian legal history; comparative legal history; labour and employment law history;
Canadian history; history of Atlantic Canada

V. AFFILIATED SCHOLAR DESIGNATIONS, VISITING PROFESSOR/SCHOLAR DESIGNATIONS

Gorsebrook Institute of Atlantic Canadian Studies, fellow, 1997-1999.

VI. RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Publications

Books

Law, Debt and Merchant Power: The Civil Courts of Eighteenth Century Halifax. Toronto: Osgoode Society and University of Toronto Press, 2016.
Canadian Property Law Cases in Context, co-edited with Eric Tucker and Bruce Ziff. Toronto: Osgoode Society for Legal History and Carswell, 2012.

Articles

"Injuries, Damages, and the Bourgeois: Eric Reiter's Wounded Feelings Between Law and History." *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association* 32:1 (2022), 119–128.
"Harvesting and Replanting the Field: On the Achievements of A History of Law in Canada." *Acadiensis: Journal of the History of the Atlantic Region / Revue d'histoire de La Région Atlantique* 49:2 (2020): 208–21.
"The Fight for Bourgeois Law in Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1749-1753." *Historie Sociale / Social History* 49:98 (May 2016): 1-25.

"Canada's Neglected Tradition of Coalition Government." *Constitutional FORUM constitutionnel* 18.1 (2009): 33-38

"'Property, Authority,' and the Classroom." *Legal History* 10:1-2 (2006): 29-34.

Book Chapters

"Alberta Labour and Working-Class Life, 1940-1959," In *Working People in Alberta: A History*. Edited by Alvin Finkel, 108-139. Athabasca and Edmonton: Athabasca University Press, 2012

"Douglas Lloyd Campbell." In *Manitoba Premiers of the 19th and 20th Centuries*. Edited by Barry Ferguson and Robert Wardhaugh, 213-235. Regina: Canadian Plains Research Centre, 2010

"Instrumentalism and the Law of Injuries in Nineteenth-Century Nova Scotia." In *From Imperial Bastion to Provincial Oracle: The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, 1754-2004*. Edited by Philip Girard, Jim Phillips, and Barry Cahill, 361-391. Toronto: University of Toronto Press for the Osgoode Society, 2004.

"Michaelmas Term 1754: The Supreme Court's First Session," co-written with Jim Phillips. In *From Imperial Bastion to Provincial Oracle: The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, 1754-2004*. Edited by Philip Girard, Jim Phillips, and Barry Cahill, 259-293. Toronto: University of Toronto Press for the Osgoode Society, 2004.

Book Reviews

Keeping Canada British: The Ku Klux Klan in 1920s Saskatchewan, by James M. Pitsula. *University of Toronto Quarterly*, Volume 85, Number 3, Summer 2016, pp. 541-542.

Development Derailed: Calgary and the CPR, 1962-64, by Max Foran. *Great Plains Research* 26:1 (Spring 2016): 71.

Work on Trial, edited by Judy Fudge and Eric Tucker. *Canadian Public Policy* 38:4 (2011): 583-585.

The Grand Experiment: Law & Legal Culture in Settler Societies, edited by Hamar Foster, Benjamin L. Berger and Andrew Buck. *Canadian Historical Review* 91:2 (2010): 346-48.

The Alberta Supreme Court at 100, ed. by Jonathon Swainger. *Great Plains Research* 19.1 (2009): 138.

Taking Back the Workers' Law: How to Fight the Assault on Labour Rights, by Ellen Dannin. *Labour/Le Travail* 63 (2009): 312-315.

"The Development of a Distinct Alberta Law." A review of *The Alberta Supreme Court at 100*, edited by Jonathan Swainger and *Forging Alberta's Constitutional Framework*, edited by Richard T. Connors and John Law, *Alberta Law Review* 45:4 (2008), 1117-1121.

Laws and Societies in the Canadian Prairie West, 1670-1940, edited by Jonathan Swainger and Louis Knafla. *Canadian Historical Review*, 89:3 (2008), 441-443.

"Judges and Canadian Legal Thought." A review of *A History of Canadian Legal Thought*, by R.C.B. Risk and *The Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba, 1870-1950: a biographical history*, by Dale Braun. *Alberta Law Review* 45:1 (2007), 287-292.

"Manitoba as a great case study." A review of *The Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba, 1870-1950: a biographical history*, by Dale Braun. In *National Post*, 20 December 2006: FP8.

What Every Radical Should Know about State Repression: a guide for activists, by Victor Serge, in *Left History*, 2006, 11.1.

Colonial Justice: Justice, Morality, and Crime in the Niagara District, 1791-1849, by David Murray, in *Ontario History*, 2003, 95(2).

Policing and Punishment in London, 1660-1750: Urban Crime and the Limits of Terror, In *Urban History Review*, by John Beattie, Spring 2003.

Coercion, Contract, and Free Labor in the Nineteenth Century, by Robert J. Steinfeld, in *Labour/Le Travail*, Fall 2002.

Servants of the Honourable Company, by Edith I. Burley, in *Business History Review*, 1998, 72(2).

Other published contributions

"The Strange Case of the Schooner *Seaflower*: Law and Business in Colonial Halifax, 1749-1763," Working Paper for the International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, 1999.

"The demand for British justice: protest and culture during the Winnipeg general strike trials." Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba, Working Paper # 93-7, 1993.

Conference Presentations to Academic Organizations

Presenter, Canadian Historical Association Journal panel on the 2020 Best Book prize winner, Eric Reiter's *Wounded Feelings*, Canadian Historical Association Meeting additional sessions, August 2021.

"Confederation: A Game," Canada's Legal Past, Calgary, AB, July 2017.

"What's to celebrate in Canada's 150th," Canadian Historical Association Meeting June 2016 (Congress), Calgary, AB.

"Justice from Injustice: Documenting wrongful convictions, 1988-2015." Law/ Authority/ History: Honouring the Voice of Douglas Hay, York University, Toronto, May 2016.

"Labour History as Emancipatory Social Science." Looking Backward, Moving Forward: ALHI 2012 Conference

"Constitution-making through Digital History Games: The Quebec Conference, 1864," with Peter Carver. Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting and Canadian Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Waterloo, 28 May 2012.

"Thoughts on Perseverance and Finishing" Canadian Law and Society Association, 27 May 2012.

"Method, Theory, Livelihood: An autobiographical account of inter-disciplinarity" History and Classics Graduate Students' Association Conference, 6 March 2011.

"Serfs, Slaves and Servants: History of Labour & Employment Law in Comparative Perspective." Historical Perspectives on Law and Labour," Symposium at Faculty of Arts Institute of Humanities, University of Manitoba. 7 October 2010.

"War and Cold War, 1940-1960," Place and Replace: A Joint Meeting of the Western Canadian Studies and St. John's College Prairies Conference, St. John's College, University of Manitoba. 17 September 2010.

"The Meaning of Routine: Law in the Films of Frederick Wiseman," The Annual Western Canadian Emerging Scholars Workshop, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan. May 2010.

"Popular Justice and Results for the Marketplace: Juries and Law-Making in Mid-18th Century Halifax," Justice et espaces publiques en Occident de l'Antiquité et à nos jours, Montreal, 7-8 May 2009.

"New England, Virginia, England, Chebucto Origins of Law and Legality in 18th Century Nova Scotia," 18th Atlantic Canadian Studies Conference: 'Unpacking' Atlantic Canada: Identities, Boundaries, Economies, University of Prince Edward Island, 30 April-3 May 2009.

"Employment Plurality and the Law in Canada," to the University of Manitoba Law & Society Research Cluster and the University of Manitoba Institute of Humanities, 29 February, 2008.

"Employment and the Law in Early Nova Scotia," with Paul Craven. At 'Knowledge in Action': 16th Atlantic Canada Studies Conference, Saint Mary's University, 6 May, 2007.

"Property, Authority and teaching or learning Legal History," Toronto Legal History Seminar, 2006, University of Toronto.

"When Roger Hill sued Anne Webb: The Reception of Law in Colonial Halifax," Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting, 2006, York University.

"Consumption, Credit and the Law in Early Halifax," Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting, 2004, University of Manitoba.

"Worker's Injuries and the development of Tort Law in Nineteenth Century Nova Scotia," Courts, Communities and Conflict, 2003, Dalhousie University.

"Law and Labouring People in Halifax, 1749-1765," Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting, 2000, University of Alberta.

"The Strange Case of the Schooner Seaflower: Law and Business in Colonial Halifax, 1749-1763," International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, 1999, Harvard University.

Presentations to General Public and Professional Organizations

"Time, change and history: on teaching labour history," Alberta Union of Public Employees trainers education, June, 2017

"Thinking about and teaching labour history to working people" Alberta Union of Public Employees trainers education, September, 2016.

"Magna Carta: Canada and the Last 200 Years" Part of the Magna Carta: Law, Liberty & Legacy speaker series at the Legislative Assembly Visitor Centre, Edmonton, Alberta, December 2015.

"Magna Carta: the thirteenth century and the twentieth" Lecture to Northern Alberta Canadian Bar Association Corporate Counsel Section, October 2015.

"Doing your own History" Health Sciences Association of Alberta Convention, Edmonton, 29 May, 2015.

"Alberta Labour History Today" Alberta Federation of Labour Convention, Calgary, 17 April, 2015.

"Labour Law History and the Current Fight Against Labour Law Reform" Canadian Association of Labour Lawyers Annual Meeting, Banff, Alberta, 7 June 2013.

"Social Science Research and Law Reform" Federation of Law Reform Agencies of Canada Meeting, Edmonton, Alberta, 2 October, 2012.

"Alberta's Labour History." Presentation at the annual convention, Alberta NDP, Calgary, Alberta, 14 June, 2008.

"'Utterly Ignorant of the Rules and Practices of the Courts': introducing the common law to Canada in the 1750s" Lecture to Northern Alberta Canadian Bar Association Senior Lawyers Section, 19 April, 2007.

"How to use Historians as Expert Witnesses." Lecture to Ackroyd L.L.P., Edmonton, Alberta. 19 April, 2006.

Contributions to Scholarly Associations

Co-chair and organizer, Canadian Historical Association General Meeting 2021

Committee member, Canadian Historical Association Clio book prize (Prairies), 2015-2017.

Other scholarly Contributions

Chief Organiser, Alberta Labour History Institute conferences, 2012 and 2014. 2012 was SSHRC funded.

Chief organizer, "Canadian property law cases in context," Faculty of Law, University of Alberta, June, 2010. SSHRC funded workshop.

Organising Committee member, Western Canadian Studies Conference, University of Alberta, June, 2008.

Organising Committee member, Kawaskimhon National Aboriginal Moot, University of Alberta, March, 2008.

Invited reviewer for SSHRC (both legal studies and history committees).

Book manuscript peer reviewer for University of Toronto Press, McGill-Queen's University Press, University of Alberta Press, University of British Columbia Press.

Journal manuscript peer reviewer, *Canadian Historical Review*, *Histoire Sociale / Social History*, *The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*, *Labour / Le Travail*, *Left History*, *Past Imperfect*, *La Revue juridique Thémis de l'Université de Montréal*, *University of Alberta Law Review*, *University of Manitoba Law Review*.

VII. RESEARCH FUNDING

"Lessons from the Past, Visions for the Future." Public Outreach Summer Institute, Workshop and Conference Grant, SSHRC, 2011-2012. Principal Investigator.

"Re-Making the Canadian Constitution," Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund Grant, University of Alberta, 2010-2012. Co-investigator with Peter Carver.

"Canadian property law cases in context," Aid to Research Workshops and Conferences in Canada, SSHRC, 2009-2010. Principal Investigator.

"Faculty of Law Teaching Roundtable," Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund Grant, University of Alberta, 2008-2009. Principal Investigator.

Doctoral Award, SSHRC, 1996-1999.

VIII. TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses Taught (including independent research paper courses)

Hist 260: Pre-Confederation Canada

Hist 360: Topics in Canadian History: Victorian Canada; Canadian Legal History.

Hist 373: Peasants, Slaves and Workers

Hist 376: Canada 1900 to 1945

Hist 460: Topics in Canadian History: Popular History in Canada; Canadian Legal History.

Hist 490: Topics in British Empire and Commonwealth History: EP Thompson's *Making of the English Working Class at 50*; Law and Empire

Hist 498: directed readings: Canadian Social history; Canadian legal history; Canadian historiography

Hist Honours student supervisor: Timothy Yu, (2012-2014), Matthew Melbourn (2019-2021), Madalyn Mandziuk (2020-2022), Gavin Neaves (2023-2025).

Law 496 Legal History: Canadian Legal History; Canadian Constitutional History

Law 486 Jurisprudence: The Trial; Advanced Legal Research and Writing

Law 599 Advanced Legal Research and Writing

Law 599 Low Income Individuals and the Law

Law 526 Research Paper supervision (Breanna Case, Kate Healy, Mia Reimers, Michael Seed, Dana Shamlawi, Lorraine Snyder, Mark Wells)

Graduate Courses Taught (including independent research paper courses)

Hist 601: Philosophy of History and Methodology

Hist 603: History of Historical Writing: Canadian Historiography

Hist 605: Topics in the Nature of Historical Controversy (taught with Hist 490)

Hist 699: directed readings: Canadian historiography, Law, Empire and Indigenous Peoples; Social and Cultural History theory; World History theory and Practice.

Law 696: Graduate Seminar on Legal Scholarship (taught with Law 486)

Law 699: Legal Research Methods, 2010

Graduate Student Supervision, service on Supervisory committees or examination committees

Law (U of A):

Reddekopp, Neil. Ph.D. Supervisor (graduated, 2022)

Hamill, Sarah. Ph.D. Supervisory Committee Member (graduated, 2014)

History (U of A):

Venne, Sharon. Ph.D. Supervisor (in process)

Stace, Trevor. M.A. Supervisor (graduated, 2015)

Kurt, Yasemin. M.A. Supervisor (in process)

Penny, Riley. M.A. Supervisor (graduated, 2023)

Fontaine, John. Ph.D. Supervisory Committee Member, Comprehensive Committee Member (graduated, 2020)

Sims, Daniel. Ph.D. Supervisory Committee Member (graduated, 2018)

Thomson, Claire. Ph.D. Supervisory Committee Member. Comprehensive Committee Member (graduated 2022; winner of the 2023 Canadian Studies Network Best PhD Dissertation in Canadian Studies prize, the 2024 Brian Long Best Doctoral Thesis in Canadian Studies award by the International Council for Canadian Studies)

Longley, Hereward. Ph.D. Supervisory Committee Member, Comprehensive Committee Member (graduated 2021)

Green, Heather. Qualifying Exam examiner

Harris, Mark. Ph.D. Dissertation examiner

Mills, Fred. Ph.D. Candidacy Exam Committee member

Phalen, James. M.A. Chair of Examining Committee

Stephens, Laura. M.A. Thesis examiner

Walker, Meaghan. Ph.D. Qualifying Exam examiner

English and Film Studies (U of A)

Hasenbank, Andrea. Ph.D. Dissertation Examiner

Mikalsen, Kaarina. M.A. Thesis examiner

Music (U of A)

Sobieraj, Jacek. M.F.A. Music Composition final examination committee member

Sociology (U of A):

Cake, Susan. Ph.D. Comprehensive Committee Member

Law (University of Victoria)

Isitt, Benjamin. Ph.D. Qualifying Exam examiner

Law (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

Mendez, Fernando. Edmonton research supervisor 6

IX. CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

Law:

Vice Dean, Faculty of Law, July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024
Associate Dean of Research, Faculty of Law, July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2022
Advisory Selection Committee, 2017-2018
Curriculum Committee, 2015-2016, 2010-2011
Appeals Committee, alternate, 2014-2015 (sat in on one hearing)
Library Committee, 2013-2014
Graduate Studies, July-December, 2013
Equality and Respect Committee, 2006-2008.
First Year Student Mentor, 2006-2009

History and Classics

Professional Affairs Committee, 2011-2012, 2014-2016, 2017-2018
Graduate Awards Committee, 2014-2016
Canadian Field co-ordinator, 2014-2016
Acting Associate Chair, Graduate Studies, May 1-August 20, 2015
Hiring Committee, Western Canadian History search, fall 2014
History Curriculum Review Committee, Fall 2013
Departmental Governance Committee, 2010.
Teaching Assistants and Classes, Ad hoc committee, 2010.
Editorial Advisory Committee, *Past Imperfect*, 2010-present.
History and Classics: Colloquium and Visiting Speakers Coordinator, 2009-2010

University of Alberta:

Co-organiser Mamawapowin/The Gathering Lectures in Treaty 6 First Nations History, 2014, 2015
Peer Consultant Programme, Peer Consultant, 2007-present.
Teaching and Learning and Technology (TLAT) Council, Faculty of Law representative, 2007-2011.
Chair of the Teaching ethics sub-committee of TLAT and member of the TLAT Steering Committee. 2008-2011.
Faculty representative on the Faculty of Arts Dean Search Committee, 2009-2011.
Other Contributions:

AASUA By-laws Committee, drafting subcommittee, May 2015 to present.
AASUA Council, member-at-large, 2007-2009.
AASUA Council, Faculty of Law representative, 2017-2022.
Member, Board of Directors, Centre for Constitutional Studies, Faculty of Law, June 2014 to 2020.

X. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS (LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS, ETC.)

Canadian Historical Association; American Society for Legal History; Osgoode Society for Legal History.

XI. COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

President and Chair of Board of Directors, Alberta Labour History Institute (ALHI), October 2013 to November 2016. First Vice President October 2011 to October 2013.

Vice Chair and member of Board of Directors, Edmonton Community Legal Centre (ECLC).
July 1 2013 to April 2014. Member of Board of Directors, 2011-2014. 7

Juror, Edmonton Heritage Council, Heritage Investment Grant Programme Project Grants.
November 2014.

Legal Archives Society of Alberta. Board member, 2007-2012.

Rachel Notley, MLA, Riding Committee member, 2008-2010.