

CHRISTOPHER NEIL FRITSCH

EDUCATION:

1997 Doctoral Student

Faculty of Modern History, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom

Thesis: "Between Town and Empire: Administrative Law in Colonial America

Supervisor: J. R. Pole, Emeritus Rhodes Professor of American History

The thesis examines the development of colonial administrative law in Pennsylvania. It examines colonial administration at the local, county and colony levels and looks to identify similarities with England. What aspects of English administrative law arrived with colonists to British North America and what was the line between the persistent English legal culture and colonial adaption of English law for colonial administrators?

1996-1997 Probationer Doctoral Student/Master of Studies (Conferred July 1997)

Seminars: Seminar in Modern History (Michaelmas 1996)
Seminar in American History (Michaelmas 1996)
Seminar in Early Modern Britain (Michaelmas 1996)
Seminar in American History (Hilary 1997)
Seminar in the History of the Atlantic World (Trinity 1997)

Lectures: Early American History (Michaelmas 1996), Robert Middlekauf,
 Harmsworth Visiting Professor of American History
History of English Legal Systems and Land Law (Michaelmas 1996), J Hackney
History of Tort (Michaelmas 1996), Dr. David Ibbettson
History of Contract (Hilary 1997), Dr. David Ibbettson
Modern English Legal History (Hilary 1997), Dr. Joshua Gentzler

1995-1996 Postgraduate Student

Department of Law, Lancaster University, Bailrigg, Lancaster, UK

Seminars: Undertaking Historical Work in Law (Michaelmas 1995)
Legal Organizations and Institutions (Michaelmas 1995)
History of Women, Gender, and Legal Order (Michaelmas 1995)
Crime, Punishment, and Policing (Hilary 1996)
The European Dimension (Hilary 1996)
Law and Formation of the Modern Democratic State (Hilary 1996)

1981-1984 Master of Arts, History (Conferred August 1984)

Millersville University, Millersville, PA 17551

Thesis: "The Law and Legal Philosophy of John Adams"

Supervisor: Dr. Francis J. Bremer

The research focused upon Adams' legal training and his practice as an attorney. This set the tone for Adams's perception of the American Revolution and for the Republic. In essence, the research looks to show the continuity of Adams and his legal thought from his legal training until his years as President.

1977-1981 Bachelor of Science in Education (Conferred 1981)
Millersville University, Millersville, PA 17551
Senior Thesis: The Boston Massacre Trials: Rex v Preston and Rex v Wemms
Supervisor: Dr. Francis J. Bremer

ACADEMIC HONORS:

1999 NEH Seminar Participant, "Going to Law" Directed by Cynthia Herrup
Folger Shakespeare Library

1989 Outstanding Essay, Historical Society of the United States District Court for the Eastern
District of Pennsylvania

1987 Participant, Graduate Workshop in Legal Studies
American Bar Association/Law and Society Association

1981-1983 Graduate Assistantship
Department of History, Millersville University, Millersville, PA 17551

Alumni Association Grant
Alumni Association, Millersville University, Millersville, PA 17551

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

2018-2019 Instructor of History, Mountain View College, Dallas County Community College District
Courses taught: American History I and II
Served on College Writing Program Committee

2016-2018 Adjunct Instructor, Mountain View College, Dallas County Community College District
Courses taught: American History I and II
Served on a committee to develop an Adjunct Faculty Portal for the college website.

2009-2013 Adjunct Instructor, Weatherford College, Weatherford, TX
Courses taught: American History I and II

2003 Adjunct Instructor, Montgomery County Community College, Blue Bell, PA 19422
Courses taught: Ancient Civilization.(2 sections)

2002 Adjunct Assistant Professor of History, Department of Anthropology, History, Political
Science, and Sociology, Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY 14623

Courses taught: History of the United States to 1877, History of Sports in America, American National Government, Introduction to Political Science.

Lecturer of History, Department of History, St John Fisher College, Rochester, NY 14618
Courses taught: History of the British Empire, 1580-1980.

- 1999-2000 Instructor of History, Department of History, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, Bloomsburg, PA
Courses taught: History of the United States to 1877, History of the United States since 1877, Anglo-American Legal History. Served on the curriculum committee.
- 1999 Adjunct Instructor of History, Department of Continuing Education, Widener University, Wilmington, DE
Courses taught: History of the United States to 1877, Western Civilization, 1500-1800.
- 1998 Adjunct Instructor of History, Department of History, Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA
Courses taught: Western Civilization to 1660, Modern British History.
- Adjunct Instructor of History, Department of History, Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA
Courses taught: History of the United States to 1877.
- 1994-1995 Adjunct Instructor of History, Reading Area Community College, Reading, PA
Courses taught: Western Civilization.
- 1990-1999 Adjunct Instructor of American Studies and History, School of Humanities
The Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg, Middletown, PA
Courses taught: History of the United States to 1877, History of the United States since 1877, American Civilization, Civil War and Reconstruction, Pennsylvania History. I conducted independent studies in American Constitutional History, History of the South, and the Western Legal Tradition.
- 1989-1995 Instructor of History, Division of Social Sciences Harrisburg Area Community College, Harrisburg, PA
Lancaster Campus, Harrisburg Area Community College, Lancaster, PA
Courses taught: World History I, II; Western Civilization I, II; United States History I, II; Civil War and Reconstruction; Vietnam; Twentieth-Century America; World Geography. I also served as advisor to the Lancaster Campus Student Government Association.
- 1986 Adjunct Instructor of History, Department of History, Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA
Courses taught: Western Civilization 1500 to the Present.

Adjunct Instructor of History and American Studies
Department of History/American Studies, Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA
Courses taught: History of the United States I and II, Introduction to Am Studies.

PUBLIC HISTORY EXPERIENCE:

Archives

Each project involved assessing the history of the organization and the records and then, creating an organizational systems that suited users and the originality of the records. Occasionally, the work also involved conservation, preservation, and microfilming tasks, especially for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, where I wrote series descriptions for RG-33, Records of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the Recorder of Wills in Berks County, PA, where I performed preservation techniques and trained staff and volunteers. I developed long-term collections programs for Armstrong World Industries and the Historical Society of Dauphin County.

2000 Project Archivist, Demuth Foundation, Lancaster, PA

1995 Project Archivist, Armstrong World Industries, Lancaster, PA

1990-3 Archivist, Historical Society of Dauphin County, Harrisburg, PA

1990 Archivist, City of Harrisburg, Harrisburg, PA

1988-9 Archivist, Office of the Register of Wills for the County of Berks, Reading, PA

1985 Archivist Intern, Bureau of Archives and History
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, PA

Research Assistant/Consultant/Scholar-in-Residence

This work included providing academic support to museums and organizations, as well as carrying out research on a hired basis. In the latter, I conducted biographical research for a railroad museum in Japan and led a historical archaeology project and museum for Valley Forge Council, Boy Scouts of America.

1996 Research Assistant

J. R. Pole, Emeritus Rhodes Professor of American History, St Catherine's College, Oxford

1994 Museum Consultant/Scholar-in-Residence
Heritage Center Museum of Lancaster County, Lancaster, PA

1988-90 Historical Consultant/Archaeologist
Valley Forge Council, Boy Scouts of America, Valley Forge, PA

Editorial Assistant

1981-83 Assistant-to-the-Editor, *Pennsylvania History* and *East-Central Europe*.

PUBLICATIONS:

Articles/Essays

Anglican or American--Reexamining the Impact of the Frontier on Legal Development in Seventeenth-Century Pennsylvania, *Cercles: Revue pluridisciplinaire du monde anglophone* 19(2009), 19-36.

Defending the Community, Defining the Empire: Jurors, Mixed Juries, and Legal Elites in the Court of Oyer and Terminer for Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, *Australian Journal of Legal History*, no 1, IV(1998), 1-32.

A Selected, Annotated Bibliography of Articles and Books in the Humanities and Social Sciences Published in Poland, 1981, East Central Europe, XII, no 2(1986), 149-228.[Co-authored with M. B. Biskupski]

A Selected Bibliography of Articles and Books in the Humanities and Social Sciences Published in Poland, 1979-1980, East Central Europe, XI, no 1-2(1984), 161-98.[Co-authored with M. B. Biskupski]

Bibliographies

The Art, Literature, and Film of the Holocaust: A Bibliography, *Holocaust Studies Annual*, III (1987): 253-64.

Religion, the Church and the Holocaust: A Select Bibliography, *Holocaust Studies Annual*, II (1986): 173-81.

America and the Holocaust: A Bibliography, *Holocaust Studies Annual*, I (1985): 167-78.

Encyclopedia Entries

Milton Hershey. Kenneth E. Hendrickson, III, ed., *The Encyclopedia of the Industrial Revolution in World History*. (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2015), p. 424-5.

Stamp Act. Martin J. Manning and Clarence R. Wyatt, eds., *Encyclopedia of Media and Propaganda in Wartime America*. (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2011), p. 105-6.

Navigation Acts, Quartering Acts, and Stamp Act. Gregory Fremont-Barnes and Richard A. Ryerson, eds., *The Encyclopedia of the American Revolutionary War*. (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, Inc., 2006), p. 866-8, 1043-4, and 1199-1201.

Navigation Acts and Stamp Act. *The Encyclopedia of North American Colonial Warfare to 1775*. (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, Inc., forthcoming)

Canals, Criminal Law, Constitutions-State, Election of 1796, John L. O'Sullivan, and William Walker. Christopher Bates, ed., *Encyclopedia of the Early Republic & Antebellum America*. (Armonk, NY: M. E. Sharpe, Inc., 2010)

Public History Publications

Series Descriptions, RG-33, Records of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Archives. <https://archon.klnpa.org/psa/?p=collections/classifications&id=113>

Reviews

Cercles: Revue Pluridisciplinaire du Monde Anglophone, July 2018.

<http://www.cercles.com/review/r83/Pestana.html>

Pestana, Carla Gardina, *The English Conquest of Jamaica: Oliver Cromwell's Bid for Empire* (Cambridge, MA: The Belknap Press, 2017)

H-Atlantic, March 2018 <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=49760>

Sutto, Antoinette, *Loyal Protestants & Dangerous Papists: Maryland and the Politics of Religion in the English Atlantic, 1630-1690* (Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Press, 2015)

Cercles: Revue Pluridisciplinaire du Monde Anglophone, January 2018.

<http://www.cercles.com/review/r82/Mayville.html>

Mayville, Luke, *John Adams and the Fear of American Oligarchy* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2016)

Cercles: Revue Pluridisciplinaire du Monde Anglophone, September 2016.

<http://www.cercles.com/review/r78/Gallup.html>

Gallup-Diaz, Ignacio, Shankman, Andrew & Silverman, David J., eds, *Anglicizing America: Empire, Revolution, Republic* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015).

Amerikastudien/American Studies, 56 (2011), 141-2.

Fitzmaurice, Andrew, *Humanism and America: An Intellectual History of English Colonisation* (Cambridge University Press, 2003).

Law and Politics Book Review, XXI, no.5 (2011), 23-6.

Carnahan, Burrus M. *Lincoln on Trial: Southern Civilians and the Law of War* (The University Press of Kentucky, 2010).

Eighteenth-Century Women, VI (2011), 307-12.

Gregory Durston, *Victims and Viragos: Metropolitan Women, Crime and the Eighteenth-Century Justice System* (Arima Publishing, 2007) and Anne-Marie Kilday, *Women and Violent Crime in Enlightenment Scotland* (Royal Historical Society by the Boydell Press, 2007).

History Matters! Newsletter of the National Council for History Education, 23, no.8 (April, 2007), 4-6.

Ferling, John E. *The First of Men: a Life of George Washington* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010).

Amerikastudien/American Studies, 52 (2007), 458-60.

Trees, Andrew S., *The Founding Fathers & the Politics of Character* (Princeton University Press, 2004).

Seventeenth-Century News, 65, Nos. 1 & 2 (Spring-Summer, 2007), 58-61.

John Marshall, *John Locke, Toleration and Early Enlightenment Culture* (Cambridge University Press, 2006).

Sports History Review, XXXVIII, no.2 (November 2007), 170-1.

Sentence, P. David. *Cricket in America, 1710-2000* (McFarland and Company, 2006).

H-Net Reviews for H-Law, September, September, 2007.

Joseph R. Marbach, Ellis Katz and Troy E. Smith, eds, *Federalism in America, An Encyclopedia* (Greenwood Press, 2006).

Polish-American Studies, LIV (1997), 90.

Birkett, Patricia, ed. *Checklist of Parish Registers* (Ottawa: Manuscript Division, National Archives of Canada, 1987).

Polish-American Studies, LI (1994), 93.

Szucs, Loretta D., and Luebking, Sandra Hargreaves. *The Archives: A Guide to the National Archives Field Branches* (Salt Lake City, UT: Ancestry Publishing, 1988).

Polish-American Studies, LI (1994), 87-8.

Wrobel, Alfred J. and Eula, Michael J., eds. *American Ethnics and Minorities: Readings in Ethnic History* (Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co., 1990).

Polish-American Studies, L (1993), 98.

Schwartz, Laurens R. *Jews and the American Revolution: Haym Salomon and Others* (McFarland and Company, Inc., Publishing, 1987).

Polish-American Studies, L (1993), 119.

Smith, Jr., Arthur L. *Hitler's Gold: The Story of the Nazi War Loot* (New York: Berg Publishers Ltd., 1989).

Journal of the Early Republic, XII(1992), 574-5.

Chalidze, Valery, ed. *John Jacob Astor: Business Letters, 1813-1828* (Chalidze Publications, 1991).

Polish-American Studies, XLVI (1989), 111.

Dejten, David W. *The German's in Missouri, 1900-1918: Prohibition, Neutrality, and Assimilation* (University of Missouri Press, 1985).

The Southern Historian, VIII (1987), 98.

Van Horne, John C., ed. *Religious Philanthropy and Colonial Slavery: The American Correspondence of the Associates of Dr. Bray, 1717-1777* (University of Illinois Press, 1985).

East-Central Europe, XII (1985), 100.

Szymanski, Leszek. *Kasimierz Pulaski in America: a Monograph, 1777-1779* (A. Poray Book Publishing, 1979).

The UCLA Historical Journal, V (1984), 127.

Chapin, Bradley. *Criminal Justice in Colonial America, 1606-1660* (The University of Georgia Press, 1983).

LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Chairs/Comments

1997 Chair/Commentator

Negotiating Markets: The Rural Economy of the Mid-Atlantic, 1775-1807
Pennsylvania Historical Association

Chair

Research in Early Modern Europe

Tenth Annual Graduate Student Research Conference for the State System of Higher Education

Paper Presentations

2010 American Studies Association of Texas

Presenting America to the World or Selling Pennsylvania by the Pound: Texts and Contexts in William Penn's Narration of Pennsylvania

2009 Mid-Atlantic American Studies Association

The Pursuit of Faith and Government: William Penn and His Colonial System

2008 World History Association of Texas

Negotiating the Lines of Inclusion: The Political Creation of Imperial Subjects in William Penn's Colonial World

2007 Thirteenth Annual Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture

Conference and Fifth Biennial Society of Early Americanists Conference
Governor Nicholls, English Law and the Story of John Binkson

- 2003 Exploration, Nation, Empire
Historical Society of Pennsylvania
Civilization Comes to the Frontier: The Practice of English Common Law in Pennsylvania's Backcountry during the Eighteenth Century
- 2002 Daniel Boone Homestead Summer Seminar
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
From Chancery Lane to Reading: English Law at the Far Reaches of the Empire
- 2001 Defining the Nation: Exploring the Impact of the Marshall Court
An Unlikely Source for Confederate Constitutional Thought: The Adoption and Application of John Marshall's Ideas
- 2000 Pennsylvania Historical Association
Loyalty to the Law: The Legal Thought of Jasper Yeates in Republican Pennsylvania
- Public Records Office Summer Seminar in Legal History
The Practice of English Common Law in Imperial Pennsylvania
- American Bar Association: Working Group on Law, Culture & the Humanities
Combining Anglican and Anglicanism: Pennsylvania as a Test Case in Examining the Historiography of Early American Law
- 1999 American Legal Studies Association
The Language of Reception: Institutionalizing English Common Law in Eighteenth-Century Pennsylvania
- John Winthrop's Worlds: England and New England, 1588-1649
Millersville University, Millersville, PA
Administrative and Procedural Law in Winthrop's Bay Colony
- Fourteenth British Legal History Conference
A Most Ancient and Republican Process?: Examining the Social and Economic Background of Jurors in Germanic Regions of Pennsylvania
- Early Americanists in Britain and Ireland Colloquium
Brunel University, United Kingdom
Administering the Law in William Penn's Colony
- Archipelagic Identities, 1485-1707
Hertford College, Oxford
A Broadened Identity: The Extension of English Law to British North America, c.1680-1720

- Society of Early Americanists
Reexamining the Use of Roman Law in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court between 1790-1820
- 1998 Australia and New Zealand Law and History Society Conference
Administrative Law in Colonial and Provincial Pennsylvania
- Meeting of District Magistrates, Waikato, New Zealand
A Historical Examination of the Role and Function of the Justice of the Peace in
Provincial Pennsylvania: Comparisons and Contrasts to Today's Magistrates
- 1997 Lancaster County Historical Society Colloquium
Lancaster County Justices of the Peace
- 1996 Northeast American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
Exploring the Boundaries of Their Communities: Pennsylvania Germans in Litigation in the
Eighteenth Century
- Australia and New Zealand Law and History Society Conference
Twelve Knowledgeable Men: Jury and Legal Elites in Eighteenth-Century Lancaster
- British Association for American Studies
Defining Community in the Pennsylvania Backcountry: Ethnic Relationships in Eighteenth
Century Legal Records
- 1995 Canadian Law and Society Association
Bringing Together Criminals and Their Victims: Motives and Crimes in the Backcountry of
Pennsylvania, 1740-1776
- 1992 Pennsylvania Historical Association
Women Inside the Law: Female Estate Planning, Berks County, Pennsylvania, 1752-89
- Law, Society, and the State Conference, Law Society of Upper Canada
The Application of English Law: Men, Women, and Crime in the Pennsylvania
Supreme Court Prior to the American Revolution
- Southwestern Historical Association
The Urban Creators: The Harrisburg League for Municipal Improvements--Upper Class Reform
in Central Pennsylvania
- 1991 Southwestern Historical Association
The Goshenhoppen Community of Berks County, Pennsylvania, 1752-1775

- 1990 Department of Parks and Recreation, City of Harrisburg
The City Beautiful for Some: Parks in Harrisburg and Dauphin County
- Southwestern Historical Association
Testation Practices in Ethnic Groups in Berks County, Pennsylvania, 1752-1775
- 1989 Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
The First National Bankruptcy Act: A Study of Legal Development and Application, 1800-1803
- 1988 National Historic Communal Societies Association
The Development of a Nineteenth-Century Town: The Public History of Resaca, Pennsylvania
- Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference
Guides and Genealogical Research
- Southwestern Historical Association
Litigation in Eighteenth-Century Pennsylvania: Chester County, Pennsylvania, 1740-1780
- 1987 American Society for Legal History
Retention Schedules in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Valley Forge Chapter of the Freedom Foundation Lecture Series
Pennsylvania Law during the American Revolution
- 1986 Daniel Boone Homestead Historic Site Lecture Series
Law and Society in Colonial Pennsylvania
- 1983 American Society for Legal History
An Evaluation of the Boston Massacre Trials
- 1981 St Francis College History Forum
The Boston Massacre Trials

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Between Town and Empire: Administrative Law in Colonial Pennsylvania

Oliver Cromwell and His Use of the Bible in Private and Public

Crimes Across the Atlantic: A Comparison of Crime and Criminality between Gloucestershire, England and Pennsylvania

John Adams and the Advance of an American Law: The Case of Rex v Corbett

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

History Honour Society: Phi Alpha Theta

The American Society for Legal History