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## Education

2007 Ph.D. History, Harvard University  
2002 A.M. History, Harvard University  
2000 B.A. *summa cum laude*, History and English Literature, York University

## Professional Experience

2015-Present Associate Professor  
Department of History, Wilfrid Laurier University

2011-2015 Assistant Professor (hired 2010)  
Department of History, Wilfrid Laurier University

2007-2011 Visiting Assistant Professor (2010-11) and Lecturer  
Department of History, Harvard University

2008-2011 Allston Burr Dean  
Kirkland House, Harvard University

2007-2010 Instructor  
Extension School, Harvard University

## Grants and Recognition (from 2000)

2020-22 SSHRC Insight Development Grant, Government of Canada (PI)  
2019 Visiting Fellow, Jesus College, University of Oxford  
2019 RBC-Bodleian Visiting Fellowship, University of Oxford  
2018 Merit Award, Wilfrid Laurier University  
2018-22 SSHRC Insight Grant, Government of Canada (PI)  
2017 Course Remission Research Award, Wilfrid Laurier University  
2017 Society of Fellows in the Humanities, Cornell University (declined)  
2016 Francis Bacon Foundation Fellow, The Huntington Library  
2015 Merit Award, Wilfrid Laurier University  
2015-17 SSHRC Insight Development Grant, Government of Canada (collaborator)

2015	Visiting Sabbatical Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation
2014	Faculty of Arts Teaching Scholar Award, Wilfrid Laurier University
2014	Course Remission Research Award, Wilfrid Laurier University
2014	Faculty of Arts International Travel Grant, Wilfrid Laurier University
2013-15	SSHRC Insight Development Grant, Government of Canada (PI)
2013	Undergraduate Research Assistant Grant, Wilfrid Laurier University
2012	Faculty of Arts Travel Grant, Wilfrid Laurier University
2012	Initiatory Research Grant, Wilfrid Laurier University
2011	Department of History Publication Grant, Harvard University
2008	Raoul Berger Fellowship in Legal History, Harvard Law School (declined)
2007-8	Core Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship, Harvard University
2007	Recognition for Undergraduate Advising, Harvard Advising Programs
2006-7	Graduate Society Dissertation Finishing Fellowship, Harvard University
2003/5/9/10	Derek Bok Center Distinction in Teaching Award, Harvard University
2003-5	Clive Fellowship, Harvard University
2002-5	SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, Government of Canada
2001-2	Departmental Summer Travel Grant, Harvard University
2000-2	Harvard Graduate Study Fellowship, Harvard University

## Research

### Books

*The Invisible Handshake: Discovering Corruption in Early Modern England* (under contract with Oxford University Press for 2021)

*A History of the Social Responsibilities of Business, c. 1450-1950*, co-edited with William Pettigrew (Palgrave Macmillan, 2017; paperback 2019)

*Sir Edward Coke and the Reformation of the Laws: Religion, Politics and Jurisprudence, 1578-1616* (Cambridge University Press, 2014; paperback 2019)

### Articles and Book Chapters

"How Milton Friedman Read his Adam Smith: the Critique of Corporate Social Responsibility and the History of the Liberal Suspicion of Business," (under revise and resubmit)

"The Sixteenth Century," in *The Cambridge Constitutional History of the United Kingdom* (Cambridge University Press, under contract)

"*Hannibal ad Portas*: Necessity, public law and the common law emergency in the Case of Ship Money," in *Revolutionizing Politics: Culture and Conflict in England, 1620-1660*, eds. Scott Sowerby, Paul Halliday, Eleanor Hubbard (in press, Manchester University Press)

"The Jealousy of Capital: the Mid-Victorian Reform of England's Company Laws and the Moral Economy of Liberalism," *Enterprise & Society*, [advanced access link](#)

"Fair Trade and the Political Economy of Brandy Smuggling in Eighteenth-Century England," *Past & Present*, [advanced access link](#)

"The Hudson's Bay Company, Social Legitimacy, and the Political Economy of Empire," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 75:1 (January 2018), pp. 71-108

"The History of Corporate Social Responsibility: An Institutional Perspective," in *A History of the Social Responsibilities of Business, c. 1450-1950*, eds. William Pettigrew and David Chan Smith (Palgrave Macmillan, 2017), pp. 1-31

"Useful Knowledge, Improvement and the Logic of Capital in Richard Ligon's *True and Exact History of Barbados*," *Journal of the History of Ideas*, 78:4 (October, 2017), pp. 549-570

"Sir Edward Coke: Faith, Law and the Search for Stability in post-Reformation England," *Great Christian Jurists in English History*, eds. Richard Helmholz and Mark Hill, Cambridge Studies in Law and Christianity (Cambridge University Press, 2017)

"Remembering Usurpation: The Common Lawyers, the English Reformation, and the Defense of the Monarch, 1578-1620," *Historical Research*, 86:234 (2013), pp. 619-637

"The Error of Young Cyrus: The Bill of Conformity and Jacobean Kingship, 1603-1624," *Law and History Review*, 28:2 (2010), pp. 307-341

"Was there a Rule in Shelley's Case?" *The Journal of Legal History*, 30:1 (2009), pp. 53-70

### **Book Reviews**

Review of Jonathan Healey, "The First Century of Welfare: Poverty and Poor Relief in Lancashire 1620-1730," *Enterprise & Society*, 18:2 (2017), pp. 470-472

Review of Warren Swain, "The Law of Contract 1670-1870," *Journal of British Studies*, 55:4 (2016), 828-829

Review of W.B. Stephens, "The Seventeenth-Century Customs Service Surveyed," *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, 46:2 (2013), pp. 468-470

Review of James Epstein, "Scandal of Colonial Rule: Power and Subversion in the British Atlantic during the Age of Revolution," *Canadian Journal of History*, 48:1 (2013), pp. 186-188

Review of David Rollinson, "A Commonwealth of the People: Popular Politics and England's Long Social Revolution, 1066-1649," *Canadian Journal of History*, 47:1 (2012), pp. 119-121

Review of Jamie C. Kassler, "The Honourable Roger North, 1651-1734: On Life, Morality, Law and Tradition," *Journal of British Studies*, 50:2 (2011), pp. 479-480

### **Edited Texts, Commentaries and other Publications**

"Can moral ideas change company law? A mid-Victorian reform campaign and the principle of fair competition," Oxford University Law and Business Blog, August 28, 2020 ([link](#))

"On Fit and Frame," Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Uncommon Sense Blog, February 22, 2018

"Corporate Reputation, Law and Institutional Context in the Very Long-term," Oxford University Law and Business Blog, October 3, 2016

"Strange Bedfellows or Old Friends? Business Courts the Global Rule of Law," CIGI Commentary, June 11, 2015

Richard Ligon, "A True and Exact History of the Island of Barbados," edited e-text ([link](#))

"Creating an e-Text of Richard Ligon's 'A True and Exact History of the Island of Barbados,'" *Journal of Early Modern Cultural Studies*, 13:4 (2013)

### **Conference Papers and Invited Talks**

"Jesus College, Oxford and the Inns of Court in Elizabethan England," 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Jesus College, University of Oxford, October 20, 2021

"Christian Ethics, Corporate Social Responsibility, and the Origins of Howard Bowen's *Social Responsibilities of the Businessman*," World Business History Conference, Nagoya Japan, (September 9-11, 2021)

"Earthly Cities: Early Common Law Corporate Ideas and the Case of Sutton's Hospital," Berle Symposium on Corporations, Law and Society, Seattle University Law School, April 27, 2021

"How to Start an Early Modern Tax Haven: Smuggling, Fraud and Global Business in Eighteenth-century Britain," Business History Collective Seminar, January 26, 2021

"Was There Corruption in Tudor-Stuart England? Reconceiving Early Modern Official Misconduct," Tudor-Stuart Seminar, Institute of Historical Research, London, December 14, 2020

"Prosecuting Smuggling in Walpole's Britain: New Evidence from a Wide Survey," North American Conference on British Studies, November 14-17, 2019, Vancouver, Canada

"Quantifying Doing Good: Howard Bowen, Christian Ethics, and the Origins of Corporation Social Responsibility," Radical Business? Business and the Contest over Social Norms, Symposium, University of Oxford, June 28, 2019

"Moral Ideas and the Smuggling Economy in Eighteenth-Century Britain," Eighteenth-Century Seminar, University of Cambridge, May 14, 2019

"Corruption, Public Improvement, and Regime Change," New Perspectives on Regime Change, 1595-1606, The Huntington Library, January 11-12, 2019

"The Political Economy of the Early Modern Corporation: Market Formation and Social Responsibility from 1600-1640," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, January 3-6, 2019

"Secret Knowledge, Protestant Belief and Corruption in Late Tudor England," Workshop on Corruption, University of Warwick, March 16-18, 2018

"Progressive Lawyers? The Law Amendment Society, Market Morality, and the Campaign for Company Law Reform, 1852-1856," Legal History Seminar, Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, London, March 9, 2018

"The Case of Sutton's Hospital: Debates over Corporate Theory in the Time of Sir Edward Coke," Legal History Seminar, University of Cambridge, March 6, 2018

"Spaces of Competition: Brandy Smuggling, Market Morality, and Ideas of Fair Trade in Eighteenth-Century Britain," Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies/Northeast American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Toronto, Ontario, October 18-22, 2017

"The Moral Economy of British Liberalism: Fair Trade and General Incorporation in the Nineteenth-Century," Business History Conference, Denver, Colorado, March 29-April 1, 2017

"Social expectations, Self-interest, and the Public Good: Rethinking the Early Common Law Corporation," Legal History Seminar, University of Toronto Law School, February 22, 2017

"*Hannibal ad Portas*: Necessity, the Exception and the Rule of Law in the *Case of Ship Money*," Contesting the English Revolution Symposium, Department of History, Harvard University, October 14-15, 2016

"Corporate Reputation in the Very Long Term: the Historical Perspective," Symposium on the History of Corporate Reputation, Oxford University, Saïd School of Business, September 2-3, 2016

"Fair Trade, Grey Markets, and the Regulation of the International Brandy Trade in Eighteenth Century Britain," World Business History Conference / European Business History Association, Bergen, Norway, August 27, 2016

"Non-profit Corporates and Corporate Social Responsibility in the Very Long Term," From Public Interest to Private Profit: the Changing Political and Social Legitimacy of International Business, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, May 5-6, 2016

"The Invisible Handshake: Discovering Corruption in Early Modern England," Huntington Library Seminar, February 29, 2016

"Sir Edward Coke: Faith, Law and the Search for Stability in Post-Reformation England," Symposium on Religion and the Law, Emmanuel College, Cambridge University, September 23-25, 2015

"Company Law and Corporate Social Responsibility in Historical Perspective," Emerging International and Transnational Legal Issues relating to the Global Value Chain and Corporate Social Responsibility, CIGI, Toronto, ON, May 27, 2015

"Big Data: Can Important Questions Be Asked, Answered and Illustrated Like Never Before?" Big History! Big Data! Big Deal? Symposium at McMaster University, March 26, 2015

"Sir Stephen Proctor and the Business of the Law," Legal History Forum, Oxford University, February 26, 2015

"The Attack of 1749: The Hudson's Bay Company and the Social Life of the Corporation," Institute of Historical Research, London, February 24, 2015

"The Common Law, Politics and the Market in Later Stuart England," North American Conference on British Studies, Minneapolis, MN, November 6-9, 2014

"Public Confidence, Public Duty: The Language of Law Reform from Sir Edward Coke to the Hudson's Bay Company," Western Conference of British Studies, Calgary, AB, October 3-5, 2014

"The Digital Humanities in a Time of Doubt: Designing a Digital Humanities Curriculum," Digital Humanities 2014, Lausanne, Switzerland, July 9-13, 2014

"Aesthetics and Labor in Richard Ligon's History of Barbados," Canadian Association of American Studies, Kitchener, ON, October 24-27, 2013

"The Aesthetic Culture of Early Modern Entrepreneurship," Midwest Conference on British Studies, Chicago, IL, October 11-13, 2013

"Incorporating the Public Interest: Economic Thought and the Common Law, 1590-1630," Joint Centre for History and Economics, History Project Conference, Princeton University, September 27-28, 2013

"Private Desires and Public Law: Sir Edward Coke and Official Corruption (1594-1606)," Legal History Seminar, University of London, November 15, 2012

"Official Corruption and the Development of Public Law (1594-1606)," Tudor-Stuart Seminar, Institute of Historical Research, November 12, 2012

"Sir Edward Coke and the Challenge of Jacobean Law Reform," Institute of Historical Research, Seventeenth-Century Seminar, London, November 8, 2012

"'Those wise restraints that make men free': The Varieties of Liberty in the Early Modern Anglo-Atlantic World," Midwest Conference on British Studies, Toronto, ON, October 12-14, 2012

"Sins of the Frontier: Limiting Liberty in the Early Modern Anglo-Atlantic World," Western Conference on British Studies, Las Vegas, NV, September 20-23, 2012

"Eminent Domain, Republicanism, and the Public Good: Early English Fen Drainage Cases," Legal History Colloquium, Harvard Law School, Spring, 2011

"Property, Liberty, and Ethnocide: Edmund Spenser's *View of the Present State of Ireland*," North American Conference on British Studies, Baltimore, MD, November 12-14, 2010

"Edmund Spenser and Legal Ethnography," Department of History Colloquium, Harvard University, May 12, 2010

"*Jurispathos* and Jurisdiction: English Legal Culture and the Theory of Royal Delegation, 1590-1620," British Legal History Conference, Exeter, UK, July 8-11, 2009

"Corruption, Violence and the Gunpowder Plot: The Legal Assassination of Sir Stephen Proctor," Princeton University Renaissance and Early Modern Colloquium, Princeton University, April 25, 2008

"Sir Edward Coke, History, and the English Reformation," North American Conference on British Studies, San Francisco, CA., November 9-11, 2007

"Common Law Encounters with Reformation History, 1558-1616," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Minneapolis, MN, October 24-28, 2007

"The Bill of Conformity 1603-1621: Innovation in Bankruptcy Law," American Society of Legal Historians Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 18, 2006

"Sir Edward Coke and Legal Reform: 1584-1616," New England Conference on British Studies, Amherst MA, October 21, 2005

"Attack of the Common Lawyers: Jurisdictional Disputes in Chancery under James I," Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, Riverside, CA, April 2, 2004

### **Conference Participation**

Panel Chair, "Residential and Post-doctoral Fellowships," North American Conference on British Studies, Providence R.I., October 25-28, 2018

Panel Commentator, "Corruption in Early Modern England," North American Conference on British Studies, Washington, D.C., November 11-13, 2016

Panel Chair, "Corporate Social Responsibility," World Business History Conference / European Business History Association, Bergen, Norway, August 27, 2016

Panel Chair, "Early Career Workshop," Midwest Conference on British Studies, Detroit, MI, September 25-28, 2015

Panel Chair, "Life on the Periphery in Early Modern Britain," Midwest Conference on British Studies, Detroit, MI, September 25-28, 2015

Panel Chair, "Early Modern British State Policies," Western Conference on British Studies, Calgary, Alberta, October 3, 2014



Panel Chair, Session 3, Digital Humanities 2014, Lausanne, Switzerland, July 9, 2014

Panel Chair, "Interpretation and Change in Early Modern Law," Law and Governance Conference, University of Western Ontario, London, Ont., October 14-15, 2011

### **Presentations**

"Getting from Here to There with a Faculty Career," Professional Journeys in Higher Education Workshop, Wilfrid Laurier University, May 2, 2016

"Opportunity and Interdisciplinary Teaching," Laurier Teaching Fellows Workshop, Wilfrid Laurier University, March 29, 2016

"Teaching Business History," The Canadian Business History Workshop, Wilfrid Laurier University, November 14, 2014

"The Digital Humanities and the Arts," Arts Advocacy Day, Wilfrid Laurier University, March 6, 2014

"A Brief History of Debt: History and its Impact on Current Debates," ThinkArts, Wilfrid Laurier University, May 11, 2013

"Sir Stephen Procter and Catholic Conspiracy in Early Modern England," Ontario History Teacher's Conference, Wilfrid Laurier University, April 20, 2012

"The Challenges and Potential of Critical Mixed Race Studies," Multiracial Identity Conference, Harvard University, March 26, 2011

### **Interviews**

Romina Maurino, "Three things people get wrong about trickle-down economics," The Financial Pipeline, [www.finpipe.com/three-things-people-get-wrong-about-trickle-down-economics/](http://www.finpipe.com/three-things-people-get-wrong-about-trickle-down-economics/) April 2018

## **Teaching**

### **Wilfrid Laurier University**

HI 101R: History Detectives

HI 122: World History

HI 125: Business History in the West, 1500-2015

HI 217: Early Modern England

HI 252: The Lives of the Explorers

HI 275: The History of Consumerism and Consumption

HI 311: The Reformation  
HI 316: Europe and the Americas, 1450-1714  
HI 319: Britain's Eighteenth Century  
HI 336: Capitalism: Past & Present Debates  
HI 346H: British Politics and Society, 1485-1714  
HI 359: Corporate Heritage Management  
HI 405B & HI497B: Capitalism (seminar)  
HI 431: Late Tudor and Early Stuart History (seminar)  
HI 496N: Capitalism and its History  
HI 481: Business History in Perspective (seminar)  
HI 696: Graduate Seminar, Early Modern Atlantic

### **Harvard University**

HIST B-27: The English Revolution, 1603-1660  
HIST 71c: Race and Ethnicity in the Anglo-Atlantic World, 1560-1772  
HIST 81h: English Law and Society, 1578-1788  
HIST 1117: Kingdoms to Empire: Early Modern Britain 1485-1714  
HIST 1118: Early Modern British Exploration in the Atlantic World  
HIST 1339: Anglo-American Constitutional History, 1603-1787

### **Graduate Student Advising**

External Examiner, Olga Kanj, "Essays on Risk Management of Insurance Companies," Wilfrid Laurier University (PhD, Department of Finance), 2020

Committee Member, Chelsea Hartlen, "Murder and (Wo)Manhood: A Relational Study of Gender, Homicide and Criminality in Scotland, 1381-1600," University of Guelph (PhD)

Supervisor, Joshua Tavenor, "Climate and Capitalism: English Perceptions of Newfoundland's Environment and Use," Wilfrid Laurier University (PhD), degree granted 2017

Committee Member, Sierra Dye, "Women's Speech and the Scottish Witch-hunt," University of Guelph (PhD), degree granted 2016

Committee Member, Jennifer Parkinson, " 'I'll trouble *you* to take charge of the teapot:' Representations of Tea in English Society from 1810 to 1860," Wilfrid Laurier University (MA), degree granted 2014

Committee Member, Sean Grant, University of Guelph (MA), degree granted 2014

Committee Member, Ayesha Nawaz, "The Development of Islamic Law in Pakistan," Wilfrid Laurier University (MA), degree granted 2014; awarded the Laurier Arts medal

Committee Member, David McKee, "Prestige, Power and Perpetuation: Self-Identification and the Boston Brahmins in America's Gilded Age," Wilfrid Laurier University (MA), degree granted 2014

## University Service

### Wilfrid Laurier University

2020-Present	Wilfrid Laurier University Faculty Association, Governance Committee
2020-Present	Faculty Experience Coordinator, PennyDrops Financial Literacy Education (student group)
2019-Present	Academic Senate, Executive and Finance Committee
2018-Present	Academic Senate
2013-Present	Committee on Medieval and Medievalism Studies
2014-Present	Part Time Appointments Committee, Medieval and Medievalism Studies
2019-2020	Search Committee, Provost and Vice-President Academic
2019-2020	Search Committee, Vice-President: Finance and Administration
2018-2020	Curriculum Committee, Faculty of Arts
2018-2019	Search Committee, Vice-President: Advancement and External Relations
2018-2019	Transforming Laurier Library Strategic Planning Committee – Teaching & Learning and Research & Scholarship subcommittees
2017-2018	Program Coordinator and Lead Author Five Year Cyclical Program Review, Medieval and Medievalism Studies
2017-2018	Dean's Advisory Council, Wilfrid Laurier University
2017	Committee on the Humanities and the Lazaridis School of Business and Economics
2016-2017	Graduate Awards Nominating Committee, Department of History
2015-2017	Senate Promotion and Tenure Committee
2014	Integrated and Engaged Learning Conference, Organizing Committee
2013-2016	Undergraduate Awards Committee, Department of History
2013-2015	Faculty Advisor, Innovation Residence Learning Community
2012	Producer, "Make History" Promotional Video, Department of History
2011-2015	Digital History Committee, Department of History
2011-2013	Graduate Admissions Committee, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
2011-2013	Research Ethics Committee, Department of History
2011-2012	Faculty Advisor, Wilfrid Laurier History Students Association
2011	Reader, <i>Waterloo Historical Review</i>

### Harvard University

2010-2011 Co-organizer, Early Modern Europe Colloquium, Department of History  
 2009-2011 Harvard College Local Emergency Management Team  
 2009-2011 Faculty Advisor to the Harvard Half-Asian People Association (HAPA)  
 2008-2011 The Administrative Board of Harvard College  
 (Executive Committee, 2008-10)  
 2008-2010 The Administrative Board of Harvard Summer School  
 2007-2008 Race Relations Advisor to the Freshman Class  
 2005-2008 History Department Advisor to the Freshman Class  
 2004-2008 Residential Proctor and Member of the Board of Freshman Advisors, Harvard College  
 (Senior Proctor 2007-2008)  
 2006 Committee for the Peer Advising Program  
 2005-2006, Graduate Student Council, History Department Representative  
 2002-2003

### **Professional Service**

Reviewer for *William and Mary Quarterly*, *Modern Intellectual History*, *Business History Review*, *Journal of British Studies*, *Enterprise and Society*, *Review in Politics*, *Organization*, *Historical Research*, *Macquarie Law Review*, *Journal of Church and State*, *Law and History Review*, Routledge, Bloomsbury Academic

2019 Convener, “Radical Business? Business and the Contest over Social Norms,” Symposium, Bodleian Library and the Saïd School of Business, University of Oxford, June 28, 2019

2017-Present Program Committee, North American Conference on British Studies, Annual Conference

2016 Organizing Committee, “From Public Interest to Private Profit: the Changing Political and Social Legitimacy of International Business,” Conference, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, May 5-6, 2016

2015 Program Committee, Midwest Conference on British Studies, Annual Conference, Detroit MI, September 24-27, 2015

2014 Convener, The Canadian Business History Workshop, Wilfrid Laurier University, November 14, 2014

### **Community and Alumni Service**

2018-2019 Grand River Film Festival, Advisor and Grants Committee Volunteer (successful application for Ontario Trillium grant)

- 2011-Present Senior Common Room, Kirkland House, Harvard University
- 2011-Present Harvard College, Applicant Interviewer
- 2014 “Art Value | Value Art,” Exhibition Co-Curator, Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery,  
December 14, 2013 - April 27, 2014.
- 2011-2012 City of Waterloo: Community, Culture and Recreation Citizen Advisory  
Committee

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