**CHRISTOPHER LAWSON - CV**

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**EDUCATION**

**University of California, Berkeley**

**Doctor of Philosophy in History 2014-present**

*First Field: Late Modern Europe (Britain); Second Field: Global Imperial and Economic History*

* Passed Qualifying Exam in December 2016, will graduate May 2020
* Dissertation in Progress: *Nothing Left but Smoke and Mirrors:* *Deindustrialisation and the Remaking of British Communities, 1957-1994*

**McGill University**

**Master of Arts in History 2013-2014**

* 3.88 Overall GPA (on a 4.0 scale), graduated with High Distinction
* *Master’s Research Paper: The Nadir of the ‘Benighted Decade’? Challenging Thatcherite Historiography and Popular Perceptions of the ‘Crisis’ and Three Day Week of 1973-74*

**Victoria College, University of Toronto**

**Honours Bachelor of Arts 2009-2013**

*History Specialist, Minors in French and Human HuHHUHUfasdlf;ajjd;lfajf;sdkGeography*

* 3.93 Cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale), graduated with High Distinction

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

I am qualified to teach British and European history from the Renaissance onwards, as well as colonial/postcolonial African history and global imperial & urban history since 1700.

**Teaching Assistant, Ryerson University**

*HST 118: The City in History* **Winter 2020**

* Leading discussion sections on complex theoretical texts, presenting guest lecture on deindustrialization and urbanity in April 2020

**Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley**

*History 151C: Britain, 1750 to the Present* **Autumn 2018**

*History 130: American Foreign Policy* **Spring 2018**

*GPP 115, Global Poverty and Practice* **Autumn 2016**

*History 104, The Craft of History* **Spring 2016**

*History 10, Africa since 1500* **Autumn 2015**

* Led seminars, prepared syllabi, supervised individual research projects, collaborated with fellow instructors, guest lectured on British foreign policy and historical methods
* Provided one-on-one writing support to students from diverse educational backgrounds
* Recipient of Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award in 2018-19

**Teaching Assistant, McGill University**

*HIST215, Modern European History (1600AD to present)* **Winter 2014**

*HIST214, Introduction to European History (400AD to 1700AD)* **Autumn 2013**

* Led tutorials structured around small group work and focused entirely on the in-depth analysis of primary source texts, managed heavy workloads

**ACADEMIC AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

2019-2020 ***Reinhard Bendix Memorial Fellowship:*** selective $5000 fellowship from the Berkeley Institute of International Studies

2019 ***George H. Guttridge Prize*:** $2000 departmental award for excellence in the field of British history

2019 ***Grace Sha Award*:** $1000 history department award

2019 ***Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award***

2019 ***Berkeley Irish Studies Program Summer Research Grant*:** $2500 grant for research in Northern Ireland

2017-2019 ***Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Scholarship*:** highly competitive $40,000 (CAD) award for Canadian PhD students conducting cutting-edge research

2017 ***Berkeley Center for British Studies Dissertation Research Grant*:** $2000 grant to support research year travel in UK

2014-18 ***The Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study*:** prestigious Graduate Division fellowship including two years of funding and top-ups to department stipends

2013-14 ***Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Masters Scholarship:*** $17500 (CAD) award for top students entering Canadian MA programs

2013 ***McGill University Entrance Scholarship***

2013 ***Professor D O Robson Postgraduate Scholarship*:** $2000 scholarship awarded to a Victoria College graduate going on to post-graduate studies

2013 ***Brown Gold Medal*:** award to top history graduate at Victoria College

2009-13 ***University of Toronto Faculty of Arts and Science Dean’s List***

**ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

‘Making Sense of the Ruins: The Historiography of Deindustrialization and its Continued Relevance in Neo-liberal Times’ *History Compass*, forthcoming 2020 (accepted, awaiting print)

Review of Jon Lawrence, *Me, Me, Me: Individualism and the Search for Community in Post-war England* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019), in *Twentieth-Century British History*,

forthcoming 2020 (accepted, awaiting print)

Review of Sherry Lee Linkon, *The Half-Life of Deindustrialisation: Working Class Writing about Economic Restructuring* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2018), in *Labour/Le Travail*, Issue 84 (Fall 2019): 367-369

“Neo-Liberal Urban Governance and the Amalgamation of Toronto.” *Public Policy and Governance Review* 5 (2013): 59-69.

Fitzsimons, John, Craig J. Pearson, Christopher Lawson, Michael J. Hill. “Evaluation of land-use planning in greenbelts based on intrinsic characteristics and stakeholder values.” *Landscape and Urban Planning* 106 (2012): 23-34.

**REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Sept. 2019** Midwest Conference on British Studies, Chicago, IL

*All Together for the ’Craig?: Community, Class, and Nation in the Fight to Save the Ravenscraig Steel Mill, 1979-1992*

**April 2019** Economic History Society Annual Meeting, Belfast, NI

*Troubled Times: Community Responses to Deindustrialisation and Unemployment in a Divided West Belfast, 1960s-80s*

**Oct. 2018** North American Conference on British Studies; Providence, RI

*The Phoenix Rises Again?: The Community Response to Deindustrialisation in Coventry in the 1970s and 1980s*

(Panel Organiser) – Panel theme: Race, Community Activism, and Responses to Thatcherism in Late-twentieth Century British Cities

**June 2018** British Social History Society Annual Conference; Keele, Staffs

*‘Proud to be an Oldhamer’: Minority Communities and Community Identity in Britain’s Deindustrialised Cities, 1970s-90s*

**May 2018** Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting; Regina, SK

*Labour Unions, Community Mobilization, and the Fight against Deindustrialisation in Scotland and Ontario (1970s-1990s)*

**March 2018** Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies; Santa Barbara, CA

*Troubled Times on the Shankill Road: Coping with Deindustrialization & Unemployment in a Divided Belfast, 1960s-1980s*

**April 2016** UC Davis Graduate History Conference; Davis, CA

*The Imagined Village: The Project of British Community Studies and the Search for Identity and Belonging in Space*

**March 2016** Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies; Pasadena, CA

*Roadblocks to Progress: The Failure of the Community Development Project in the Multi Ethnic Inner City of 1970s Oldham*

**March 2015** Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies; Las Vegas, NV

*The Nadir of the ‘Benighted Decade’?: Challenging the Thatcherite Historiography and Popular Perceptions of the ‘Crisis’ and Three Day Week of 1973-74*

**March 2014** McGill University Graduate History Conference, Montreal, QC

*A Menace, a Distraction, or Somewhere in Between? : A Case Study of Fenianism in Wellington County, Ontario, 1868*

**ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS AND COLLEQUIA**

**Feb. 2020** - Presented at *Désindustrialisation, patrimoine industriel et transformations urbaines*

* Colloquium organised by UQAM Urban Heritage Research Chair

**Feb. 2020 -** Gave talk at *Montreal British History Seminar*, McGill University

Talk: *The Scottish Exception?: Thatcherism, Community Mobilization, and the Fight to Save the Ravenscraig steel mill, 1975-1992*

**March 2018** - Presented at *Feminism & Politics in 1980s Britain*

* Workshop hosted by Berkeley Center for British Studies

**LITERARY WORKS & PUBLIC SPEAKING**

‘The Fenians of Guelph and the Arrest of Peter Mahon’, public lecture at the Guelph Historical Society ‘Evenings with History’ event, March 5th, 2019

Employed as Casual History Lecturer at Engage as You Age LLC (San Francisco), 2018

-lectured on food history and British politics at retirement homes in the SF Bay Area

Co-editor of *Victoria: A Students' History*, published independently in 2012, and the author of articles “From Cobourg to Toronto”, “The Buildings of Victoria College”, “The Art Collection”, and “Alumni and Significant Individuals”.

**SERVICE & LEADERSHIP**

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| 2018 | * *Chief Organizer*, Berkeley-Stanford British Studies Reading Group |
| 2015-16 | * *Chief Organizer,* Berkeley-Stanford British Studies Reading Group |
| 2013-14 | * *Executive Member*, History and Classics Graduate Students Association (McGill University) * *Head Departmental Delegate*, Association of Graduate Students Employed at McGill (AGSEM) |
| 2013  2012-13 | * *Historical Interpreter/Volunteer,* Westfield Heritage Village * *President, Victoria University Historical Society* * *Executive Member, Student Projects Funding Committee (Victoria College)* |

**RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**GIS Technician Summer 2011, 2012, and 2013**

*Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills*

-Duties: creating maps for use by other departments & general public, updating databases, office management, liaising with clients

**Research Assistant****September 2008 - May 2009**

*University of Guelph, School of Rural Development*

**-**Duties: completing ore quantitative analysis using GIS software, communicating findings to project leads, holding round-table discussions with local stakeholders

**RELEVANT SKILLS**

* French: 12 years of study, advanced written and oral skills
* German: 2 years of study, intermediate skills
* Chinese: 1 and ½ years of study, elementary skills
* Quantitative statistical analysis
* GIS (Geographic Information Systems) and computer mapping (4 years’ professional and academic experience)
* Microsoft Access database creation & analysis (3 years’ professional experience)

**Affiliations**: Canadian Historical Association, Social History Society, Economic History Society, North American Conference on British Studies