

Simon Brown

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EDUCATION

- PhD, University of California, Berkeley (ABD) 2015-Present
Department of History
Dissertation: *Useful Subjects: Theology, Education and Practical Knowledge in Seventeenth-Century Britain*
Dissertation Committee: Ethan Shagan (Adviser), Jonathan Sheehan, David Marno (English)
- MA, University of California, Berkeley 2017
Department of History
- BPhil, University of Pittsburgh, *summa cum laude* 2015
Majors: History, Philosophy, History and Philosophy of Science
Thesis: *The Politics of Pedantry: English University Education and the Rhetoric of Reform, 1642-1660*
Committee: Janelle Greenberg (Adviser), Steven Pincus (Yale University), Jennifer Waldron, Emily Winerock

PRESENTATIONS

- Free Schools, Divinity Degrees and “Beneficial Manufactures” from Interregnum to Restoration November, 2019
North American Conference on British Studies, Vancouver, British Columbia
- “Mechanic Preachers” and Useful Trades: English Divinity Education and its Critics, 1640-1678 May, 2019
Journal of the History of Ideas Graduate Symposium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- English Preaching Manuals, Clerical Expertise and the ‘Learned Ministry,’ 1570-1660 June, 2018
Learning by the Book: Manuals and Handbooks in the History of Knowledge,
German Historical Institute, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
- John Dury, Practical Divinity and the Advancement of Useful Knowledge in the Seventeenth Century March, 2018
Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
- The Plainness of Useful Truths: Useful Knowledge and English Practical Divinity, 1570-1660 October, 2016
Futures of Intellectual History Graduate Conference, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
- The Politics of Pedantry: English University Reform in the Public Sphere, 1642-1660 April, 2016
Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, Huntington Library, San Marino, CA

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- “Reformation Theology and the Printing Press,” AAAS-Supported Seminar, *Technology and Theology* March, 2017
Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA.
- “What’s so Useful about ‘Useful Knowledge?’” Faculty and Student Lecture March, 2017
University Centre of the Westfjords, University of Akureyri, Ísafjörður, Iceland.

PUBLICATIONS (NOT PEER-REVIEWED)

- [“Higher Education and the Stuff of Revolutions.”](#) Journal of the History of Ideas Blog / Tocqueville21 2019
- [“Irving Babbit’s History of Ideas and the Making of ‘Men of Quality.’”](#) Journal of the History of Ideas Blog 2019
- [“Learning to Demonstrate the Spirit in English Practical Divinity.”](#) History of Knowledge Blog 2018

"A 'Usefull (Indeed Most Usefull) Thing' and the Fortunes of a Scholarly Petitioner in Interregnum England,"

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| Journal of the History of Ideas Blog | 2017 |
| <u>Book Review: <i>God in the Enlightenment</i>, eds. William Bulman and Robert Ingram, The Immanent Frame</u> | 2016 |

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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| Huntington Library Short-Term Research Fellowship | 2020 |
| New Directions in Theology Graduate Student Grant, Berkeley Center for the Study of Religion, UC Berkeley | 2019 |
| Los Angeles Review of Books Publishing Scholarship, Townsend Center for the Humanities, UC Berkeley | 2019 |
| Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Institute for International Studies, UC Berkeley | 2017 |
| Beinecke Scholarship, Sperry Fund | 2015 |

PRIZES AND HONORS

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| George H. Guttridge Prize in English or Colonial American History, UC Berkeley History Department | 2020 |
| Distinction in Qualifying Exam for Doctoral Candidacy | 2018 |
| Kirk Underhill Graduate Prize for best paper in British Studies, Center for British Studies, UC Berkeley "The Plainness of Useful Truths: Useful Knowledge and English Practical Divinity, 1570-1660" | 2016 |

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

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| Editor, <i>Journal of the History of Ideas Blog</i> | 2019-Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solicit and edit contributions in intellectual history for digital publication• Write original essays and book recommendations• Host and produce podcast interviews with scholars about recent books | |
| Staff Writer, Social Science Matrix, UC Berkeley | 2015-2016 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wrote articles detailing recent social science research at UC Berkeley | |
| Research Assistant for <i>The Routledge History of East Central Europe since 1700</i> (Routledge, 2017) | 2015 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided research for Irina Livezeanu on Chapter 5• Copyedited drafts of Chapter 5 | |

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| Co-Organizer, Journal of the History of Ideas Graduate Symposium May 1, 2020, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia | 2020 |
| Co-Founder and Convener, Religion and History Graduate Seminar Townsend Center for the Humanities, UC Berkeley | 2017-2018 |
| Co-Convener, Berkeley-Stanford British Studies Reading Group Townsend Center for the Humanities, UC Berkeley | 2016-2018 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| <i>Graduate Student Instructor</i> Introduction to the History of Religion Department of History, UC Berkeley, Ethan Shagan | 2020 |
| <i>Graduate Student Instructor</i> Introduction to American History: Settlement to the Civil War Department of History, UC Berkeley, David Henkin | 2017 |
| <i>Graduate Student Instructor</i> The Craft of History Department of History, UC Berkeley, Brian DeLay | 2017 |
| <i>Graduate Student Instructor</i> European Civilization from the Renaissance to the Present Department of History, UC Berkeley, Ethan Shagan | 2016 |

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| <i>Reader</i> | Saints and Sinners, Seekers and Skeptics: American Religious History | 2019 |
| | Department of History, UC Berkeley, Ronit Stahl | |
| <i>Reader</i> | History of Fascism | 2018 |
| | Department of History, UC Berkeley, John Connelly | |

LANGUAGES

English (Native), French (Advanced Reading), Latin and German (Basic Reading)