

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
- 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 Geography

- 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 Reformation onwards, as well as African & global imperial history of the last 300 years. I received the Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award at Berkeley in 2019 for my teaching work..

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

Teaching Assistant, McGill University

HIST215, Modern European History (1600AD to present)

Winter 2014

HIST214, Introduction to European History (400AD to 1700AD)

Autumn 2013

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2019	George H. Guttridge Prize (for excellence in British History)
2019	Grace Sha Award (history department grant)
2019	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award
2019	Berkeley Irish Studies Program Summer Research Grant
2017-2019	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Scholarship
2017	Berkeley Center for British Studies Dissertation Research Grant
2014-18	The Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study

- 2013-14 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Masters Scholarship
 2013 McGill University Entrance Scholarship
 2013 Professor D O Robson Postgraduate Scholarship (Victoria College)
 2013 Brown Gold Medal (for top history graduate at Victoria College)
 2009-13 University of Toronto Faculty of Arts and Science Dean's List

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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 2019

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*, forthcoming 2019

Lawson, Christopher. "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.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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

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".

Author of "The History of Victoria College: 175th Anniversary." *The Blue and White: The U of T Community Magazine*. Published at theblueandwhite.ca, 2011

SERVICE AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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| 2018 | ▪ <i>Chief Organizer</i> , Berkeley-Stanford British Studies Reading Group |
| 2015-16 | ▪ <i>Chief Organizer</i> , Berkeley-Stanford British Studies Reading Group |
| 2013-14 | ▪ <i>Executive Member</i> , History and Classics Graduate Students Association (McGill University)
▪ <i>Head Departmental Delegate</i> , Association of Graduate Students Employed at McGill (AGSEM) |

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