

CURRICULUM VITAE

Marc Egnal

Education

Swarthmore College, 1961-1965. B.A. received, 1965.

University of Wisconsin, 1965-1974.

M.A. received, 1967. Thesis: "Society and Politics in Massachusetts, 1774-1780"

Ph.D. received, 1974. Thesis: "The Pennsylvania Economy, 1748-1762: A Study of Short-Run Changes in the Context of Long-Run Changes in the Atlantic Economy." Supervised by Merrill Jensen.

Employment

York University.

Emeritus, 2015-

Professor, 1998-2015

Associate Professor, 1976-1997

Assistant Professor, 1973-1976

Lecturer, 1970-1973

University of Wisconsin.

Teaching Assistant, 1966-1968

Honors and Awards

Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, 1965-1966.

Fulbright Fellowship (at University of London), 1968-1969.

Ford Fellowship, 1970.

Canada Council Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 1975-1976.

Canada Council Leave Fellowship, 1977-1978.

York University, Faculty of Arts Fellowship, 1989-1990.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Standard Research Grant, 1991-1994.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Small Grant, 1995-1996.

“Honourable Mention” for *Divergent Paths* in the competition for the Wallace Ferguson Prize, 1997. This award is given annually by the Canadian Historical Association to the best book in non-Canadian history.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Standard Research Grant, 1997-2000.

Faculty of Arts Research Grant, Spring 2000.

Faculty of Arts Research Grant, Spring 2003.

Faculty of Arts Research Grant, Spring 2005.

Faculty of Arts Research Grant, Spring 2006

Sabbatical Leave Fellowship, 2006-2007

Publications

A. Books

A Mighty Empire: The Origins of the American Revolution. Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1988. Reprinted in paperback, 1989. xv + 381 pages. Reissued with a new preface, 2010.

Divergent Paths: How Culture and Institutions Have Shaped North American Growth. New York: Oxford University Press, 1996. Issued in both hardcover and paperback. xvi + 300 pages.

New World Economies: The Growth of the Thirteen Colonies and Early Canada. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998. xix + 236 pages.

Clash of Extremes: The Economic Origins of the Civil War. New York: Hill and Wang, 2009. xii + 416 pages.

A Mirror for History: How Novels Illuminate the Changing Outlook of Americans. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2024. x + 317 pages.

B. Articles (Refereed)

[With Joseph A. Ernst], "An Economic Interpretation of the American Revolution," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd Ser., 29 (1972): 3-32. This essay has been reprinted in several anthologies. 30 pages.

"The Economic Development of the Thirteen Continental Colonies, 1720 to 1775," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd Ser., 32 (1975):191-222. This essay has been reprinted in several anthologies. 32 pages.

"The Changing Structure of Philadelphia's Trade with the British West Indies, 1750-1774," *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, 99 (1975): 156-179. 24 pages.

"The Politics of Ambition: A New Look at Benjamin Franklin's Career," *Canadian Review of American Studies*, 6 (1975): 151-164. 14 pages.

"The Origins of the Revolution in Virginia: A Reinterpretation," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd Ser., 37 (1980): 401-428. 28 pages.

"The Beards Were Right: Political Parties in the North, 1840-1860," *Civil War History*, 47 (2001): 30-56. 27 pages.

"Rethinking the Secession of the Lower South: The Clash of Two Groups," *Civil War History*, 50 (2004): 261-290. 29 pages.

"Explaining John Sherman: Leader of the Second American Revolution," *Ohio History*, 114 (2007): 105-117. 13 pages.

"The Evolution of the US Novel: A Statistical Approach," *Social Science History*, 37.2 (2013): 231-54. 24 pages.

"Historicizing Domesticity: The Impact of the Woman's Rights Movement," *Canadian Review of American Studies*, 45.2 (2015): 238-58. 21 pages.

"Re-Visioning American Literary Naturalism," *Canadian Review of American Studies*, 48.2 (2018): 171-190. 20 pages.

C. Articles (Non-Refereed)

"American Slavery: The Newer Exegesis," *Canadian Review of American Studies*, 6 (1975): 110-117. 8 pages.

"Reply to John R. Hanson II on 'The Economic Development of the Thirteen Continental Colonies, 1720 to 1775,'" *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd Ser., 37 (1980): 172-175. 3 pages.

"Origins of the American Revolution," *Focus on Research at York University*, 1985. 1 page.

"U.S. blueprint helpful in building the new Canada," *The Globe and Mail*, September 8, 1992. 1 page.

"Thomas Wharton," *American National Biography*. 1 page.

"Proclamation of 1763," *The Oxford Companion to United States History*. 1 page.

"Comment on James Hijiya's 'Why the West Is Lost'," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd Ser., 51 (1994), 724-26. 3 pages.

"Preston Manning is hardly the new Abe Lincoln," *Toronto Star*, May 22, 1997. 1 page.

"A Tale of Two Titanics," *Toronto Star*, January 24, 1998. 1 page.

"Benjamin Franklin," *Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*. 1 page.

"Of Muskets and Terrorism," *National Post*, October 2, 2001. 1 page.

"Why They Kept Fighting," *Reviews in American History*, 37 (June 2009), 220-25.

"Rejoinder," forum on *Clash of Extremes*, *Review in American History*, 37 (September 2009), 470-72.

"What If Genovese is Right? The Premodern Outlook of Southern Planters," in *The Old South's Modern Worlds: Slavery, Region, and Nation in the Age of Progress*, ed. L. Diane Barnes, Brian Schoen, and Frank Towers (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011), 269-87.

"The Economic Origins of the Civil War," *OAH Magazine of History*, 25.2 (2011): 29-33.

"Becoming the Party of Freedom," Disunion Series, *New York Times*, online, July 31, 2011.

"Neither States' Rights nor Slavery: The Economic Origins of the Civil War," *North & South Magazine*, 13.3 (Sept. 2011): 12-20.

"The Greenback is Born," Disunion Series, *New York Times*, online, February 27, 2012.

"Crunching Literary Numbers," *New York Times*, July 12, 2013.

D. Articles in Published Conference Proceedings

"The Pattern of Factional Development in Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts, 1682-1776," in Patricia U. Bonomi, ed., *Party and Political Opposition in Revolutionary America* (Tarrytown, New York, 1980), 43-60. 18 pages.

E. Reviews

Review of Richard Bauman, *For the Reputation of Truth: Politics, Religion, and Conflict among the Pennsylvania Quakers, 1750-1800*, in *The Canadian Historical Review*, 1973.

Review of Edward C. Papenfuse, *In Pursuit of Profit: The Annapolis Merchants in the Era of the American Revolution, 1763-1805*, in *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 1976.

Review of Alfred F. Young, ed., *The American Revolution: Explorations in the History of American Radicalism* in *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 1977.

Review of Gary Nash, *The Urban Crucible: Social Change, Political Consciousness and the Origins of the American Revolution* in *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 1980.

Review of Alice Hanson Jones, *Wealth of a Nation to Be: The American Colonies on the Eve of the Revolution*, in *New York History*, 1982.

Review of John Hemphill, *Virginia and the English Commercial System, 1609-1733: Studies in the Development and Fluctuations of a Colonial Economy under Imperial Control*, in *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 1987.

Reviews of Allan Kulikoff, *Tobacco and Slaves: The Development of Southern Cultures in the Chesapeake, 1680-1800* and David W. Galenson, *Traders, Planters, and Slaves: Market Behavior in Early English America* in *The Canadian Review of American Studies*, 1987.

Review of Thomas Doerflinger, *A Vigorous Spirit of Enterprise: Merchants and Economic Development in Revolutionary Philadelphia* in *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 1988.

Review of Hiram Catton, *The Politics of Progress: The Origins and Development of the Commercial Republic, 1600-1835*, in *The Journal of Economic History*, 1990.

Review of Jack Greene, ed., *The American Revolution: Its Character and Limits*, in *The Canadian Historical Review*, 1990

Review of Jack Greene, *Pursuits of Happiness: The Social Development of Early Modern Colonies and the Formation of American Culture*, in *The Georgia Historical Quarterly*, 1991.

Review of Mary Schweitzer, *Custom and Contract: Household, Government and the Economy in Colonial Pennsylvania*, in *The American Historical Review*, 1991.

Review of Cathy Matson and Peter Onuf, *A Union of Interests: Political and Economic Thought in Revolutionary America* in *Journal of Southern History*, 1991.

Review of Peter Mancall, *Valley of Opportunity: Economic Culture along the Upper Susquehanna, 1700-1800*, in *The American Historical Review*, 1993.

Review of Jacob Price, *Perry of London: A Family and a Firm on the Seaborne Frontier, 1615-1753* in *Journal of Economic History*, 1993.

Review of Robert Gross, ed., *In Debt to Shays: The Bicentennial of an Agrarian Rebellion*, in *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 1995.

Review of John Crowley, *The Privileges of Independence: Neomercantilism and the American Revolution* in *The American Historical Review*, 1995.

Review of Jerome Huyler, *Locke in America: The Moral Philosophy of the Founding Era* in *The Journal of American History*, 1995.

Review of Kenneth Morgan, *Bristol and the Atlantic Trade in the Eighteenth Century* in *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 1996.

Review of Stephen Saunders Webb, *Lord Churchill's Coup: The Anglo-American Empire and the Glorious Revolution Reconsidered* in *The Canadian Historical Review*, 1996.

Review of Stanley Engerman and Robert Gallman, eds., *The Cambridge Economic History of the United States: vol. I: The Colonial Era* in *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 1997.

Review of Joseph S. Tiedemann, *Reluctant Revolutionaries*: in *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 1998.

Review of David Landes, *The Wealth and Poverty of Nations*, in *The Journal of American History*, 1999.

Review of Richard Buel, Jr., *In Irons: Britain's Naval Supremacy and the American Revolutionary Economy* in *American Historical Review*, 1999.

Review of Margaret E. Newell, *From Dependency to Independence: Economic Revolution in Colonial New England*, in *Canadian Review of American Studies*, 1999.

Review of Stanley Engerman, ed., *Terms of Labor: Slavery, Serfdom, and Free Labor* in *Histoire Sociale/Social History*, 2000.

Review of Stanley Engerman and Robert Gallman, eds., *The Cambridge Economic History of the United States, vol. II: The Long Nineteenth Century*, in *Canadian Journal of History*, 2001.

Review of John J. McCusker and Kenneth Morgan, ed., *The Early Modern Atlantic Economy*, in *Journal of American History*, 2002.

Review of Bruce H. Mann, *Republic of Debtors: Bankruptcy in the Age of American Independence* in *Canadian Journal of History*, 2004.

Review of David L. Carlton and Peter A. Coclanis, eds., *The South, the Nation, and the World: Perspectives on Southern Economic Development* in *The Journal of Southern History*, 2005.

Review of Elizabeth Mancke, *The Fault Lines of Empire: Political Differentiation in Massachusetts and Nova Scotia, ca. 1760-1830* in *Journal of American History*, 2006

Review of David L. Mason, *From Buildings and Loans to Bail-Outs: A History of the American Savings and Loan Industry, 1831-1995* in *American Historical Review*, 2006.

Review of Laura Croghan Kamoie, *Irons in the Fire: The Business History of the Tayloe Family and Virginia's Gentry, 1700-1860* in *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 2008.

Review of Brian Schoen, *The Fragile Fabric of Union: Cotton, Federal Politics and the Global Origins of the Civil War* in *Civil War History*, 2011.

Review of Michael Zakim and Gary J. Kornblith, eds., *Capitalism Takes Command: The Social Transformation of Nineteenth-Century America* in *Social History*, 2013.

Review of Angus Deaton, *The Great Escape: Health, Wealth, and the Origins of Inequality* in *The Business History Review*, 2014.

Review of Richard S. Grossman, *Wrong: Nine Economic Policy Disasters and What We Can Learn from Them* in *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 2015.

Review of Eugene D. Genovese, *The Sweetness of Life: Southern Planters at Home* in *The Journal of American History*, 2018.

Conference Presentations and other Talks

"The Business Cycle in Colonial America," Organization of American Historians, Boston, April 1975.

"Attitudes Toward Empire as a Basis of Faction in New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts," Conference on Party and Faction in Revolutionary America, Tarrytown, NY, October 1975.

"Attitudes Toward Empire as the Basis of Faction in Virginia, South Carolina, and Pennsylvania," Pennsylvania Historical Association, Allentown, PA, October 1976.

"Virginia and the American Revolution," York University history department colloquium, Toronto, October 1979.

"New York and the American Revolution," University of Western Ontario history department's eighteenth-century seminar, London, ON, February 1981.

"The Origins of the Revolution in New York: A Reinterpretation," Canadian Historical Association, Halifax, June 1981.

"Critique of Gary Nash's *The Urban Crucible*," American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch, San Francisco, August 1982.

"Economic Development of New France: A New Perspective," York University history department colloquium, Toronto, March 1985.

Commentator on "Politics and Leaders in the Early Republic," Organization of American Historians, St. Louis, MO, April 1989.

"Origins of the Revolution in Connecticut," Organization of American Historians, Louisville, KY, April 1991.

Commentator on "Domestic Cloth Production and the Gender Division of Labor in Colonial North America," Organization of American Historians, Anaheim, CA, April 1993.

"Comparing History: An Approach," History Graduate Students Association, York University, November 1993.

"Peasants or Entrepreneurs?: A Comparison of Early America and French Canada," Institute of Early American History and Culture Conference, Ann Arbor, Michigan, June 1995.

Commentator on "The First British Empire from a Wider Perspective," Institute of Early American History and Culture Conference, Boulder, CO, June 1996.

"Long-Swings in the Eighteenth Century: A Comparative Approach," Economic History Association, San Francisco, California, September 1996.

Keynote speaker, "Culture, Economic Growth, and *Divergent Paths*," Colloquium for High School Teachers, Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, ON, April 1996

"Divergent Paths and Its Critics," a talk presented to the Fernand Braudel Center, Binghamton, NY, November 1997.

"Class not Creed: Rethinking the Second Party System," Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Lexington, KY, July 1999.

"A Tale of Two Cultures," talk given at Upper Canada College, Toronto, February 2000.

"The Beards Were Right: The Evolution of Parties in the North, 1840-1860," Organization of American Historians, St. Louis, MO, March 2000.

Commentator and Chair, "Antebellum Entrepreneurship, Small Business, Family Farms, Planter Rationalizing," Program in Early American Economy and Society, Philadelphia, April 2001.

Commentator, "The Dutch Atlantic in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century," Conference in Honor of Stanley Engerman, Rochester, NY, June 2001.

"A New Look at Secession: Ideology and Interest," Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, November 2001.

"A Clash of Extremes: Rethinking the Origins of the American Civil War," Rothermere Institute, Oxford University, February 2003. Also delivered at University of Swansea, Wales, February 2003.

"John Sherman: Leader of the Second American Revolution," Organization of American Historians, Boston, March 2004.

"Explaining John Sherman," British Association of American Studies, Manchester, England, April 2004.

"Rethinking the Civil War," discussion paper for a single-paper session dealing with my interpretation of the Civil War, Southern Historical Society, Memphis, TN, November 2004.

"An Economic Interpretation of the Civil War," Missouri Valley Historical Association, Omaha, NE, March 2005.

"The Role of Slavery in an Economic Interpretation of the Civil War," Civil War, Causes and Consequences, Toronto, June 2005

Commentator on “The Inner Life of Tariffs: Protectionism and the Development of ‘Our America’,” Organization of American Historians, Washington, April 2006.

“How Modern Was the South?” Victorian Studies Conference, Calgary, Alberta, November 2006.

“Not Modernization but Clashing Extremes,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Worcester, Massachusetts, July 2007.

“Lincoln is Not the Civil War,” Centre for the Study of the United States, Toronto, January 2009.

Interview with Dave (Doc) Kirby, of WTBF AM/FM, Troy, Alabama, February 8, 2009.

“The Civil War Was More Than Lincoln,” Library Company of Philadelphia, March 19, 2009.

Interview and webcast, Abraham Lincoln Bookshop, Chicago, April 25, 2009.

Talk on *Clash of Extremes*, Author’s Sala, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, June 12, 2009.

Interview with John Lofton, host, syndicated radio show, “The American Way,” July 6, 2009.

Chair and commentator, “Coming to Terms with the Slave Power: Northern Responses to the Politics of Slavery,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Springfield, IL, July 2009.

“Rethinking the Civil War,” City College, New York, November 17, 2009.

“Civil War: New Departures,” Society of Civil War Historians, June 17-19, 2010, Richmond, VA.

“Roundtable: What Caused the Civil War? Contingency and Other Explanations in Recent Historical Scholarship,” Panelist, The Historical Society, Washington, D.C., June 2010.

“Origins of the Civil War,” Renaissance Weekend, Aspen, CO, September 2010.

Interview, Civil War Talk Radio, January 7, 2011.

“Explaining the Civil War,” Amelia Island Historical Society, Amelia Island, FL, January 2011.

“Dividing a Nation: The Origins of the Secession Crisis and the Civil War,” panelist in plenary session, Organization of American Historians, Houston, TX, March 2011.

“Rethinking the Sectional Divide,” Renaissance Weekend, Charleston, SC, December 2011.

Media

Consultant, “Mary Todd Lincoln,” TV Ontario, 1974.

Panelist, “James Cameron’s *Titanic*,” Ralph Benmergui Show, CBC, 1998.

Commentator, *White Buffalo*, History Channel, 2002.

Contributions to the Profession

A. Conference Organization

Organizer, Conference, “Microcomputers in the Humanities and Social Sciences,” York University, April 1985.

Organizer, Conference, “Arts and Ideas in Eighteenth-Century England,” Founders College, York University, January 1988.

Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, Annual Conference, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, York University, June 1990.

Convener, Toronto-area Americanists, 1990-2001

Co-chair [with Adrienne Hood of the University of Toronto] of the Local Arrangements Committee for the April 1999 Toronto meeting of the Organization of American Historians.

Co-Chair and Program Coordinator, Sixth Annual Meeting, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Toronto, June 2000.

Representative for York University, Fulbright Roundtable on U.S. studies in Canada, Montreal, May 6-7, 2005.

Co-Chair [with Rick Halpern of the University of Toronto], Conference on the American Civil War, to be held June 10-11, 2005.

B. Manuscript Reviewing for Journals and Scholarly Presses

Manuscripts reviewed for *The William and Mary Quarterly*, *Economic History Review*, *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Southern History*, Oxford University Press, Ohio State University Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, University of Tennessee Press, Cornell University Press, Institute of Early American History, Blackwell Publishers, and Prentice-Hall Canada.

C. Membership in Professional Organizations

Organization of American Historians, Economic History Association, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic.

D. Editorial Boards and Prize Committees

Member of Advisory Board, Lincoln Prize at Gettysburg College.

Member of Council, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, 2006-2009