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**EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF HISTORY,  
ROYAL HOLLOWAY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON  
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*Also Past-President*  
**British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (2010-13)**  
*and*  
**Vice-President**  
**International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (2011- )**

***EDUCATION***

1955-61 Chislehurst Grammar School, Kent  
1962-65 St. Hilda's College, University of Oxford  
1965-68 London School of Economics, University of London

***QUALIFICATIONS***

1965 B.A. History (Hons), First Class - University of Oxford  
1970 M.A. University of Oxford  
1976 Ph.D. (Faculty of Arts) University of London

***EMPLOYMENT***

1968-1969 Lecturer, School of History, University of Birmingham  
1969-1985 Lecturer/Senior Lecturer, Bedford College, London University; and  
1985-9 at Royal Holloway, University of London  
1985-1989 Lecturer for Yale University's Yale-in-London Programme  
1990-2010 Reader & then Professor in History, Royal Holloway, London University  
1992- Visiting Professorships in Australia (1995; 2000), Hungary (1992, 1996),  
Japan (1994; 2002; 2007)  
1999- Visiting Fellowships at Oxford University - Nuffield College (1999) and  
All Souls College (2008/9)

## **ACADEMIC AWARDS**

1967-68	University of London Research Fellowship
1987	Herodotus Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton
1989-90	Nuffield Foundation Social Science Research Fellowship
1990-91	British Academy/Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowship
1994	Japan Society for Promotion of Science Visiting Fellowship
1999	Norman Chester Senior Research Fellowship, Nuffield College, Oxford
2002	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Visiting Fellowship
2007	University of Waseda, Japan, Visiting Fellowship
2008/9	Visiting Fellowship, All Souls College, Oxford

## **MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

1979-	Fellow of Royal Historical Society - member of Council 1994-8; Vice-President 2001-4; Chair Research Support Committee 2002-4
1996-	Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London
2000-	Member Institute for Learning & Teaching; now Fellow of the Higher Education Academy
2002-	Fellow Royal Society of Arts
2003-	Executive Committee Member, British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
2006-8	Vice-President British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
2008-10	President British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
2010-12	Past President British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
2011-	Member International big History Association

## **EDITORIAL**

1972-5	Founding Member Editorial Board <i>Urban History Yearbook</i>
1975-9	Assistant Editor <i>Economic History Review</i>
1988-92	International Editorial Board Member <i>Journal of Urban History</i>
1992-7	<b>Associate Editor</b> (book reviews) <i>Journal of Urban History</i>

## **TEACHING & EXAMINING**

### **UNDERGRADUATE**

Extensive experience in teaching and examining for University of London BA - range of courses in British history and European history from sixteenth to early twentieth centuries; plus courses on Approaches to History (field now becoming defined as Historiology)

Also teaching for Yale-in London; and occasional lectures to US Universities in London

External examining: for many British Universities, including External Examiner for University of Cambridge Historical Tripos Part II (2001-4); and consultancy on updating University teaching/examining at Eötvös Lóránd University, Hungary (1992)

## **POSTGRADUATE**

MA teaching and examining within London: including both British history in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and Core course in Historiology. Plus MA external examining for various British Universities, and consultancies re course reviews

Doctoral/PhD supervision – 33 students supervised to date (all passed). Topics supervised range from seventeenth-century gender and economic history to mid- and later twentieth-century British social, gender and political history. All who have completed have gone on to publish; and 20 now hold tenure-track University or research-related posts, either in Britain or overseas (Canada, Israel, Japan, Spain, and Taiwan)

PhD examining – extensive experience for a wide range of British Universities, including Oxford, Cambridge, London; plus experience as overseas examiner for Osaka University, Japan (2008); member International Jury panel, *Université de Paris IV: Sorbonne* (2002); and external examiner for European University Florence (2010). Topics examined range from sixteenth-century urban history to twentieth-century social, gender and political history

## **PUBLIC GUEST LECTURES**

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| 1980 | First Helen Sutermeister Lecture, University of East Anglia   |
| 1985 | Special Clark Professor Lecture, William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, University of California (Los Angeles)             |
| 1997 | Dudley White Local History Lecture, University of Essex   |
| 1997 | Tim Curtis Lecture, University of Central Lancashire, Preston   |
| 1998 | Keynote Speaker at 26th International Congress of Actuaries, inaugural session, International Convention Centre, Birmingham |
| 2005 | Plenary Lecture Conference on Apothecaries, Art and Architecture, Apothecaries Hall, London                                 |
| 2008 | 11 <sup>th</sup> Sir John Lloyd Memorial Lecture, for Brecknock Society, Brecon Guildhall                                   |
| 2009 | Annual Public Lecture, University of Leicester Centre for Urban History   |
| 2009 | Plenary Lecture at Barcelona Conference on ‘Spain and the British Isles in the Long Eighteenth Century’                     |
| 2011 | Public lecture on ‘Time & the Historians’ at Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania                                  |
| 2011 | Bindman Lecture on John Thelwall at Wordsworth Centre, Grasmere   |
| 2012 | Guest lecture, Institute for Cultural Studies, London   |

## **OUTREACH LECTURES**

Over 100 other lectures to various Extra-Mural courses (Universities of Cambridge and London); Georgian Society day-schools; Historical Association meetings; local history groups in London and East Anglia; student History Societies; University of the Third Age; Victoria & Albert Museum education classes; and WEA courses

## ***RESEARCH GRANTS***

Since 1983 awarded £194,911 for research/ publication/ travel, from variety of funding bodies including British Academy, Economic & Social Research Council, Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Leverhulme Trust, Nuffield College (Oxford), Nuffield Foundation, Pasold Research Fund, and Patisson family (private sponsors)

## ***INVITED CONFERENCE PAPERS – BRITAIN***

Since 1970 have presented 45 research papers at British Conferences; plus at least 27 papers to research seminars in British Universities

## ***INVITED CONFERENCE PAPERS – INTERNATIONAL***

Since 1977 have presented 45 papers at international Conferences, including at the Einstein Institute, Berlin (2008); plus 24 papers to research seminars at overseas Universities

## ***ORGANISATION OF CONFERENCES/SEMINARS***

Considerable experience at organising Conferences plus panels at Conferences in Britain and overseas; plus since early 1970s have continually organised at least one fortnightly seminar at the Institute of Historical Research (with colleagues from other Universities in London area)

## ***SELECTED PUBLICATIONS***

### ***BOOKS***

*The Impact of English Towns 1700-1800* (Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1982), pp. vi + 206; hardback + paperback; **reprinted** 1989

**Note: Japanese edition** with new introduction, translated by S. Matsusuka & K. Sakamaki (Sanrei Shobo, Tokyo, 1989)

*Work in Towns 850-1850*, edited with Derek Keene (Leicester University Press/Pinter Publishers, Leicester & London, 1990), pp. xiv + 250

*F.J.Fisher: London and the English Economy 1500-1700*, edited with N.B. Harte (Hambleton Press, London, 1990), pp. x + 208

*Language, History and Class*, edited essays (Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1991), pp. viii + 320; hardback + paperback

*Power and the Professions in Britain 1700-1850* (Routledge, London, 1995), pp. x + 269; hardback 1995; **paperback 1999**

*Youth and Revolution in the 1790s: Letters of William Pattison, Thomas Amyot and Henry Crabb Robinson*, edited with Chris Evans (Sutton Publishing, Stroud, 1996), pp. vii + 200

*The Westminster Historical Database: Voters, Social Structure and Electoral Behaviour, with CD-ROM*, by C. Harvey, E.M. Green and P.J. Corfield (Bristol Academic Press, Bristol, 1998), pp. xiii + 193: paperback

*Time and the Shape of History* (Yale University Press, 2007), pp. xx + 310

### **PAMPHLETS**

*Towns, Trade, Religion and Radicalism: The Norwich Perspective on English History* (Centre for East Anglian Studies, University of East Anglia, Norwich, 1980), pp. 1-40

*Industry and Urbanisation in Eighteenth-Century England*, edited with P. Clark (Leicester University Centre for Urban History, Leicester, 1994), pp. vii-x, 1-93

*Naming the Age: History, Historians and Time* (Royal Holloway, 1996), pp. 1-36

*Vauxhall and the Invention of the Urban Pleasure Gardens* (History & Social Action Publications, 2008), pp. 1-37

### **ESSAYS IN REFEREED JOURNALS – including**

‘Rooms and Room Use in Norwich Housing. 1680-1730’, with Ursula Priestley, *Post-Medieval Archaeology*, 16 (1982), pp. 93-123

‘Giving Directions to the Town: The Early Town Directories’, with Serena Kelly, *Urban History Yearbook 1984* (1984), pp. 22-34 **AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/11**

‘Class by Name and Number in Eighteenth-Century England’, *History*, 72 (1987), pp. 38-61. **AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/7**

**Note:** also published in P.J. Corfield (ed.), *Language, History & Class* (Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1991), pp. 101-30

‘Small Towns, Large Implications: Social and Cultural Roles of Small Towns in Eighteenth-Century England and Wales’, *British Journal for Eighteenth-Century Studies*, 10 (1987), pp. 125-38

**Note:** also published in A. Maczak and C. Smout (eds), *Wolfenbütteler Forschungen, 47: Gründung und Bedeutung kleinerer Städte im nördlichen Europa der frühen Neuzeit* (Harrassowitz, Wiesbaden, 1991), pp. 85-101

‘Dress for Deference & Dissent: Hats and the Decline of Hat Honour’, *Costume: Journal of the Costume Society*, 23 (1989), pp. 64-79. [AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/8](#)

**Note:** also transl. into German in K. Gerteis (ed.), *Zum Wandel von Zeremoniell und Gesellschaftsritualen in der Zeit des Aufklärung*, special edn of *Aufklärung*, 6 (1991), pp. 5-18

‘Walking the City Streets: The Urban Odyssey in Eighteenth-Century England’, *Journal of Urban History*, 16 (1990), pp. 132-74 [AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/10](#)

‘Georgian Bath: Matrix & Meeting Place’, *Connecticut Review*, 12 (1990), pp. 69-79

**Note:** also published (revised) ‘Georgian Bath: The Magical Meeting Place’, *History Today*, 40 (1990), pp. 26-33; and in transl. in Mssrs Frühsorge, Kleuting & Kopitsch (eds), *Stadt und Bürger im 18 Jahrhundert* (Hitzeroth Verlag, Marburg, 1993), pp. 158-68

‘The City of Norwich as a Case History of Long-Term Urban Survival’, in Japanese transl. in Japan's *Comparative Urban History Review*, 13 (1994), pp. 29-46

‘History & the Challenge of Gender History’, *Rethinking History*, 1/3 (Winter 1997), pp. 241-58; with PJC reply to criticisms from June Purvis and Amanda Weatherill, entitled ‘From Women’s History to Gender History: A Reply to “Playing the Gender History Game”’, *Rethinking History*, 3/3 (Autumn 1999), pp. 339-41 [AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/6](#)

**Note:** The original article + ensuing debate both reprinted in S. Morgan (ed.), *The Feminist History Reader* (Routledge, London, 2006), pp. 116-29

‘Continuity, Change and Specialization within Metropolitan London: The Economy of Westminster, 1750-1820’, by P.J. Corfield, C. Harvey and E.M. Green, *Economic History Review*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ser., 52/3 (1999), pp. 469-93

‘Westminster Man: Charles James Fox and his Electorate, 1780-1806’, by P.J. Corfield, C. Harvey and E.M. Green, *Parliamentary History*, 20 (2001), pp. 157-85

‘Christopher Hill’s Intellectual Trajectory: From Biblical Protestantism to Humanist Marxism’, transl. as ‘Il percorso intellettuale di Christopher Hill: Dal protestantismo biblico all’umanesimo marxista’, in *Italia Contemporanea*, 232 (2003), pp. 491-505

“‘We are all One in the Eyes of the Lord’”: Christopher Hill and the Historical Meanings of Radical Religion’, *History Workshop Journal*, 58 (2004), pp. 110-27 [AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/5](#)

‘Returning Again to History’s Big Picture’, *Italia Contemporanea* - transl. as ‘Tornare alla grande storia’, *Italia Contemporanea*, 250 (2008), pp. 89-102

‘Rhetoric, Radical Politics and Rainfall: John Thelwall in Breconshire, 1797-1800’, *Brycheiniog*, 40 (2009), pp. 17-36 [AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/14](#)

‘From Poison Peddlers to Civic Worthies: The Reputation of the Apothecaries in Georgian England’, *Social History of Medicine*, 22 (2009), pp. 1-21 + online [AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/13](#)

‘POST-Medievalism/Modernity/Postmodernity?’ in special Time issue of *Rethinking History*, 14/3 (Sept. 2010), pp. 379-404 + online [AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/20](#)

‘British History: The Exploding Galaxy’, *Journal of Eighteenth-Century Studies*, 34/4 (Dec. 2011), pp. 517-26, in special issue ed. M.O. Grenby, ‘The State of the Discipline’: also on-line (Feb. 2012)

‘Business Leaders and Town Gentry in Early Industrial Britain: Specialist Occupations and Shared Urbanism’, *Urban History*, Vol. 39/1 (2012), pp. 20-49

#### **ESSAYS IN EDITED COLLECTIONS - including**

‘A Provincial Capital in the Late Seventeenth Century: The Case of Norwich’, in P. Clark and P. Slack (eds), *Crisis and Order in English Towns 1500-1700: Essays in Urban History* (Routledge, London, 1972), pp. 263-310

**Note:** also republished in P. Clark (ed.), *The Early Modern Town: A Reader* (Longman, London, 1976), pp. 233-72

‘Economic Issues and Ideologies’, in C.S.R. Russell (ed.), *The Origins of the English Civil War* (Macmillan, Basingstoke, 1973), pp. 197-218; [vol. reprinted many times]

‘Urban Development in England and Wales in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries’, in D.C. Coleman and A.H. John (eds), *Trade, Government & Economy in Pre-Industrial England* (Weidenfeld, London, 1976), pp. 214-47

**Note:** reprinted in J. Barry (ed.), *The Tudor and Stuart Town: A Reader in English Urban History, 1530-1688* (Longman, 1990), pp. 35-62

‘Defining Urban Work’, in P.J. Corfield and Derek Keene (eds), *Work in Towns, 850-1850* (Leicester University Press Leicester, 1990), pp. 207-30

‘F.J. Fisher and the Dialectic of Economic History’, in P.J. Corfield and N.B. Harte (eds), *F.J. Fisher: London and the English Economy, 1500-1700* (Hambledon Press, London, 1990), pp. 3-22

‘Historians and Language’, in P.J. Corfield (ed.), *Language, History and Class* (Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1991), pp. 1-29

**Note:** lightly amended text also translated into Greek for publication in journal *Histor*, 12 (May 2001), pp. 5-43

‘The Identity of a Regional Capital: Norwich since the Eighteenth Century’, in P. Kooij and P. Pellenbarg (eds), *Regional Capitals: Past, Present, and Future Prospects* (Van Gorcum, Assen, The Netherlands, 1994), pp. 129-47

‘Sociability and Small Towns in Eighteenth-Century England’, transl. into Hungarian, in G. Gyani (ed.), *Historical Dilemmas of the Modern City: A Modern Város Történeti Dilemmái* (Debrecen, Hungary, 1996), pp. 1-14

‘The Rivals: Landed and Other Gentlemen’, in N.B. Harte & R. Quinault (eds), *Land and Society in Britain, 1700-1914: Essays in Honour of F.M.L. Thompson* (Manchester University Press, 1996), pp. 1-33 **AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/9**

‘East Anglian Towns, 1540-1840: Regional Survey’, in P. Clark (ed.), *Urban History of Britain, Vol. 2: 1540-1840* (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2000), pp. 31-48

‘Songs, Satire and City Life: Pro-Urban Popular Traditions in Eighteenth-Century Britain’, in R-E. Mohrmann (ed.), *Städtische Volkskultur im 18 Jahrhundert: Popular Culture in Eighteenth-Century European Towns* (Bohlaus, Cologne, 2001), pp. 143-56

‘Eighteenth-Century Lawyers and the Advent of the Modern Professional Ethos’, in P. Chassaing and J-P. Genet (eds), *Droit et société en France et Grande Bretagne: Law and Society in France and England* (Sorbonne Publications, Paris, 2003), pp. 103-26 **AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/12**

‘Norwich on the Cusp: From Second City to Regional Capital’, in C. Rawcliffe and R.G. Wilson (eds), *Norwich since 1550* (Hambledon, London, 2004), pp. 139-66

### **SHORTER ESSAYS, COMMENTARIES ETC –**

40+ shorter essays and commentaries in a range of journals/magazines/websites in Britain, Italy, Japan, and Sweden; plus letters to editors (*Guardian; Times Higher*); and obituary notices (*Guardian; Independent*).

## Including:

‘History Viewed Long’, first published as ‘The Big Picture’s Past, Present and Future’ in *The Times Higher*, 27 July 2007, p. 14; and expanded for web-publication [AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/2](#)

**Note:** also on the *Making History* website, London University Institute of Historical Research: [www.history.ac.uk/makinghistory/resources/articles/long\\_history](http://www.history.ac.uk/makinghistory/resources/articles/long_history).

‘Knowledge-Based Skills’, first published as ‘Hobbling around with the Burden of Easily Forgotten Information’, *The Times Higher*, 25 Sept. – 1 Oct. 2008, pp. 24-5; later expanded for web-publication [AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/16](#)

‘Teaching History’s Big Pictures: Including Continuity as well as Change’, *Teaching History: Journal of the Historical Association*, 136 (Sept. 2009), pp. 53-9, with illustrations [AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/3](#)

‘Meditations by a Disaffected Auditocrat’, *Oxford Magazine*, 285 (Hilary Term, March 2009), pp. 3-4 [AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/15](#)

‘Tony Corfield, Trade Unionist (1919-2011): Two Companion Pieces’, comprising short obituary published (with altered sequence of paragraphs) in OTHER LIVES, *The Guardian*, 2 Sept. 2011, p. 38. It is followed by a companion piece, on Tony Corfield’s role in the former Transport & General Workers Union, as contribution to Education News, on Unite website: [www.unitetheunion.org/sectors/education](http://www.unitetheunion.org/sectors/education). [AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/18](#)

‘Dorothy Thompson’s Contribution to the Thompsonian Project’, pp. 1-11: to be published on website of *Historical Materialism Conference* (2012) [AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/19](#)

‘*Climate Reds: Responding to Global Warming with Relative Optimism*’, with companion piece by Mark Levene, ‘Climate Blues: or how awareness of the human end might re-instil ethical purpose to the writing of history’ (2011), both published on Rescue/History website, [www.rescue-history-from-climate-change.org/publications](http://www.rescue-history-from-climate-change.org/publications) [AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/21](#)

‘Thelwall *versus* Wordsworth: Alternative Lifestyles in Repressive Times’, pp. 1-22: to be published on website of John Thelwall Society (2012) [AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/22](#)

## BOOK REVIEWS

Since 1971, over 80 book reviews in 30+ periodicals in Britain, Italy, and the USA, including *Times Literary Supplement*, *Italia Contemporanea*, and *American Historical Review*.

## **Including:**

‘How Historiology defines History’, text of book review published (with minor cuts) in *Times Literary Supplement*, 21 November 2008, p. 22 **AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/4**

## **FEATURED REVIEW/RESPONSE**

**PJC response** to Alun Munslow’s featured review of PJC’s *Time and the Shape of History*, in *Cultural & Social History: Journal of the Social History Society*, 6/2 (2009), pp. 231-6

## **INTERVIEWS OF PJC**

‘P.J. Corfield Interviewed by Kazuhiko Kondo, June 1994’, in Japanese journal *Shiso*, 873/3 (1997), pp. 86-101

‘P.J. Corfield interviewed by Danny Millum’ (August 2008), for London University’s Institute of Historical Research website *Making History*, with accompanying short essay by PJC, ‘*All People are Living Histories: Which is why History Matters*’. For full details, see [www.history.ac.uk/makinghistory/resources/interviews/Corfield Penelope and](http://www.history.ac.uk/makinghistory/resources/interviews/Corfield_Penelope_and) [www.history.ac.uk/makinghistory/resources/articles/why\\_history\\_matters](http://www.history.ac.uk/makinghistory/resources/articles/why_history_matters) **SHORT ESSAY AVAILABLE ON-LINE AS CORFIELD Pdf/1**

## **HISTORIANS INTERVIEWED BY PJC**

**Christopher Hill** (1985) for *Videotape (now DVD) Archive: Interviews with Historians* (1986) – available via [www.history.ac.uk/bookshop/catalogue/Interviews](http://www.history.ac.uk/bookshop/catalogue/Interviews)

**E.P. Thompson** (1992) for *Videotape (now DVD) Archive: Interviews with Historians* (1993) – available via [www.history.ac.uk/bookshop/catalogue/Interviews](http://www.history.ac.uk/bookshop/catalogue/Interviews)

## **EDUCATIONAL MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS**

1977- Various contributions to BBC Radios 3 + 4 and TV, including Open University

1999 Consultant for Mike Leigh’s film *Topsy-Turvy* (1999)

2008 Scripted, researched and co-organised (with producer/director Mike Marchant) an hour-long DVD *Red Battersea: One Hundred Years of Labour, 1908-2008*

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

- Collaborative research project by Edmund M. Green, Penelope J. Corfield, and Charles Harvey, *Proto-Democracy in Metropolitan London, 1700-1850: The London Electoral Database* – for website publication (2012)
- Book on *Georgian Britain 1700-1830: The Verdict* - contrasting contemporary + retrospective judgements on Georgian Britain, with an overall verdict
- New research project on British social and cultural history, 1780-1914, provisionally entitled *The Long March of Meritocracy*.

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