

# SCHOOL OF HISTORY RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES



# WHAT SERVICES CAN WE OFFER?

**We offer the following services and bespoke solutions:**

## **Consultancy**

Within the School of History we offer a wealth of experience, expertise and talent. If there is a skills gap in your organisation, or you need bespoke research we can offer consultancy and expert advice that could help provide solutions to complex historical problems or increase revenue for history-related marketing projects. We would be excited and keen to work with you in the following areas:

- Consultancy on heritage projects
- Assistance with listed buildings, especially research on their construction and history
- Estate Agents selling historic properties.
- Expert witnesses in trials that relate to historical controversies
- Planning disputes (which involve old case law)
- Advice on the mission, limitations and context of historic trusts
- International law (especially in relation to historic cases)
- Collaboration with the creative industries
- Talking heads for documentaries and television/radio programmes
- Bespoke research for media projects: films, television series, screenplays, theatre plays, docudramas, and more traditional documentaries.
- Expertise in re-memorialisng public spaces that may contain controversial art or sculptures
- Confidential ethical advice for businesses and institutions that have a long history of trading
- Advice on museology and exhibitions
- Research and advice on developing history-based video games.
- Assistance with the marketing of products that involve nostalgia, history, heraldry or heritage
- Medical Humanities and health development
- Contingency planning based on historical precedents
- Private archives/libraries, we can assist with organisation, creation and cataloguing
- Rare Book and Manuscript advice, authentication and marketing
- Historical Tours and Travel planning to heritage sites
- Auction catalogues (provenance, authentication and research on *objet d'art*, paintings, sculptures, and other collectibles)



## **Support with Funding**

We can also help with access to collaborative funding to support your engagement, including:

- Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP)
- Innovate UK Funding Calls
- Assistance with public tenders involving historic infrastructure



## **Access Talent**

We have highly motivated students studying on our programmes, eager to further develop and apply their skills and knowledge within real organisations.

- Student placements and internships
- Student projects
- Recruiting talent
- Higher degree apprenticeships
- Bespoke fast track training programmes
- Access to research training and expertise



# THE SCHOOL OF HISTORY

**The School of History** is home to some of the best medieval, military, medical, political, cultural, revolutionary and imperial historians in the UK.

In the most recent Research Excellence Framework (2021), the School of History was judged to be the best in the country. The Research Excellence Framework awarded perfect scores for our research environment and impact, and almost 90% of our publications of original research submitted were judged by a panel of experts to be “world-leading” or “internationally excellent”.

Our research centres offer a range of specialisms and expertise in a variety of areas of consultancy and bespoke research.

The School of History is a professional and international community. If you are looking for world-leading expertise, the staff profiles below will help you decide who you would like to work with. You might also like to visit our [research page](#).

Once you have an idea of who you would like to work with or if you would like to discuss what we offer in more detail, please get in touch with our dedicated team on [businessrelationships@kent.ac.uk](mailto:businessrelationships@kent.ac.uk) who will be happy to help. The first consultation meeting is completely free and without any obligation to progress further, should you decide not to proceed.

The School is home to recognised experts on African, American, British and Irish, European (including French, German and Russian), Islamic and imperial history, with particular strengths in the history of medicine, military history, Medieval and Early Modern cultural, ecclesiastical, political and legal history.



We organise our research so that each of our academics has space to pursue their own projects, and we pride ourselves on the rigorous quality of our research outputs.

Our research interests are currently focused on

four key areas:

- history of commerce, global (America, Africa and Imperial) and cultural history
- history of medicine, ethics, environment and medical humanities
- history of Medieval and Early Modern cultures
- history of war, media, and society.



We are committed to using our study of history to make a difference to society today, and we always seek to build new research projects and incline existing ones towards the needs and interests of public audiences, practitioners, businesses, charities and heritage organisations.

We share our expertise with different audiences, working with radio and television, schools, historical associations, museums, private organisations and public bodies to explain the past and put the present in clearer context. We would especially welcome partnerships with the private sector to assist them with complex research, special projects and historical questions.

# MEET OUR ACADEMICS

**Professor Julie Anderson** completed her undergraduate studies in Australia and then moved to the University of Leicester where she finished her PhD in 2001. In that year, she was appointed to a Research Fellowship at the University of Manchester where she worked until 2009, when she was appointed Senior Lecturer in the History of Modern Medicine at the University of Kent.



## Research interests

Julie's research interests cover the history of medicine in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. She is particularly interested in the cultural and social history of physical disabilities and blindness, and is currently completing a monograph on a medical history of blindness 1900-1950.

Julie also researches war and medicine and has just completed a monograph on rehabilitation in the Second World War. In addition, she has written on medical technologies, particularly those for people with disabilities. Julie has worked with a number of partners to promote awareness of the history of disability, including the Royal College of Physicians. She is Chair of the Disability History Group and also co-editor of a series on the history of disability with Manchester University Press.



**Professor Mark Connelly** studied for his undergraduate and PhD degrees at Queen Mary, University of London. He was then a British Academy Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Lancaster University before coming to Kent in September 1999.

## Research interests

Mark Connelly has broad interests in modern military history with a particular specialism in the commemoration of the First World War in Britain and the Commonwealth. He collaborates very closely with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the In Flanders Fields and Passchendaele Memorial museums in Belgium and has been involved in a broad range of outreach and public engagement activity. Throughout the First World War centenary he worked with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport assisting with the planning and delivery of the events commemorating the Battles of the Somme (2016) and Third Ypres (2017), the creation of range of travelling exhibitions, talks, lectures, study workshops and projects carried out in collaboration with a wide-range of history groups and societies. He can provide many different types of support including expert historical analysis, the identification of key archival sources and materials, and advice on how to stage living history events suggesting and shaping content, materials, and high-quality outreach activities.

**Dr Ben Marsh** grew up in Oxfordshire, completed his undergraduate and postgraduate degrees at the University of Cambridge (Downing College), and subsequently taught at Brunel University (2001-2), the University of Oxford, where he was a Lecturer in Colonial & Revolutionary American History (2002-4), and the University of Stirling in Scotland (2004-14). He joined the School of History at Kent in September 2014.

He has featured on BBC Radio (including Witness, and The History Hour, on the Donner Party), given many talks and workshops to schools, museums and history societies, and is one of the lead historians for the Age of Revolution project which supports classroom learning on the period 1775-1848 with resources such as videos, podcasts, graphic novels and Top Trumps.



## Research interests

Ben's main research interests are in the social and economic history of the Atlantic world c.1500-1820 and the settlement of early America, including gender and race history, the US South and slave societies, demography, the American Revolution, and, latterly, textile history.



**Professor Barbara Bombi** studied at the Catholic University in Milan, where she completed her PhD in 2000. In 2001 she was a research fellow at the German Historical Institute in Rome. Between 2002 and 2004 she had a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Padua before moving to Oxford where she took up the post of Lyell Research Fellow in Latin Palaeography at Corpus Christi College. In 2006 she moved to Canterbury after being appointed as a Lecturer in the School of History at the University of Kent. She was appointed Professor of Medieval History in 2018.

## Research interests

Barbara's research interests cover ecclesiastical and religious history in the High Middle Ages (1200-1450) and she specialises in the medieval papacy and canon law. Barbara has worked on the Crusades of the early 13th century, writing a monograph on mission and Crusade in the Baltic area during the pontificate of Pope Innocent III. Her research also includes the history of the Military Orders, especially the Teutonic Knights in the 14th century. In the past few years, Barbara has edited the register of the representative at the papal curia of Edward II and Edward III and has started to compile a catalogue of the manuscripts of the Liber Extra (Decretals of Gregory IX), which are preserved in the British Libraries. She has recently completed a monograph on Anglo-papal relations in the 14th century, published by OUP.

# ACADEMICS & AREAS OF EXPERTISE

The following table contains a list of all of the academics in the School of History and their areas of specialism:

Academic Name	Area of Expertise
Julie Anderson	Medical Humanities and History of Disability
Aurélie Basha i Novosejt	Twentieth Century US Foreign Policy and International Diplomacy
Barbara Bombi	The Medieval Papacy and Religious history
Philip Boobbyer	Imperial and Soviet Russia
Tim Bowman	Twentieth century British Military History
Ambrogio A. Caiani	Revolutionary and Napoleonic History
Andrew Cohen	Imperial and Business History, Decoloisation
Mark Connelly	British Military and Cultural History
Peter Donaldson	Boer War and First World War
Mario Draper	Modern European Military History
Kenneth Fincham	Ecclesiastical History
Robert Gallagher	Early Medieval and Anglo-Saxon History
Stefan Goebel	Cultural History of the First World War
Emily Guerry	Gothic Art and Architecture

Charlie Hall	History of Twentieth Century Science and Technology
Emma Hannah	First World War
Suzanna Ivanic	Early Modern Religious History
Gaynor Johnson	Twentieth Century British Foreign Policy and International Relations
Claire Jones	Medical Humanities and the History Contraception
Karen Jones	US and Environmental History
Mark Lawrence	Modern Spanish and Latin American History
Ben Marsh	American Revolution
Erik Mathisen	American Civil War
Aparajita Mukhopadhyay	Modern Indian and Railway History
Juliette Pattinson	Gender and Military history twentieth century
Edward Roberts	Carolingian and Early Medieval European History
John Wills	History of Video Games and modern American Culture

## CONTACT US

If you would like to discuss working with one of the team further, please do not hesitate to contact our Business Relationship Officer, Chris McCarthy, who will be happy to discuss how we can support your organisation and develop a bespoke solution for you. **The first consultation is free with no obligation.**

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For more information on the School of History you can visit our website  
<https://www.kent.ac.uk/history>