

Neil Longley York
Vita

Born: San Luis Obispo, California, 21 April 1951

Married; two daughters

Education

Graduate, Napa Senior High School, Napa, California, 1969

B.A., Brigham Young University, 1973

M.A., Brigham Young University, 1975

Ph.D., University of California, Santa Barbara, 1978

Experience

Teaching Assistant, BYU, 1973-1974

Research Associate, BYU, 1974-1975

Teaching Assistant, UCSB, 1975-1977

Instructor, BYU, 1977-1979

Assistant Professor of History, BYU, 1979-1984

Associate Professor of History, BYU, 1984-1994

Professor of History, BYU, 1994-present

History Department Chair, 2002-2005

Karl G. Maeser Professor of General Education, BYU, 2000-2003

Mary Lou Fulton Professor, 2006-2012

Coordinator, American Studies, BYU, 1980-1985; 1994-1998

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of California, Davis, summers 1980, 1981

Visiting Associate Professor of History, University of Utah, Fall 1989

Fields of Expertise

Colonial/Revolutionary U.S.

History of Technology

U.S. Diplomatic

U.S. Constitutional

Courses Taught (since 1980)

Problems in Early American History (graduate seminar; also at the University of Utah, Fall 1989)

U.S. Constitutional

Colonial U.S.

Revolutionary U.S.

The Declaration of Independence (honors seminar, 1986)

The Machine in America (also for U.C. Davis, UC in DC program, summers 1980, 1981)

America as a Civilization (American Studies core course)

U.S. Diplomatic
U.S. to 1877
Senior Research Seminar

Professional and Honor Societies

Colonial Society of Massachusetts (by election)
Fellow, Massachusetts Historical Society (by election)
Associate, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture
Phi Alpha Theta (member, International Council, 1984-1986)
Phi Kappa Phi

Papers presented

"Josiah Quincy Junior and the Sources of American Revolutionary Thought," Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association meeting, August 1996

"Science and the Federal Government in the Early Republic" at the 3rd annual Latin American Congress on Science and Technology, Mexico City, January 1992 (in a session sponsored by the National Science Foundation)

"American Historians: Do They Have More Than They Deserve?" keynote address, Phi Alpha Theta regional conference, Weber State College, April 1988

"Our First 'Good' War: Selective Memory, Special Pleading and the War of American Independence," American Historical Association meeting, December 1987

"American Revolutionaries and the Illusion of Irish Empathy," Duquesne University History Forum, November 1984

"Ending the War and Winning the Peace," Duquesne University History Forum, October 1982

Books

Henry Hulton and the American Revolution: An Outsider's Inside View (Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 2010)

The Boston Massacre: A History With Documents (Routledge, 2010)

Maxims for a Patriot: Josiah Quincy Junior and His Commonplace Book (Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 2005). Vol. 1 of a 6 volume series (2005-2014), *Portrait of a Patriot: The Major Political and Legal Papers of Josiah Quincy Junior*, co-authored/co-edited with Dan Coquillette, Harvard Law School

Turning the World Upside Down: The War of American Independence and the Problem of Empire (Praeger, 2003)

Fiction as Fact: The Horse Soldiers and Popular Memory (Kent State University Press, 2001); nominated for The Lincoln Prize

Neither Kingdom Nor Nation: The Irish Quest for Constitutional Rights, 1698-1800 (Catholic University of America Press, 1994).

Editor, *Toward a More Perfect Union* (BYU and SUNY Press, 1988); essays by Gordon Wood, Peter Onuf, Lance Banning, Richard Vetterli and Gary Bryner, John Diggins, and Thomas Grey

Mechanical Metamorphosis: Technological Change in Revolutionary America (Greenwood Press, 1985); foreword by Brooke Hindle, Senior Historian of the Smithsonian Institution; nominated for Dexter Prize, Society for the History of Technology.

Pamphlet

Burning the Dockyard: John the Painter and the American Revolution (Portsmouth Papers, City of Portsmouth [England] Publications, 2001)

Articles

“Boston 1768, Baghdad 2003: ‘Groupthink’ Redivivus” *Soundings* 94 (2011):191-227.

“Imperial Impotence: Treason in 1774 Massachusetts” *Law and History Review* 29 (2011):657-701.

“Howard Fast’s American Revolution” *American Studies* 50 (2009):85-106.

“George III, Tyrant: *The Crisis* as Critic of Empire, 1775-1776” *History* 94 (2009): 434-460.

“When Words Fail: William Pitt, Benjamin Franklin, and the Imperial Crisis of 1766” *Parliamentary History* 28 (2009): 341-374.

“Rival Truths, Political Accommodation, and the Boston ‘Massacre’” *Massachusetts Historical Review* 11 (2009):1-39.

“Son of Liberty: Johnny Tremain and the Art of Making American Patriots” *Early American Studies* 6 (2008):422-447.

“William Dowdeswell and the American Crisis, 1763-1775” *History* 90 (2005):507-531.

“Thomas Crowley’s Proposal to Seat Americans in Parliament, 1765-1775” *Quaker History* 91 (2002):1-19. Also printed, with slight differences, in *The Journal of the Friends Historical Society* 59 (2001):155-74.

“Federalism and the Failure of Imperial Reform, 1774-1775” *History* 86 (2001):155-179.

“The First Continental Congress and the Problem of American Rights” *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 122 (1998):353-383.

- "Tag-Team Polemics: The 'Centinel' and His Allies in *The Massachusetts Spy*" *Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society* 107 (1995):85-114.
- "Hamlet as American Revolutionary" *Hamlet Studies* 15 (1993):40-53.
- "Freemasons and the American Revolution" *The Historian* 55 (1993):315-330.
- "The Uses of Law and the *Gaspee* Affair" *Rhode Island History* 50 (1992):3-21; reprinted in Patrick T. Conley, ed., *Liberty and Justice* (Providence: Rhode Island Publications Society, 1998), pp. 132-153.
- "Our First 'Good' War: Selective Memory, Special Pleading, and the War of American Independence" *Peace and Change* 15 (1990):371-390.
- "Ending the War and Winning the Peace: The British in America and the Americans in Vietnam" *Soundings* 70 (1987):445-474.
- "American Revolutionaries and the Illusion of Irish Empathy" *Eire-Ireland* 21 (1986):13-30.
- "California Girls and the American Eden" *Journal of American Culture* 7 (1984):33-43.
- "Comic Book Luddite: The Saga of 'Magnus, Robot Fighter'" *Journal of American Culture* 7 (1984):38-44.
- "Pennsylvania Rifle: Revolutionary Weapon in a Conventional War?" *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 103 (1979):302-324; reprinted in Peter Onuf, ed., *The New American Nation, 1775-1790* (Garland, 1990), Volume 2.
- "Clandestine Aid and the American Revolutionary War Effort: A Re-Examination" *Military Affairs* 43 (1979):26-30.

Essays

- "Benjamin Franklin, the Mysterious 'Charles de Weissenstein,' and Britain's Failure to Coax Revolutionary Americans Back into the Empire" in Paul E. Kerry and Matthew S. Holland, eds., *Benjamin Franklin's Intellectual World* (Madison, N.J.: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2012), 43-76.
- Entries in Mark G. Spencer, ed., *Encyclopedia of the American Enlightenment* (Continuum, forthcoming) on: Josiah Quincy, Jr.; James Rumsey; and technology
- "Continental Congresses, 1774-1781" in Andrew Robertson, *Encyclopedia of United States Political History*, 7 vols. (Congressional Quarterly Press, 2010), 1:92-97.

“Military Technology” in *Encyclopedia of the New American Nation*, 3 vols. (Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2005), 2:376-378.

“James Aitken,” “John Andrews,” “Thomas Crowley,” “Beaumont Hotham” for the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford University Press, 2004), 1:533-35; 2:126-27; 14:495-96; 28:250-52, resp.

"Revolutionary War and Science" in Marc Rothenberg, ed., *The History of Science in the United States: An Encyclopedia* (Garland, 2001), pp. 471-472.

“The Impact of the American Revolution on Ireland” in H. T. Dickinson (University of Edinburgh), ed., *Britain and the American Revolution* (Longman, 1998), 205-232.

Sketches in John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes, eds., *American National Biography*, 24 vols. (Oxford University Press, 1999) on: Oliver Evans (7:617-618); John Fitch (8:40-42); James Rumsey (19:63-65).

"Technology in the British Colonies," in Jacob Cooke et al., eds., *Encyclopedia of the North American Colonies*, 3 vols. (Charles Scribner's Sons, 1993), 3:229-239.

"Historians and the History of American Diplomacy" *National Forum* (Phi Kappa Phi magazine) 64 (1984):34-36.

In Process

“Defining and Defending Colonial American Rights: William Bollan, Agent” (submitted for publication)

Portrait of a Patriot: The Major Political Writings of Josiah Quincy Junior, vol. 6 (Colonial Society of Massachusetts and University of Virginia Press, forthcoming 2014)

The Crisis: A British Defense of American Rights, 1775-1776 (Liberty Fund, forthcoming 2015)

Book reviews in the *American Historical Review*; *The Historian*; *Technology and Culture*; *New York History*; *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*; *Western Historical Quarterly*, and *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*

Manuscript reader/referee for *The William and Mary Quarterly*; *The Historian*; *Technology and Culture*; *English Historical Review*; Oxford University Press; Routledge; D.C. Heath Publishers; HarperCollins Publishers; Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.; University Press of Florida

Consultant for "Buckminster Fuller: Thinking Out Loud" (1995), produced by Kirk Simon and Karen Goodman, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, 1996

Campus Activities

“The Arsonist as Revolutionary: “John the Painter” and the War of American Independence.” Harold B. Lee Library “House of Learning” series (13 October 2005)

University-wide “Forum” address on “We, Robots?”, 19 July 2005

Gordon B. Hinckley scholarship selection committee, 1999-2001

Member, dean search committee, College of Family, Home and Social Sciences, 2001

University graduate council, review of the English Department M.A. program, 1996

University Forum Committee, 1993-1995

College of Family, Home and Social Sciences Promotion and Tenure Committee, 1991-1993, 1994-1995, 1999-2000

Distinguished Teaching Award, BYU Alumni Association, 1990-1991, 1991-1992 (selected by graduating History seniors)

Outstanding Professor, American Studies program, 2002-2003 (selected by graduating American Studies majors)

University Faculty Advisory Council, 1982-1985

History department promotion and tenure committee chair; policy advisory committee; Americanist caucus chair; graduate committee; student grievances committee; sundry award committees, 1978-2004

Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta, 1978-1983

Chair of 1 Ph.D. dissertation, 11 M.A. theses, and 8 senior honors theses

University-wide "Forum Address" on "Engines of Democracy: Machines and the Cult of American Progress," 19 July 1983

Various lectures for the honors program "Flea Market" series; guest lectures in history, political science, honors, and engineering classes; various radio "talk" show programs

Reader of Advanced Placement History, Educational Testing Service, June 1989