



Swansea University
Prifysgol Abertawe



Department of History

Research Specialisms



History Department

The Department of History Swansea University is a large and thriving unit. Our staff are not only leading scholars in their field but also committed to teaching and public engagement. We work with museums, heritage bodies and the media.

Staff in History are members of the following research groups:

Centre on Digital Arts and Humanities (CODAH)
Conflict, Reconstruction and Memory Research Group (CRAM)
The Centre for Research into Gender and Culture in Society (GENCAS)
The Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Research (MEMO)
Research Group for Health, History and Culture (RGHHC)

The research of our staff and postgraduates is integral to the life of the department and it means that Swansea is a vibrant, exciting and stimulating place to study. We offer three distinct research degrees, each of which requires you to conduct original research on a specific topic:

- A PhD (100,000 word thesis; three years full-time - five years part-time)
- An MPhil (60,000 word thesis; two years full-time - four years part-time)
- An MA by Research (30,000 word thesis; one year full-time - two years part-time)

Entry Requirements

PhD entry requirements are an upper second degree plus a Master's degree in a relevant subject. M.Phil and Master's by Research applicants must have a minimum of 2.1 at undergraduate level or relevant Professional qualifications. International applicants should have a minimum IELTS of 6.5 or equivalent. Students may enrol in September, January, April or July.

How to Apply

Applications can be made to either the University's Admissions Office or look at the website - www.swansea.ac.uk/postgraduate, where you will find the on-line application form and details of current fees.

Contact

Potential applicants are most welcome to contact the Arts and Humanities Graduate Centre admissions team for more details and advice on designing a research proposal, email: COAHGradCentrePGRAdmissions@swansea.ac.uk.

For further information on staff research specialisms, please contact:
Dr. Adam Mosley, email: a.j.mosley@swansea.ac.uk.

Visit our staff pages for full information on staff research expertise and supervisory interests:
www.swansea.ac.uk/artsandhumanities/aboutus/

Department of History

Dr Michael Bresalier

Specialist Subjects: modern history of medicine; global history of disease; international and global health; history of food (especially twentieth-century livestock production).

Dr Rebecca Clifford

Specialist Subjects: post-1945 European history; Holocaust history; oral history; memory studies.

Dr Jonathan Dunnage

Specialist Subjects: modern European history, especially twentieth-century Italy; crime, policing, and punishment, especially twentieth-century policing and police/military cultures.

Dr Catherine Fletcher

Specialist Subjects: early modern Europe (especially Italy and Britain); diplomacy; material culture; representations of Tudor and Renaissance history in literature, on television and in film, at heritage sites and online.

Dr Stefan Halikowski-Smith

Specialist Subjects: early modern history; history of Portugal and the Portuguese Empire; the spice trade; economic history; maritime and imperial history.

Dr Tomás Irish

Specialist Subjects: the First World War (France, Britain, Ireland, United States); internationalism; history of education; intellectual history.

Dr Leighton James

Specialist Subjects: modern European history; the Napoleonic Wars; military history; labour history; Central Europe.

Dr Simon John

Specialist Subjects: High Medieval Europe (1100-1300); Crusades; the writing of history; kingship and medieval political thought.

Dr Martin Johnes

Specialist Subjects: modern Wales; leisure and sports history (especially boxing, football and rugby); local government; contemporary history; post-1945 Britain.

Dr Alex Langlands

Specialist Subjects: medieval history; medieval archaeology; landscape history; landscape archaeology; broadcast media.

Dr Christoph Laucht

Specialist Subjects: modern Britain, Germany and the United States; the Cold War; the nuclear age; history of science, technology, and medicine; film, television and history; transnational history; historical peace research.

Dr Gethin Matthews

Specialist subjects: modern Wales; Wales and the First World War; Welsh communities overseas; Wales and the British Empire; history on television.

Dr Irina Metzler

Specialist Subjects: medieval cultural history, especially disability, medicine, and health; the medieval natural world (animals), cosmography, and exploration; pre-modern East-West cultural interchange.

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Dr Louise Miskell

Specialist Subjects: urban and industrial history in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Britain.

Dr Adam Mosley

Specialist Subjects: early modern science (especially Renaissance astronomy, geography, and cosmography); print culture and history of the book; epistolography and correspondence networks; scientific instruments; history of collecting and museums.

Dr Regina Poertner

Specialist Subjects: modern British and American legal history (post-1750); the British and US constitutions; reform and civil rights' movements; history of ideas on government, society, human nature, the economy, international relations.

Professor Daniel Power

Specialist Subjects: Europe in the Central Middle Ages (1000-1300), especially the Anglo Norman realm, the Angevin Empire, and Capetian France; medieval aristocratic culture; frontier societies; documentary records, especially charter collections.

Professor Patricia Skinner

Specialist Subjects: medieval social and cultural history, especially Italy; gender, history of health and medicine; minority groups and social exclusion.

Professor John Spurr

Specialist Subjects: early modern British history, particular seventeenth-century England; history of religion, literature, and language use.

Dr Matthew Stevens

Specialist Subjects: later medieval social, economic and legal history; i.e. the urban history of Wales; immigration and ethnic integration (especially English/Welsh-Irish and German/Slavic); women's history; and the evolution of common law.

Professor David Turner

Specialist Subjects: history of disability, from the seventeenth to the nineteenth centuries; history of medicine and the body; social and cultural history; gender; marriage and private life; sexuality; emotions; crime; early modern history (especially eighteenth-century Britain).

Professor Deborah Youngs

Specialist Subjects: later medieval Britain; England's aristocracy; literacy and book ownership; aging and the life cycle; medieval studies.

