

INTERCOUNTRY LECTURESHIP QUESTIONNAIRE 2009

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PRESENT POSITION US: Professor of History, Shenandoah University, Winchester, Virginia

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ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE

American History

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Hofstra's long-term research program focuses on the regional history of the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia and its communities from the eighteenth to the twentieth century. As a result he brings the interpretative tools of social, cultural, economic, political, and material culture history to bear on a variety of local studies and employs the analytical methods of disciplines such as geography, archaeology, and architectural history to broaden the scope of these studies to embrace national, transnational, Atlantic, and global perspectives. He asks large questions of small places. His current work ranges broadly and includes an interpretative study of the American frontier in the eighteenth century, an examination of the global economy of grain and flour production beginning in the eighteenth century as it influenced the Shenandoah Valley, and a cultural history of Winchester, Virginia, in the 1950s as it shaped the career of Patsy Cline and country music.

POSSIBLE LECTURE TOPICS

1. The Eighteenth-Century American Frontier in Retrospect and Prospect
2. The Career of Patsy Cline and American Country Music in the 1950s
3. American Frontiers: National Identity, Frederick Jackson Turner, and the Question of Significance
4. Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, and What's Public in Public Life
5. Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, and the Progressive Ideal for a Better Life

6. The Age of Affluence or the Age of Anxiety: America in the Postwar Era
7. Radical Republicans and the Idealism of Reconstruction
8. America's Manifest Destinies from the Age of Expansion to Today

ACADEMIC TRAINING AND DEGREES

Ph.D. American Social History	University of Virginia, 1985
M.A. History	Boston University, 1974
B.A. History	Washington University, 1969

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Shenandoah University, Winchester, Virginia
 Stewart Bell Professor of American History 2002–
 Professor of American History, 1995–
 Associate Professor in American History, 1990–1995
 Assistant Professor of American History, 1985–1990
 Instructor in American History 1976–1985
 Director of Community History Project, 1986–

PUBLICATIONS (selected)

Hofstra has written or edited books on various aspects of American regional history including *The Planting of New Virginia: Settlement and Landscape in the Shenandoah Valley* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004); *A Separate Place: The Formation of Clarke County, Virginia* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1986, 1999); *George Washington and the Virginia Backcountry* (Madison House, 1998); *After the Backcountry: Rural Life in the Great Valley of Virginia, 1800-1900* (University of Tennessee Press, 2000); *Virginia Reconsidered: New Histories of the Old Dominion* (University of Virginia Press, 2003); *Cultures in Conflict: The Seven Years' War in North America* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2007); and *Shenandoah Landscapes and the Great Valley Road of Virginia* (University of Virginia Press, 2010).

Selected Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

"From Backcountry to Trans-Appalachian Frontiers," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3d ser. (July 2009), forthcoming

"Embracing Our Legacy, Shaping Our Future: The Vernacular Architecture Forum Turns Twenty-Five." With Camille Wells. In *Perspectives in Vernacular Architecture* 13:2 (2006/2007): 2–6.

"A Scholarship of Fieldwork?" *Vernacular Architecture Newsletter* 108 (Summer 2006): 1, 3–4.

"Reconsidering Regional History." *OAH Newsletter* (The Organization of American Historians) 34 (February 2006): 15, 22.

“‘And Die by Inches’: George Washington and the Encounter of Cultures on the Southern Colonial Frontier.” In *George Washington and Conceptions of the Late Eighteenth-Century South*, edited by Tamara Harvey and Greg O’Brien. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2004.

Richard E. Byrd and the Legacy of Polar Exploration. Guest editor for special issue of the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 110, no. 2 (2002).

“The Sheridan Field Hospital, Winchester, Virginia, 1864.” With Joseph W. A. Whitehorne and Clarence R. Geier. In *Archaeological Perspectives on the American Civil War*, edited by Clarence R. Geier and Stephen R. Potter, 148–65. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2000.

“Reconstructing the Colonial Environment of the Upper Chesapeake Watershed.” With Robert D. Mitchell and Edward F. Connor. In *Discovering the Chesapeake: The History of an Ecosystem*, edited by Philip D. Curtin, Grace S. Brush, and George W. Fisher, 167–90. Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001.

“From Farm to Mill to Market: The Historical Archaeology of an Emerging Grain Economy in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.” In *After the Backcountry: Rural Life in the Great Valley of Virginia, 1800–1900*, edited by Kenneth E. Koons and Warren R. Hofstra. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2000.

“Native American Settlement within the Middle and Upper Drainage of Opequon Creek, Frederick County, Virginia.” With Clarence R. Geier. *Quarterly Bulletin of the Archeological Society of Virginia* 54 (September 1999): 154–65.

“Race, Memory, and the Death of Robert Berkeley: ‘A murder . . . of . . . horrible and savage barbarity.’” With Deborah A. Lee. *Journal of Southern History* 65 (February 1999): 41–76.

“‘The Extention of His Majesties Dominions’: The Virginia Backcountry and the Reconfiguration of Imperial Frontiers.” *Journal of American History* 84 (March 1998): 1281–1312.

“Epilogue: Interdisciplinary Dialogues on the Southern Colonial Backcountry, 1893–1997.” In *The Southern Colonial Backcountry: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Frontier Communities*, edited by David C. Crass, Richard D. Brooks, Steven Smith, and Martha Zierden, 221–36. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1998.

“Ethnicity and Community Formation on the Shenandoah Valley Frontier, 1730–1800.” In *Diversity and Accommodation: Essays on the Cultural Composition of the Virginia Frontier*, edited by Michael J. Puglisi, 59–81. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1997.

“Beyond the Great Blue Mountain: Historical Archaeology and 18th-Century Settlement in Virginia West of the Blue Ridge.” With Clarence R. Geier. In *The Archaeology of 18th-Century Virginia*, edited by Theodore R. Reinhart, 209–40. Courtland, Virginia: Archeological Society of Virginia, 1996.

“How Do Settlement Systems Originate? The Virginia Backcountry during the Eighteenth Century.” With Robert D. Mitchell. *Journal of Historical Geography* 21 (April 1995): 123–47.

“Private Dwellings, Public Ways, and the Landscape of Early Rural Capitalism in Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley.” In *Perspectives in Vernacular Architecture V*, edited by Elizabeth Cromley and Carter Hudgins, 211–24. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1995.

"Town and Country in Backcountry Virginia: Winchester and the Shenandoah Valley, 1730–1800." With Robert D. Mitchell. *Journal of Southern History* 59 (November 1993): 619–46.

"The Virginia Backcountry in the Eighteenth Century: Origins and Outcomes." *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 101 (October 1993): 485–508.

"Adaptation or Survival? Folk Housing at Opequon Settlement, Virginia." *Ulster Folklife* 37 (1991): 36–61.

"Land Policies in the Northern Neck: Frederick County, Virginia during the Eighteenth Century." In *Appalachian Frontiers: Settlement, Society, and Development in the Preindustrial Era*, edited by Robert D. Mitchell, 105–26. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 1991.

"Land, Ethnicity, and Community at the Opequon Settlement, Virginia, 1730–1800." *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 98 (July 1990): 423–48. Reprinted in *Ulster and North America: Transatlantic Perspectives on the Scotch-Irish*, edited by H. Tyler Blethen and Curtis W. Wood Jr., 167–88. Tuscaloosa and London: University of Alabama Press, 1997.

"The Opequon Inventories, 1749–1796." *Ulster Folklife* 35 (1989): 42–71.
