

ELIZABETH FENN

EDUCATION

Yale University , New Haven, CT	
PhD, History	1999
Dissertation: "Pox Americana: The Great North American Smallpox Epidemic of 1775–1783"	
MA, History	1985
Durham Technical Community College	
Automotive Mechanics Curriculum	1987–1988
Duke University , Durham, NC	
AB <i>Cum Laude</i> , with Distinction in History	1981

CURRENT AND PAST POSITIONS

University of Colorado , Boulder, CO	
<i>Distinguished Professor</i>	2018–present
<i>Walter and Lucienne Driskill Professor of History (Full Professor)</i>	2015–present
<i>Chair, Department of History</i>	2014–2017
<i>Walter and Lucienne Driskill Professor of History (Associate Professor)</i>	2011–2015
Duke University , Durham, NC	
<i>E. Blake Byrne Associate Professor of History</i>	2009–2012
<i>Associate Professor of History</i>	2008–2009
<i>Andrew Mellon Assistant Professor of History</i>	2007–2008
<i>Assistant Professor of History</i>	2002–2007
George Washington University , Washington, DC	
<i>Assistant Professor of History</i>	1999–2002
Automotive Repair Technician , Hillsborough and Durham, NC	1988–1996

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

Public Scholar Award , National Endowment for the Humanities	2019–2020
Butcher Scholar Award , Autry Museum of the American West	2019
Walker D. & Helen Bryant Wyman Visiting Professorship , University of Wisconsin River Falls	2017
Caroline Bancroft History Prize , Denver Public Library	2015
Albert J. Beveridge Award , American Historical Association (co-winner)	2015
Colorado Book Award in History , Colorado Humanities and Center for the Book	2015
Stubbendieck Great Plains Distinguished Book Prize , Center for Great Plains Studies	2015
Pulitzer Prize for History , Columbia University	2015
Marinus Smith Award , University of Colorado Boulder Parents Association	2015
Elected member, Society of American Historians	2015
Provost's Faculty Achievement Award , University of Colorado Boulder	2014
Bass Society of Fellows , Duke University	2009–2012
Thomas Langford Lectureship Award , Duke University	2008–2009
Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellow , American Council of Learned Societies	2005
John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellow	2005
Society of the Cincinnati Book Prize (triennial prize—best book on the Revolutionary era)	2004
Longman-History Today Book of the Year (best 1st or 2nd book in history), joint winner	2003
James J. Broussard First Book Prize , Society for Historians of the Early American Republic	2002
Binkley-Stephenson Award (best <i>JAH</i> article), Organization of American Historians	2001
Frederick W. Beinecke Dissertation Prize , (best diss. in western history) Yale University	1999
Louis Pelzer Memorial Award (best grad student essay), Organization of American Historians	1999
Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellowship , Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship	1998–1999
Mayers Fellowship , Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino, CA	1997

Jacob M. Price Visiting Research Fellow , William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, MI	1997
James Harvey Robinson Prize , co-recipient, American Historical Association	1984
William T. Laprade Prize in History (best honors essay), Duke University	1981

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

Encounters at the Heart of the World: A History of the Mandan People. New York: Hill and Wang, 2014; paperback ed., 2015.

Pox Americana: The Great Smallpox Epidemic of 1775–82. New York: Hill and Wang, 2001; paperback ed., 2002; Stroud, U.K.: Sutton Publishing, 2004.

Natives and Newcomers: The Way We Lived in North Carolina before 1770. Co-authored with Peter H. Wood. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1983.

PUBLICATIONS: SELECTED ARTICLES

“The Mandans: Ecology, Population, and Adaptation on the Northern Plains.” In *The Contested Spaces of Early America*, edited by Julianna Barr and Edward Countryman, 95–114, 344–65. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014.

“A Revolutionary Contagion: Smallpox and the Reshaping of the American West, 1779–82.” In *When Disease Makes History: Epidemics and Great Historical Turning Points*, edited by Pekka Hämäläinen, 45–80. Helsinki: Helsinki University Press, 2006.

“Whither the Rest of the Continent?” *Journal of the Early Republic* 24 (Summer 2004): 167–75.

“The Great Smallpox Epidemic of 1775–82.” *History Today* 53 (August 2003): 10–17.

“Pox and Human Progress.” Op-ed. *New York Times* (November 18, 2001): 4:13.

“Biological Warfare in Eighteenth-Century North America: Beyond Jeffery Amherst.” *Journal of American History* 86 (March 2000): 1552–1580.

“Biological Warfare, Circa 1750.” Op-ed. *New York Times* (April 11, 1998): A25.

““A Perfect Equality Seemed to Reign”: Slave Society and Jonkonnu.” *The North Carolina Historical Review* 65 (April 1988): 127–53.

“Honoring the Ancestors: Kongo-American Graves in the American South.” *Southern Exposure* 13 (September–October 1985): 42–47.

SELECTED RECENT OUTREACH ENGAGEMENTS

Evergreen Woods Retirement Community, North Branford, CT, January 16, 2020.

Glenwood Springs Branch Library Spring Lecture Series, Glenwood Springs, CO, May 29, 2019.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Arapahoe Chapter, Boulder, CO, January 3, 2018.

Roaring Fork PreCollegiate (first-generation college aspirants), Carbondale, CO, February 15, 2017.

Carbondale Arts, Carbondale Branch Library, Carbondale, CO, February 15, 2017.

National Humanities Conference, Closing Event Speaker, Salt Lake City, UT, November 12, 2016.

AFGE Local #1105, Denver Service Center, National Park Service, Lakewood, CO, May 3, 2016.

Frasier Meadows Retirement Community, Boulder, CO April 14, 2016.

Centennial Library, Greeley, CO, March 28, 2016.

Pulitzer Campfires Initiative, Augustana University, Sioux Falls, SD, March 10, 2016.

10th Circuit Court of Appeals Judges’ Dinner, Denver, CO, March 8, 2016.

Jefferson County Library Foundation, Wheat Ridge, CO, January 29, 2016.

Alta Social Studies Colloquium, Alta High School, Sandy, UT, January 30, 2016.

The Community Library, Ketchum, ID, November 14, 2015.

Tesoro Cultural Center, Tesoro Historic Lecture Series, Morrison, CO, October 25, 2015.

Denver Public Library, Historic Lecture Series, Denver, CO, October 25, 2015.

National Book Festival, Washington, DC, September 5, 2015.

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, Bismarck, ND, August 1, 2015.

Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Washburn, ND, August 1, 2015.

Jamestown Arts Center, Jamestown, ND, July 31, 2015.

Boulder Valley Rotary Club, Boulder, CO, June 23, 2015.

Boulder Flatirons Rotary Club, Boulder, CO, May 6, 2015.