

## ALAN ROGERS

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### Education

Ph.D. University of California, Santa Barbara, 1968  
B.A. University of California, Santa Barbara, 1959

### Teaching Positions

Professor, Boston College, 2007-  
Associate Professor, Boston College, 1977-2007  
Senior Fulbright Lecturer, University of Indonesia, 1989  
Assistant Professor, Boston College, 1974 -1976  
Visiting Lecturer, University of Stirling, Scotland, 1972 -1973  
Assistant Professor, University of California, Irvine, 1966 -1974

### Scholarly Publications

Murder and the Death Penalty in Massachusetts (University of Massachusetts, forthcoming)  
"State Constitutionalism and the Death Penalty," Journal of Policy History (forthcoming)  
"Arthur D. Hill," Yale Biographical Dictionary of American Lawyers (forthcoming)  
The Boston Strangler (Commonwealth Editions, 2006)  
Murder on Trial, Robert Asher, Lawrence Goodheart, and Alan Rogers, eds. (SUNY Press, 2005)  
"The Insanity Defense in Massachusetts, 1844-2000," in Murder on Trial (SUNY Press, 2005)  
"A long train of hideous consequences:' Boston, Capital Punishment and the Transformation of Republicanism, 1780-1805," in Boston's Histories (Northeastern University Press, 2003)  
"Thieves, Rogues, and Judges in Early Republican Massachusetts," Massachusetts Legal History (2003) with Edward Hanson  
"Success, At Long Last:' The Abolition of Capital Punishment in Massachusetts, 1928-1984," Boston College Third World Law Journal, (2002)  
"An anchor to the windward': The Right of the Accused to an Impartial Jury in Massachusetts Capital Cases," Suffolk University Law Review (1999) [published 2001]

“‘Finish the Fight’: The Struggle for Women’s Jury Service in Massachusetts, 1929-1994,” Massachusetts Historical Review (2000)

“Chinese and the Campaign to Abolish Capital Punishment in Massachusetts, 1870-1914,” Journal of American Ethnic History (1999)

“‘A Sacred Duty’: Court Appointed Attorneys in Massachusetts Capital Cases, 1780-1980,” American Journal of Legal History (1997)

“‘In the Cage’: The Prisoner’s Dock and the Presumption of Innocence in Massachusetts Criminal Trials,” Massachusetts Legal History (1997)

“Murder and Due Process in Colonial Massachusetts,” Supreme Judicial Court Historical Society Journal (1996)

“Murder in Massachusetts: The Criminal Discovery Rule from Snelling to Rule 14,” American Journal of Legal History (1996)

“Army Contractors,” “Impressment,” “Provincial Troops,” “Quartering,” and “Sutlers,” in Encyclopedia of the Colonial Wars of America (1996)

“Murderers and Madness: Law and Medicine in Nineteenth-Century Massachusetts,” Massachusetts Historical Society, Proceedings (1994)

“The Founders of the Boston Bar Association: A Collective Analysis,” Historical Journal of Massachusetts (Summer 1994)

Discovering the Public Interest: A History of the Boston Bar Association (CCA Publications: Canoga Park, CA, 1993), with Douglas Jones

“‘Under Sentence of Death:’ The Movement to Abolish Capital Punishment in Massachusetts,” New England Quarterly (March, 1993)

“Judge George W. Anderson and Civil Liberties in the 1920’s,” The Historian (Winter 1992)

“A Sailor ‘by Necessity:’ The Life of Moses Adams, 1803 - 1837,” Journal of the Early Republic (Spring 1991)

“‘A Dangerous Sport:’ A Boston Boy’s Life at Sea, 1820 - 1837,” American Neptune (Summer 1990)

This Momentous Affair: Massachusetts and the Ratification of the Constitution of the United States (Boston Public Library: Boston, 1987) with Thomas H. O’Connor

“Passports and Politics: The Cold War and the Courts,” The Historian (August, 1985)

Boston: City on Hill (Windsor Publications: Woodland Hills, CA, 1984) with Andrew Buni [A new updated edition without co-author Buni is forthcoming.]

Empire and Liberty: American Resistance to British Authority, 1755 - 1763 (University of California Press: Berkeley, CA, 1974)

“British-American Tensions During the War,” in Richard D. Brown, ed., Major Problems in the Era of the American Revolution, 1760-1791 (Lexington, MA, 1992)

“American Democracy: The View from Scotland, 1776 - 1832,” Albion (Spring, 1974)

“Colonial Opposition to the Quartering of Troops during the French and Indian War,” Military Affairs (February, 1970) [Selected one of the “leading articles on American history to 1776,” by Peter Charles Hoffer, ed., Early American History, 18 vols. (Garland Publishing: New York, 1988)]

“Impressment in Western Pennsylvania, 1755 - 1759,” Western Pennsylvania History Magazine (1969)

## Current Research

I am working on a book focusing on the intersection of religion, medicine and the law.

I have completed an up-dated edition of Boston, City on a Hill (American Historical Press, forthcoming)

## Reviews

John M. Belohlavek, Broken Glass: Caleb Cushing and the Shattering of the Union, The New England Journal of History (2007)

Irene Q. Brown and Richard D. Brown, The Hanging of Ephraim Wheeler: A Story of Rape, Incest, and Justice in Early America, American Nineteenth Century History (2005)

Stuart Banner, The Death Penalty: An American History, The Historian (2004)

Christopher Tomlins and Bruce Mann, eds., The Many Legalities of Early America, The New England Quarterly (2001)

Deborah Navas, Murdered by his Wife and Daniel A. Hearn, Legal Executions in New England, 1623-1960, NEHA NEWS (2001)

William McFeely, Proximity to Death, The New England Quarterly (2001)

Buckner Melton, Jr., The First Impeachment: The Constitution's Framers and the Case of Senator William Blount, The Historian (1999)

David Currie, The Constitution in Congress: The Federalist Period, 1789-1801, The H-Net (1998)

Adelaide M. Cromwell, The Other Brahmins: Boston's Black Upper Class, 1750-1950, The New England Quarterly (1995)

James Titus, The Old Dominion at War: Society, Politics, and Warfare in Late Colonial Virginia, William and Mary Quarterly (1992)

Richard Wilkie and Jack Tager, eds., Historical Atlas of Massachusetts, The New England Quarterly (1992)

Christopher McKee, A Gentlemanly and Honorable Profession: The Creation of the U.S. Naval Officer Corps, 1794-1815, Journal of the Early Republic (1991)

Michael G. Hall, The Last American Puritan: The Life of Increase Mather, America (June 10, 1989)

Robin Blackburn, The Overthrow of Slavery, The Historian (1989)

John Sainsbury, Disaffected Patriots: London Supporters of Revolutionary America, 1769-1782, The American Historical Review (1988)

Douglas E. Leach, Roots of Conflict: British Armed Forces and Colonial Americans, 1677-1764, The Georgia Historical Quarterly (1987)

John W. Tyler, Smugglers and Patriots: Boston Merchants and the Advent of the American Revolution, New England Historical and Genealogical Register (1987)

John J. McCusker and Russell R. Menard, The Economy of British America, 1607-1789, The Historian (1986)

Ernest M. Eller, ed., Chesapeake Bay in the American Revolution, The Historian (1983)

C.A. Weslanger, The Stamp Act Congress, William and Mary Quarterly (1978)

## Honors and Awards

**Award, Ignatius Loyola Medal**, Woods College  
**Keynote Speaker**, Supreme Judicial Court Historical Society (2001)  
**Named**, Outstanding Mentor, AHANA, 2000  
**Elected**, President, New England Historical Association, 1999-2000  
**Named**, Board of Editors, Massachusetts Legal History, 1999-2006  
**Research Incentive Grant**, Boston College, 1999  
**Invited Speaker**, University of Missouri Conference on the Death Penalty, 1998  
**Invited Speaker**, John Adams and the Law, Boston Massacre Symposium, 1998  
**Elected**, Vice President, New England Historical Association, 1998-1999  
**Invited Participant**, Conference on Teaching U.S. Constitutional History, 1999  
**Elected**, Board of Overseers, Supreme Judicial Court Historical Society, 1997-  
2004  
**Sabbatical Grant**, Boston College, 1994-1995  
**Nominee**, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1993, 1994  
**Research Expense Grant(s)**, Boston College, 1986, 1987, 1992, 1993, 1994,  
1996, 1998, 2000  
**Elected Fellow**, The Massachusetts Historical Society, 1992  
**Elected Member**, The Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 1991  
**Senior Fulbright Lecturer**, University of Indonesia, Jakarta, 1989  
**Member**, Boston Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States  
Constitution, 1986-1988  
**Fellow**, Institute for European Studies: Comparative Anglo-American Law, 1987  
**Invited Speaker**, "Great Teachers, Great Issues," Wheaton College, 1987  
**Fellow**, American Historical Association, Project '87, 1985

## Service

Boston College

**Chair, Department of History**, 2003-2006  
**Executive Committee**, Board of A&S Chairs, 2003-2006  
**Member**, A&S Elections Committee, Boston College, 2000  
**Facilitator**, Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation, 2001  
**Mentor**, AHANA student, 2000-2004  
**Core Moderator**, History 1998-2002  
**Director**, Scholar of the College projects, 1992, 1994, 1999, 2000, 2003  
**Director**, History PhD dissertation(s), 2000, 2003 (2), 2004  
**Director**, Honor's Theses, 1994-2001  
**Advisor**, James Madison Fellow, 1994-1995, 1999-2000, 2000-2001  
**Volunteer**, BC Campus School, 1999, 2000, 2001  
**Member**, History Graduate Committee, 1994  
**AHANA**, Benjamin E. Mays Institute, 1994

**Chair**, Search Committee for Director of Black Studies, 1992-1993  
**Lecture**, "Boston Celebrates the Fourth of July," Boston College  
Experience, Summer Program, 1993  
**Representative**, United Way, 1991  
**Chair**, History Department Committee to Revise the History Major, 1990  
**Member**, University Elections Committee, 1986-1987  
**Member**, Bicentennial Year at Boston College Committee, 1986-1987  
**Member**, Boston College Professional Development Committee, 1985-1986  
**Chair, Department of History**, 1978-1985

#### Professional

**Member**, Adams Papers Publication Committee, Massachusetts Historical  
Society

**Comment**, "The Passion of Sacco and Vanzetti: A Global History,"  
MHS Urban History Seminar, 2006  
**Member**, Membership Committee, American Society for Legal History  
**Member**, Massachusetts Historical Society, Long Range Planning Committee,  
2006  
**Member**, Massachusetts Historical Society, Fellowship Committee, 2006-  
**Paper**, "After Abolition," Social Science History Association, 2005  
**Panel**, "The Boston Massacre," American Bar Association, April 2002  
**Paper/Keynote**, "Mad Men and Wronged Women: The Insanity Defense in  
Massachusetts, 1844-2000," Murder in New England Conference, 2001  
**Chair and Comment**, "Who Are We: American Identity Before and After the  
Revolution," New England Historical Association, Fall 2001  
**Paper**, "Finish the fight: The Struggle for Women's Jury Service in  
Massachusetts," Social Science History Association, 2000  
**Paper**, "Involuntary Confession and Humane Practice in Massachusetts Capital  
Cases," Boston College Law School, 2000  
**Paper**, "Capital Punishment, Insanity and the SJC," Clark Seminar in the History  
of the Law, Boston University School of Law, 1999  
**Paper**, "Reversible Error in Massachusetts Homicide Cases, 1805-1996," Social  
Science History Association, 1999  
**Comment**, "United States Courts and Politics," NEHA, spring 1999  
**Comment**, "Law and the Early American Republic," NEHA, fall 1999  
**Reader**, "Boston's Riots," University Massachusetts Press, 1999  
**Reader**, "The Constitution in Congress: The Jeffersonians," University of  
Chicago Press, 1999-2000  
**Board of Editors**, Massachusetts Legal History, 1999  
**Paper**, "'A Sacred Duty': Court Appointed Attorneys in Massachusetts Capital  
Cases, 1780-1980," American Society for Legal History, Houston, 1995  
**Chair and Comment**, "Protecting the Citizens of Massachusetts from Vice,  
Drink, and Communism," New England Historical Association, 1995  
**Chair**, Boston Area Seminar in Early American History, Massachusetts  
Historical Society, 1993 - present.

**Chair**, Research Grants Committee, Massachusetts Historical Society, 1993 - 1994.

**Chair**, Local Arrangements, Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, summer 1994 conference at Boston College.

**Chair**, Media and Exhibit Award Committee, New England Historical Association, 1994 - 1995.

**Evaluator, Grants**, Academy for Educational Development, Academic Review Panel for East Asia, 1993.

**Evaluator, Manuscripts**: University of Massachusetts Press, 1999, University of Chicago Press, 1999, University Press of America, 1994, 1990, 1988; D.C. Heath, 1993; Northeastern University Press, 1992; West Educational Publishing, 1991; Knopf, 1988; Beacon Press, 1977

**Referee, Journal Articles**: New England Quarterly, 1992; Journal of the Early Republic, 1990; The Historian, 1988; Military Affairs, 1986; William and Mary Quarterly, 1978, 1981, 1984, 1995

**Chair**, "Law and the Early Republic," New England Historical Association, Fall, 1990

**Evaluator**, History Department, Bentley College, 1989-1990

**Scholar-Advisor**, New England Foundation for the Humanities, 1988-1991

**Chair**, "The Politics of Rebellion: Shays's Rebellion, A Bicentennial View," Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 1986

**Member**, Seminar on American Political History, 1750-1850, American Antiquarian Society, 1976-1990

#### Community

**Lecture**, "The Boston Strangler," Medford Public Library, 2007

**Lecture**, "The Boston Strangler," Bostonian Society, 2006

**Lecture**, "Boston Strangler," Old South Meeting House, 2006

**Q&A**, "Common Sense Politics," Scranton Times-Tribune, 2006

**Consulting Historian**, "Teaching American History," Gloucester High School, 2005

**Lecture (6)** "The Bill of Rights," Woburn Middle School, 2003

**Lecture**, "The Struggle for Women's Jury Service in Massachusetts," Annual Meeting, Supreme Judicial Court History Society, 2001

**Lecture**, "Lizzie Borden took an axe...", Waltham Public Library, 1998

**Lecture (6)** "American historiography," Woburn High School, 1996

**Speaker**, "'What Shall We do to be Saved?' New Englanders and the American Revolution," Triennial Meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati, May 1995 [This talk was published in the Society's magazine, Cincinnatus -- 14,

XXXII (1995), 13-22]

**Commentator**, "Paul Revere," Greystone Television Productions

**Interviewed**, "American Revolution," Channel 68, July 4, 1994

**Interviewed**, "History of Thanksgiving," WNTN-AM, 1993

**Lectures**, "Rural and Small-Town America," four lectures/discussions, Holliston Public Library, 1993.

**Evaluator**, Social Studies curriculum K-12, Weston High School, 1993.  
Presented final report to Weston School Committee, 1993

**Lecture**, "Law and Slavery," advanced-placement history students,  
Weston High School, 1993

**Lecture**, "Moses Adams," Ellsworth, ME Rotary Club, 1991

**Lecture (6)**, "Yankees and Strangers," six lectures/discussions, Beverly Public  
Library, 1991

**Lecture**, "Samuel Adams: Son of Liberty," The Old South Meeting House,  
1990

**Lectures (5)** "Five Court Trials in the History of Boston," West End (Boston)  
Library, 1988

**Lectures (6)** "New England and the Constitution," Framingham Public Library,  
1987

**Discussion Leader**, "The Other Boston Tea Party," 1987

**Lectures (2)** "Massachusetts and the Ratification of the U.S. Constitution, New  
England High School Teachers selected as John Hancock Fellows, 1987

**Lecture**, "James Bowdoin and the U.S. Constitution," Dorchester Historical  
Society, 1987

**Lecture**, "Shays' Rebellion," Boston Public Library, 1987

**Lecture (3)**, "The Transformation of New England Society," Chelmsford Public  
Library, 1986

**Lecture**, "Can Historians and Genealogists Work Together?" Massachusetts  
Society of Genealogists, 1985

**Lecture**, "Murder in Brahmin Boston; The Strange Death of Dr. George  
Parkman," The Old South Meeting House, 1984

**Lecture**, "The Fall River Tragedy: Crime and Society in the Gay '90s," The  
Old South Meeting House, 1984