

Dr Rebecca Lenihan

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

PhD, New Zealand Studies/History, Victoria University of Wellington, 2010

BA Hons, History, Victoria University of Wellington, 2005

BA, History and English Literature, Victoria University of Wellington, 2004

Employment

Executive Assistant

January 2024 to present. New Zealand Historian Association. In conjunction with voluntary role as Web Convenor of the NZHA. Updating and maintaining the NZHA website. Compiling and sending monthly emails via MailChimp. Compiling and analysing data regarding staffing levels in university history departments across Aotearoa.

Voter Assistant

13-14 October 2023. Electoral Commission, Remutaka Electorate, Blue Mountains polling booth. Set up and pack down of the venue, assisting voters on the day, assisting venue manager with end of day tallying.

Research Assistant

September 2021 – December 2023. Dr Valerie Wallace, History Programme, Victoria University of Wellington. Creating the web presence for Dr Wallace's 'People of Parliament' project, including the development of an R Shiny App and website.

Research Assistant

March 2020 – December 2023. Dr Valerie Wallace, History Programme, Victoria University of Wellington. Supervising data collection for Dr Wallace's 'Scots Law' databases.

Teaching Fellow

2018 – 2022. Several contracts, for five different courses. History Programme, Victoria University of Wellington.

Post-Doctoral Fellow

March 2015 – March 2018. History Programme, Victoria University of Wellington.

Research Assistant

March 2015. Professor Melanie Nolan, Australian National Centre for Biography, Canberra. Archival research at Archives New Zealand, Wellington.

Research Assistant

February 2015. Professor Marjory Harper, Aberdeen University. Archival research at Archives New Zealand, Wellington.

Research Assistant

March 2014 – February 2015. Associate Professor Steve Behrendt, History Programme, Victoria University of Wellington. Working on Dr Behrendt's Atlantic Slave Trade databases, using Filemaker Pro.

Research Assistant

February 2014 – December 2014. Professor Charlotte Macdonald, History Programme, Victoria University of Wellington. Creation and maintenance of a project website and blog on Weebly.

Web Advisor

April 2014 – October 2014. Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Wellington, New Zealand. Loading web content for several Ministry websites across four CMS, creating surveys in SurveyMonkey, creating and sending emails utilising MailChimp and Campaign Monitor, tracking website usage via Google Analytics, and providing advice to business units within the Ministry regarding their online channels.

Research Assistant

March 2014 – August 2014. Professor Sydney Shep, Wai-te-ata Press, Victoria University of Wellington. The development and execution of a survey of academic engagement with digital tools and methods, and analysis of that survey data for publication.

Post-Doctoral Fellow

September 2011 – August 2013. Historical Data Unit, History Programme, University of Guelph.

Sessional Teaching Instructor

January 2012 – August 2013. History Programme, University of Guelph

Research Assistant

August 2011 – October 2011. Professor Kris Inwood, Economics Programme, University of Guelph. Data entry and linking for Professor Inwood's 'Measuring the ANZACs' project, in Microsoft Excel and Access.

Research Assistant

March 2010 – August 2011. Dr Steve Behrendt, History Programme, Victoria University of Wellington. Working on Dr Behrendt's Atlantic Slave Trade databases, using Filemaker Pro.

Teaching Fellow

February 2007 – June 2007. History Programme, Victoria University of Wellington.

Scholarships/Fellowships and Awards

- 2022-2023: Whiria Te Mahara New Zealand History Grant for project 'Colonists in Uniform'
- 2015-2018: Post-Doctoral Fellowship, funded by the Marsden Fund Te Pūtea Rangahau a Marsden, Royal Society of New Zealand project 'Tinker Tailor Soldier Settler'
- 2011-2013: Post-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Guelph
- 2010: The Zander & Durden Families Prize in History for PhD dissertation
- 2006-2010: PhD Scholarship funded by Marsden Fund Te Pūtea Rangahau a Marsden, Royal Society of New Zealand project 'New Zealand Scots'
- 2005: FP Wilson Prize for History for long research essay: 'Calamity in the Capital: The 1918 Influenza Pandemic in Wellington'

Publications

Monographs

Lenihan, R., *From Alba to Aotearoa: Profiling New Zealand's Scottish Migrants, 1840-1920*, Otago University Press, 2015, 320pp.

Patterson, B., Brooking, T., McAloon, J., Lenihan, R. and Buelmann, T., *Unpacking the Kists: the Scots in New Zealand*, McGill-Queen's University Press, 2013, 412pp.

Articles and Chapters

Lenihan, R., 'The Public Good of Digital History', *Public History Review*, Volume 29 (2022), pp.185-194

Lenihan, R., 'I Can Actually See Myself Using These Sorts of Things in the Future': The Case for Alternative, Authentic Undergraduate Assessments, *New Zealand Journal of History*, Volume 54, Number 1, April 2020, pp.94-111

Macdonald, Charlotte; Lenihan, Rebecca, 'Paper Soldiers: the life, death and reincarnation of nineteenth-century military files across the British Empire', *Rethinking History*, Volume 22, Number 3, 2018, pp.375-402

Shep, Sydney J.; Lenihan, Rebecca; McKinley, Donelle; Plummer, Matt; and Dudding, Michael, 'Moving beyond the Threshold: Investigating Digital Literacies and Historical

Thinking in New Zealand Universities', *Practice and Evidence of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education*, Vol 12, No.1, 2017, pp.313-332

Lenihan, R., Oxford References Online Quick References. 133 entries, between 39 and 633 words long, on a range of New Zealand topics, published on Oxford Reference within the Dictionary Plus titles. (Featured Author on the Oxford Reference History page, from October 2016 to present)

Lenihan, R., 'Wanderlust: The Multiple Migrations of New Zealand's Scots, 1840 to 1920' in *Lives in Transition: Longitudinal Analysis from Historical Sources*, edited by Peter Baskerville and Kris Inwood, McGill Queen's University Press, 2015, pp.71-90

Lenihan, R., 'Counting New Zealand's Scots', in R. McClean, B. Patterson and D. Swain (eds), *Counting Stories, Moving Ethnicities: Studies from Aotearoa New Zealand*, University of Waikato, 2012, pp.72-93

Lenihan, R., 'Jocks'-of-all-trades: Genealogical methods, occupational profiles and New Zealand's Scots, 1840–1920', *New Zealand Journal of History*, Volume 46, Number 2, October 2012, pp.157-185

Lenihan, R., 'Migration Patterns of New Zealand's Scottish Settlers', *History Scotland*, Volume 11, Number 3, May/June 2011

Lenihan, R., "'In habits, in character, in fact ... [in]... everything except language... like the Norwegians": New Zealand's Shetland Migrants', *Journal of Irish and Scottish Studies*, Volume 4, Number 1, Autumn 2010, pp.199-221

Lenihan, R., 'Scottish Immigration to New Zealand from 1840 to 1950 – an introduction with preliminary findings', *TKKA: Graduate and Postgraduate E-Journal, The University of Waikato, New Zealand*, 2007

Lenihan, R., and Patterson, B. 'New Zealand's Scottish Migrants', *Absolutely Positively Genealogy: Proceedings of the 2007 Conference of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, 1-4 June 2007*, Ed. Clare Dawe, Wellington, 2007, pp.122-126.

Reviews

Review of *Titus Angus White & the Māori Captives on Waitemata Harbour, 1863/4* by Barbara Francis, *New Zealand Journal of History*, forthcoming October 2024.

Review of *A History of Queen's Redoubt: The Invasion of the Waikato*, by Ian Barton and Neville Ritchie, *New Zealand Journal of History*, October 2022, pp.123-124

Review of *Migration, Ethnicity, and Madness: New Zealand, 1860-1910*, by Angela McCarthy, *New Zealand Journal of History*, October 2016, pp.123-125

'Good colonisers? The impacts of Irish and Scottish diaspora at home and abroad', review of *The Scottish Diaspora*, by Tanja Bueltmann, Andrew Hinson and Graeme Morton, and *Irish and Scottish encounters with Indigenous Peoples*, by Graeme Morton and David A. Wilson, *Journal of Irish and Scottish Studies*, 2014

Review of *Scottish Women: A Documentary History, 1780-1914*, edited by Breitenbach, Fleming, Kehoe and Orr, *New Zealand Journal of History*, October 2014, pp.187-188

Review of *Scottish Ethnicity and the Making of New Zealand Society, 1850–1930*, by Tanja Bueltmann, *International Review of Scottish Studies*, 2013, pp.116-118

'The Scots, the Irish, and a dismissal of The Ideal Society', Review of *Scottishness and Irishness in New Zealand since 1840* by Angela McCarthy, *Journal of Irish and Scottish Studies*, 2013.

Other

Lenihan, R. and Morris, E., 'Editorial', *Phanzine: Newsletter of the Professional Historians' Association of New Zealand / Aotearoa*, Vol. 30, No. 1, April 2024

Lenihan, R. and Morris, E., 'Editorial: The future of history in universities', *Phanzine: Newsletter of the Professional Historians' Association of New Zealand / Aotearoa*, Vol. 29, No. 3, December 2023

Teaching Experience

Victoria University of Wellington

Supervision

Rachel Jaquiere 'Scottish Community in late Georgian Liverpool (circa 1760-1830)', PhD thesis. Supervisor from February 2024 to present.

Shelly Biswell, 'Morality in Blue: New Zealand Full-Time Police Matrons 1895 to 1917', HIST489: Research Essay, 2022

Biswell received the Sir George Ferguson Bowen Prize in History 2022 for this essay, and subsequently also the F.P. Wilson Scholarship in New Zealand History 2023 on the basis of her work on this essay.

Lecturer/Course co-ordinator

HIST423: Digital History, 2022

Teaching evaluation overall grade of 1.0 (perfect score in this evaluation is 1.0). 10 students

HIST316: New Zealand Social History, 2022

Teaching evaluation overall grade of 1.1 (perfect score in this evaluation is 1.0). 48 students

HIST228/HIST310: Digital History, 2021-2

Teaching evaluation overall grade of 1.2 for both HIST228 and HIST310. 14 students and 28 students respectively.

HIST317: New Zealand History, 2020

Teaching evaluation overall grade of 1.1 (perfect score in this evaluation is 1.0). 32 students.

HIST423: Digital History, 2019

Teaching evaluation overall grade of 1.0 (perfect score in this evaluation is 1.0). 5 students.

HIST317: New Zealand History, 2018

Teaching evaluation overall grade of 1.7 (perfect score in this evaluation is 1.0). 70 students.

HIST316: New Zealand Social History, 2017

Teaching evaluation overall grade of 1.8 (perfect score in this evaluation is 1.0). 63 students.

HIST316: New Zealand Social History, 2016

Teaching evaluation overall grade of 1.8 (perfect score in this evaluation is 1.0). 65 students.

HIST316: New Zealand Social History, 2015

Teaching evaluation overall grade of 1.4 (perfect score in this evaluation is 1.0). 38 students.

Teaching Fellow

HIST317: Topics in New Zealand History: Settler and migrant peoples of New Zealand, 2007.

Guest Lecturer

HIST489: History Honours Research Project, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 – ‘Digital tools (and some other tips and tricks) to make your honours year easier (and that will change your life)’

HIST489: History Honours Research Project, 2023 – ‘Introduction to Excel’

HIST489: History Honours Research Project, 2020, 2021 – ‘Mapping’

HIST419: A Topic in Historiography and Historical Method 1: History and Theory, October 2018 – ‘Digital History’

HIST316: New Zealand Social History, 27 May 2014 – ‘Migration to New Zealand’

TXTT301: Entangled Print Cultures: Canada in the British World, 13 December 2013 – ‘Scottish migration to Canada’

University of Guelph

Lecturer

HIST3140DE: Witch-Hunts and Popular Culture, Distance Education, 2013
Teaching evaluation overall grade of 5.34 (perfect score in this evaluation is 6.0).
Capped at 160 students.

HIST4050DE: Topics in Scottish History: Scottish migration to Canada, Distance Education, 2013
Teaching evaluation overall grade of 5.36 (perfect score in this evaluation is 6.0).
Capped at 25 students.

HIST3140DE: Witch-Hunts and Popular Culture, Distance Education, 2012
Teaching evaluation overall grade of 4.59 (perfect score in this evaluation is 6.0).
Capped at 160 students.

HIST2000: British Isles 1066 to 1603, 2012
Teaching evaluation overall grade of 5.22 (perfect score in this evaluation is 6.0).
Capped at 100 students.

Guest Lecturer

HIST4170: Exploring Digital Humanities, 29 January 2013, 'Big Data'

Conferences, Seminars, and Presentations

Conference Organisation

Tasks performed included drafting conference programs, publicity, arranging venue bookings, organising and supervising catering, and overseeing AV and IT requirements.

Garrison Towns Symposium, Victoria University of Wellington, 4-5 December 2017

Australasian Irish Studies Conference, Wellington, 9-12 July 2009

Nations, Diasporas, Identities, Wellington, 27-30 March 2008

New Historians, Wellington, 1-2 September 2006

Scots Abroad: The New Zealand Scots in International Perspective, Wellington, 06-08 July 2006

Chairperson

'Making History Accessible', *Practical History in the Real World*, NZHA conference, Canterbury University, 23 November 2023

'The Evocative Nature of Things: Interpreting archaeological material culture in the historical context of colonial wars', *Garrison Towns Symposium*, Victoria University of Wellington, 4 December 2017

'Religious histories', *History – Making a Difference*, NZHA conference, Canterbury University, 2-4 December 2015

'Ethnicity and Geographic Mobility', *Historical Inequality and Mobility: New Perspectives in the Digital Era*, University of Guelph, 25-27 May 2012

Select Conference Papers

'Drunk and outrageous. Threatening language etc etc'. Analysis of the British soldiers in New Zealand tried by General Court Martial, 1845 to 1870.' – Conference paper – *Practical History in the Real World*, NZHA conference, Canterbury University, 23 November 2023

'Datapoint soldiers and the silences in between' – Conference Paper – *Ako: Learning From History?*, NZHA conference, Massey University, 25 November 2021

'Taking up the Challenge of Doing History Now: Digital History' – Panel discussion – *Kanohi-ki-te-Kanohi: Histories for our Time*, NZHA conference, Victoria University of Wellington, 30 November 2019

'Encounters with the British military archive / Tracing Redcoats' – Conference Paper – *Kanohi-ki-te-Kanohi: Histories for our Time*, NZHA conference, Victoria University of Wellington, 29 November 2019

'Death and disease among Imperial Troops, 1860s New Zealand' – Conference Paper – *Tāmaki Herenga Waka: where histories meet*, NZHA conference, University of Auckland, 1 December 2017

'Soldiers/Settlers: Imperial Troops in New Zealand's Immigration Stream', *The First Eric Richards Symposium in British and Australasian History*, 2 February 2017

'Redcoats' in the 1860s settler stream' – Conference Paper, *History – Making a Difference*, NZHA conference, Canterbury University, 4 December 2015

'Database Fundamentals', *Wellington 2013 THATCamp (The Humanities And Technology Camp)*, Victoria University of Wellington, 28 November 2013

'Digital Databases and Migration Studies: Challenges and Opportunities' – Digital History Forum Paper, *New Zealand Historical Association Biennial Conference*, Otago University, 21 November 2013

'Scots in 19th century Canada and New Zealand: a comparative overview of demographic characteristics' – Conference Paper, *Britain and the World*, University of Edinburgh, 22 June 2012

'Scottish Immigration to New Zealand: Shetland, a case study' – Conference Paper, *Global Nations? Irish and Scottish Expansion since the 16th Century*, Aberdeen University, November 2009

'Patterns of Scottish Settlement in New Zealand' – Conference Paper, *Scotland's Global Impact*, University of the Highlands and Islands, Inverness, October 2009

Invited Seminar/Workshop Contributions and Public Presentations

‘In habits, in character, in fact [in] everything except language ... like the Norwegians?’
New Zealand’s Shetland Migrants, 1840-1920’, Virtual Conference, hosted by the
Shetland Family History Society, 22 October 2022

‘Introducing the People of Parliament Project’, Seminar paper with Valerie Wallace,
Aotearoa Politics Network seminar series, 8 July 2022

‘Overview of the People of Parliament Project’, presentation with Valerie Wallace to the
historians of Te Arawhiti, 23 May 2022

‘Introducing the People of Parliament Project’, Seminar paper with Valerie Wallace and
Hayden Thorne, Victoria University of Wellington History seminar series, 29 April 2022

‘Soldier settlers and sojourners: A different view of New Zealand’s early migrants’,
Garrison Towns Symposium, Victoria University of Wellington, 5 December 2017

‘Lives in the Lines: Nineteenth-century military files’, Archival Files and Knowledge
Production, Workshop, 30-31 May 2017

‘Weebly for personal websites’, Research Bazaar, Wellington, 9 February 2017

‘From Alba to Aotearoa: Scots migration to New Zealand 1840-1920’, Presentation to
the Kilbirnie Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, 7 September 2016

‘Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Settler: tracking the 12,000 or so imperial soldiers in New
Zealand and across the British Empire c.1850s-1870’, Presentation to the Hutt Valley
Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, 14 July 2016

‘Weebly for personal websites’, Research Bazaar, Wellington, 27 April 2016

‘A brief history of Jacobites and Culloden’, Public Lecture, Kiwi Outlander National
Gathering, Wellington, 23 April 2016

‘Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Settler: Garrison and Empire in the Nineteenth Century’,
Seminar paper with Charlotte Macdonald, Victoria University of Wellington History
seminar series, 17 July 2015

‘Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Settler’, Presentation to the Alexander Turnbull Library staff
with Charlotte Macdonald, Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, 5 June 2015

‘‘Jocks’ of all trades: an occupational profile of New Zealand’s Scots, 1840-1920’, Public
Lecture, People’s History Talks, National Library of New Zealand, Wellington, 12
November 2014

‘Who, and how many? Scottish migration to New Zealand by the numbers’ – Seminar
paper, Victoria University of Wellington History seminar series, 26 September 2014

‘Emigrants, stayers, and flitters: demographic and life stage determinants of migration
among Scotland’s island residents 1871-1881’ – Workshop Paper, Migrations, Mobility

and Diaspora: New Conceptualizations, Sources and Methods, University of Guelph, 16 August 2013

'From the land of heather to the land of the fern: Scottish migration to New Zealand, 1840-1920', Public Lecture, Upper Grand District School Board Continuing Education History Lecture Series, Guelph, 28 January 2013

'Scottish migration to Canada and New Zealand: the basic demographic characteristics' – Seminar paper, University of the Highlands and Islands, Dornoch, 19 June 2012

'Scottish Settlement Patterns in New Zealand, 1840-1920' – Seminar paper, Sent or Went: Badbea - a case study in clearances, leading to a group migration to NZ, Caithness Archaeological Trust, October 2009

'New Zealand's Scots: an overview of findings', Presentation to the VUW Scottish Interest Group, 28 August 2009

'Profile of New Zealand's Scottish Immigrants: An overview of findings to date', Presentation to the Lower Hutt Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, 3 July 2008

'Overview of the New Zealand Scots project', Presentation to the Clan Chisholm Society, Wellington, 14 June 2008

Other Professional Development, Contributions, and Affiliations

Article Peer Review

Journal of Australian, Canadian, and Aotearoa New Zealand Studies, February 2024

New Zealand Journal of History, September 2016, December 2017, August 2018, August 2020, November 2020, May 2021, November 2022, May 2023

Australian Historical Studies, May 2023

Northern Scotland, May 2023

Journal of New Zealand Studies, December 2022

Britain and the World, September 2019

Records of the Canterbury Museum, May 2019

Scottish Archives, October 2016

Scottish Historical Review, October 2015

Australasian Journal of Victorian Studies, December 2012

Book Proposal Peer Review

Routledge, September 2021, November 2023

Edinburgh University Press, October 2019

Thesis examination

External examiner of Natalia McKenzie, 'A Nursery of Giants': Cymdeithas Dafydd ap Gwilym and the Revival of Welsh Culture, 1864-1914', MA Thesis, Massey University, January 2018

Internal examiner of Hannah Clark, 'Beyond the Wards: Exploring the personal accounts of three New Zealand nurses during the Great War in Egypt', MA Thesis, VUW, June 2016

Association membership

New Zealand Historical Association (NZHA), July 2013 to present

NZHA Executive Member (Web Convenor) 2024-present

NZHA Council Member 2022-2023

Professional Historians' Association of New Zealand/Aotearoa (PHANZA), July 2013 to present

Co-President September 2023 to present

Professional development

Participated in the Te Hāpai programme for staff run by Victoria University of Wellington Human Resources in conjunction with the Office of the DVC Māori. Four sessions spanned an introduction to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, an introduction to te reo Māori, and an introduction to tikanga Māori. 2020-2021

Participated in 'Developing Scholarly Habits' programme for early career academics run by the Victoria University of Wellington Centre for Academic Development, February – October 2016

Attended week-long course on 'Geographical Information Systems in the Digital Humanities' at the Digital Humanities Summer Institute, Victoria, British Columbia, June 2013

Attended week-long course on 'Digital Humanities Databases' at the Digital Humanities Summer Institute, Victoria, British Columbia, June 2012

Participation in the University of Guelph College of Arts 'DigiDo' and 'DigiCafé' Digital Humanities series, September 2012 – March 2013

Participation in the University of Guelph Scottish Studies Roundtable series, September 2011 – March 2012, and September 2012 – March 2013

Committees

Mangaroa Primary School Board of Trustees, May 2024 – present

University of Guelph History Department Curriculum Committee, September 2012 –
August 2013