

# 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**

#### **Research Assistant**

September 2021 – Present. 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 – Present. Dr Valerie Wallace, History Programme, Victoria University of Wellington. Supervising data collection for Dr Wallace's 'Scots Law' databases

#### **Teaching Fellow**

2018 – Present. 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**

2015-2018: Post-Doctoral Fellowship, funded by Royal Society Marsden Fund 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 Royal Society Marsden Fund 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., '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, 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 *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.

## **Teaching Experience**

**Victoria University of Wellington**

**Lecturer/Course co-ordinator**

HIST423: Digital History, 2022

HIST228/HIST310: Digital History, 2021-2

45 students.

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 – ‘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, 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**

'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**

‘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

‘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 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

‘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**

*New Zealand Journal of History*, September 2016, December 2017, August 2018, May 2021

*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

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 Council Member 2022-2023

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

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