Curriculum Vitae

**MATTHEW OWEN ROBERTS BA PhD FHEA FRHistS**

**Present appointment**

Associate Professor (Reader) in Modern British History (since 2019), Sheffield Hallam University

**Previous appointments**

2011-2019 Senior Lecturer in Modern British History, Sheffield Hallam University

2007-2010 Lecturer in Modern British History, Sheffield Hallam University

2005-2007 Research Fellow in History, Sheffield Hallam University

2004-2005 Lecturer in Modern History, University of Bradford

2003-2004 Lecturer in Modern British History, University of York

**Academic Qualifications/accreditations**

1999 BA (Hons) History, University of York, First Class

2003 PhD History, University of York

2009 Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (Recognition Ref: 34480)

2017 Fellow of the Royal Historical Society

**Special Awards, Honours, Distinctions**

1999 Gladstone Memorial Prize for best undergraduate dissertation in history, politics

or economics

2017 Yorkshire History Essay Prize

**Research and related achievements**

1. Publications

**Books**

*Political Movements in Urban England, 1832-1914* (Palgrave, 2009), 231pp

*Chartism, Commemoration and the Cult of the Radical Hero* (Routledge, 2019), 228pp

*Democratic Passions: The Politics of Feeling in British Popular Radicalism, 1790-1840* (forthcoming, contracted with Manchester University Press, submission date September 2022), 100,000 words

**Articles in refereed journals**

‘“Villa toryism” and popular Conservatism in Leeds, 1885-1902’, *Historical Journal*, 49 (2006), pp. 217-46

‘Constructing a Tory world-view: popular politics and the Conservative press in late-Victorian Leeds’, *Historical Research*, 79 (2006), pp. 115-43

‘Currents of Electoral Independence: James Lowther and Popular Politics in York, c.1856-1880’, *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal*, 78 (2006), pp. 217-40

‘Out of Chartism, into Liberalism: Popular Radicals and the Liberal Party in Mid-Victorian Britain’, *Journal of Liberal History*, 67 (2010), pp. 6-13

‘Resisting “Arithmocracy”: Parliament, Community and the Third Reform Act’, *Journal of British Studies*, 50:2 (2011), pp. 381-409

‘Are Single Member Constituencies Out of Date?’, *History and Policy*, February 2011, published online 3 February 2011 [<http://www.historyandpolicy.org/policy-papers/papers/electoral-reform-dilemmas-are-single-member-constituencies-out-of-date>]

with Gordon Pentland and Mark Nixon, ‘The Material Culture of Scottish Reform Politics, c.1820-c.1884’, *Journal of Scottish Historical Studies*, 32 (2012), pp. 28-49

‘Chartism, Commemoration and the Cult of the Radical Hero, c.1770-c.1840, *Labour History Review*, 78:1 (2013), pp. 3-32

‘Election Cartoons and Political Communication in Victorian England’, *Cultural and Social History*, 10:3 (2013), pp. 369-95

‘Radical Banners from Peterloo to Chartism’, in Robert Poole (ed.) *Return to Peterloo*

(Manchester Region History Review, 23, 2014 for 2012), pp. 93-109

‘Luddism and the Makeshift Economy of the Nottinghamshire Framework Knitters’, *Social History*, 42:3 (2017), pp. 365-98

‘Daniel O’Connell, Repeal and Chartism in the Age of Atlantic Revolutions, *Journal of Modern History*, 90:1 (March 2018), pp. 1-39

‘Richard Oastler, Toryism, Radicalism and the Limitations of Party, *c.*1807-1846’, *Parliamentary History*, 37:2 (2018), pp. 250-73

‘Tory-Radical Feeling in Charlotte Brontë’s *Shirley* and Early Victorian England’, *Victorian Studies*, 63:1 (2020), pp. 34-56

‘E.P. Thompson, *Shirley*, and the Antinomian Tradition in West Riding Luddism and Popular Protest’, *Labour History Review*, 86:2 (2021), pp. 187-214

‘Women and Late Chartism: Women’s Rights in Mid-Victorian England’, *English Historical Review*, (forthcoming, October 2021)

**Book chapters**

‘W. L. Jackson, exemplary manliness and late-Victorian popular Conservatism’, in Matthew McCormack (ed.), *Public men: political masculinities in Britain, 1700-2000* (Palgrave, 2007), pp. 123-42

with Matthew McCormack, ‘Chronologies in the history of British political masculinities, c.1700-2000’, in ibid, pp. 187-202

‘By-Elections in Late-Victorian Britain’ in Paul Readman and Thomas Otte (eds), *By-Elections in British Politics, 1832-1914* (Boydell, 2013), pp. 177-200

‘“The Feast of the Gridiron is at Hand”: Chartism, Cobbett and Currency’, in James Grande and John Stevenson (eds), *William Cobbett: Romanticism and the Enlightenment: Contexts and Legacies* (Pickering and Chatto, 2015), pp. 107-121

‘Posthumous Paine in the United Kingdom, 1809-1832: Jacobin or Loyalist Cult?’, in Marcus Morris (ed.), *The Legacy of Thomas Paine in the Transatlantic World* (Routledge, 2018), pp. 107-132

‘God Save the Paddock Flag: Anti-Poor Law and Chartist Banners’, in John A. Hargreaves (ed.), *The Charter Our Right! Huddersfield Chartism Re-Considered* (Huddersfield, 2018), pp.39-57

‘Catholicism and Constitutionalism in William Cobbett’s English and Irish Medievalism’, in David Matthews and Mike Sanders (eds), *Medievalism from Below: Subaltern Medievalisms in the Nineteenth Century* (D.S. Brewer, 2021), pp. 19-38

**Review Articles and Methodological Essays**

‘Popular Conservatism in Britain, 1832-1914’, *Parliamentary History*, 26 (2007), pp. 387-410

‘Labouring in the Digital Archive’, *Labour History Review*, 78 (2013), pp. 113-26

‘Radicalism, Protest and Repression in Britain, 1830-1848’, *Labour History Review*, 79 (2014), pp. 319-26

‘Labouring in the Un-Digitized Archive’, *Labour History Review*, 80 (2015)

**Articles in popular magazines/publications**

‘Gladstone and the Irish Question’, *Journal of Liberal History*, 26 (2000), pp. 3-10

‘The People’s Charter’, *Modern History Review*, 18:2 (November 2015)

‘Satan’s Bank Note’, online article in *History Today*, published 26 September 2017

[[https://www.historytoday.com/matthew-roberts/satan’s-bank-note](https://www.historytoday.com/matthew-roberts/satan's-bank-note)]

‘Radicalism and Popular Protest in Britain, 1790-1820’, *Social History Blog*, September 2017 [<http://socialhistoryblog.com/radicalism-and-popular-protest-in-britain-1790-1820-conference-report-derby-museum-and-art-gallery-9-june-2017-by-matthew-roberts/#more-556>]

‘Why are there no Welsh Chartist banners?’, *Chartism eMagazine*, 15 (2018) [<http://thechartists.org/15-matthew-roberts-5.html>]

‘1867-8: Tradition and Innovation in British Politics’, *Modern History Review*, 21:2 (November 2018)

‘The Makeshift Economy of the Nottinghamshire Framework Knitters, c.1780-1840’, in Chris Wrigley (ed.), *Industrialisation and People: Cromford, the Derwent Valley and Beyond* (Cromford, 2019)

‘Pentrich to Peterloo via New York: Paine, Cobbett and the Atlantic World’, in Richard A. Gaunt (ed.), *Pentrich to Peterloo: Legacies of Protest for Political Change, 1817-1819* (Nottingham, 2019)

2. Research Grants

1999-2000 University Research Studentship, University of York (£6,600)

2000-2002 AHRB (now AHRC) postgraduate award (£13,200)

Nov. 2002 Royal Historical Society Conference Grant (£500)

Jan. 2005 British Academy Overseas Conference Grant (£500)

June 2005 British Academy Small Research Grant (£1157)

Jan. 2010 McDougall Trust Small Research Grant (£500)

July 2011 Scouloudi Historical Award (£900)

May 2015 Scouloudi Historical Award (£400)

March 2017 Huntington Library Fellowship ($3000)

June 2017 Scouloudi Historical Award (£600)

May 2020 Library Company of Philadelphia, Barra Scholarship ($3500)

Total grant capture: **£29,157**

3. Post-graduate Research supervision

**Completions:**

Rosalie Hindmarch, ‘Emily Wilding Davison: A Biography’, University of Bradford PhD, awarded 2005. Supervised final year of study (inherited from previous member of staff)

Adam Gilbert, ‘Posting Identity: Creating and Depicting the 'Hong Konger' Between 1898 and 1997’, PhD, passed July 2018; co-supervisor with Professor Tony Taylor

Shannon Westwood, ‘John Bright, Lancashire and the American Civil War’, MRes student, passed October 2018

John Enderby, ‘The English Radical Tradition and the British Left, 1885–1945’, PhD, passed July 2019), co-supervised with Professor Tony Taylor

Joseph Stanley, ‘The Yorkshire Miners 1784-1839: A Study in Social, Industrial and Political History’, passed May 2020; director of study

**Ongoing:**

Joseph Driver, ‘Captain Swing Reassessed’, current PhD student; second supervisor

James Dean, ‘A Green History of the English Working Class, 1780-1850’, current PhD student; director of studies

4. Post-graduate Research external examining

MA History by Research candidate, Rowan Burrows, ‘The Rhetoric and Impact of the Early Chartist Press, 1837-1842’, University of Warwick, 2014

MA History by Research candidate, James Dean, ‘The 1842 “General Strike” in Yorkshire’, University of Leeds, 2014

PhD candidate, David Bennett, ‘Aspects of British Electoral Politics, 1867-80’, King’s College, London, November 2014

PhD candidate, Matthew Brand, ‘Right-Wing Refugees and British Politics, 1830-71’, University of East Anglia, November 2015

PhD candidate, Nathan Bend, ‘The Home Office and Public Disturbance, c.1800-1832’, University of Hertfordshire, July 2018

MA History by Research, Valentin Baylec, ‘The Correspondents of the *Northern Star* and the Chartist Movement, 1839-1842-1848, Sorbonne Université, Paris, France, September 2020

5. Conference presentations and invited seminar papers (recent)

‘“Spirits of the Mighty Dead”: Chartism and the Radical Tradition’, Chartism International

Conference, Université Paris IV-Sorbonne, 3 July 2010

‘Re-reading Chartist Banners: Popular Politics and Material Culture in Early Chartism’, Social History Conference, University of Manchester, April 2011

‘Rethinking Luddism in Nottinghamshire’, Enoch’s Hammer Conference, University of

Huddersfield, May 2012

‘“The Feast of the Gridiron is at Hand”: Chartism, Cobbett and Currency’, *Cobbett at 250*,

Colloquium, Nuffield College, Oxford, 13 September 2013

‘Daniel O’Connell and the Emotional Economy of Chartism’, *Politics before Democracy*,

University of East Anglia, 3-5 April 2014

‘Daniel O’Connell and the Chartists’, *Ireland and British Democracy*, International Chartism

Conference, University of Galway, 4-5 July 2014

‘Daniel O’Connell, Repeal and Chartism in Britain and Ireland’, Modern British History Seminar, University of Cambridge, 12 February 2016

Invited panellist, roundtable on ‘Conservative Political Parties and the Birth of Democracy in Europe’, Centre for European Studies, Harvard University, 12-13 May 2016

‘Thomas Paine and Transatlantic Loyalism in the Early Nineteenth Century’, *Second International John Thelwall Conference: Radical Networks and Cultures of Reform, 1780-1820*, University of Derby, 21-3 July 2017

‘Daniel O’Connell, Repeal and Parliamentary Reform’, *Parliaments and Popular Sovereignty Conference,* People’s History Museum, Manchester, 3 November 2017

‘Chartism, Women and Working-Class Feminism in Mid-Victorian Britain’, *Chartism Day 2019*, Newcastle University, 29 June 2019

‘Absence and Exclusion in the Chartist Pantheon of Heroes, 1789-1848’, *International Conference on Romanticism*, Manchester University, 1 August 2019

‘Chartism and Working-Class Feminism in Mid-Victorian Britain’, *Before Suffrage: Women and Political Participation in Europe, 1815-1850*, Workshop at the Quaker Meeting House, Warwick, Saturday 23 November 2019

6. Public Lectures and Impact (recent)

‘Rethinking Luddism in Nottinghamshire’, *People’s Histreh’: Nottingham and Notts Radical History Group*, Sparrow’s Nest, Nottingham, 22 Sept. 2012

‘E. P. Thompson, Luddism and *The Making of the English Working Class*’, Celebrating 50 years of E. P. Thompson’s *The Making of the English Working Class*, People’s History Museum,

Manchester, 13 April 2013

‘Luddism through the Tory-Radical Looking Glass: Charlotte Brontë’s *Shirley*’, Inaugural lecture of *Annual Luddite Memorial Lecture*, University of Huddersfield, 16 January 2014, 100 people in attendance, reviewed at [<https://undergroundhistories.wordpress.com/2014/01/17/charlotte-bronte-shirley-and-the-luddites/>]

‘Arnold and the Luddites’, Arnold History Group, June 2014

‘Why are there no Welsh Chartist Banners’, talk at *Chartist Banner Making Workshop*,

Newport Library, 17 June 2014, reported in *South Wales Argus*, 16 June 2014 [<http://www.southwalesargus.co.uk/news/11279793.Newport_Chartists__39__banner_gets_re_created/?ref=mr>]

‘Luddism around Nottinghamshire’, Sutton Bonnington Local History Society, 22 September 2014

‘The Visual and Material Culture of Chartism’, Historical Association Lecture, Lincolnshire

Branch, 5 April 2017

‘Daniel O’Connell, Repeal and Parliamentary Reform’, talk at the House of Commons, Westminster, 28 March 2018

‘Radical Banners from Peterloo to Chartism’, talk at Chartist banner making workshop, 7 July 2018, part of *Kennington Chartist Project* [<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-banner-making-and-design-tickets-46888373387>]

‘Sheffield First: Suffrage before the Suffragettes’, talk for Heritage Open Days, Sheffield, 16 September 2018; also delivered at SHU as part of celebration of 100 years since women’s suffrage, 7 March 2018

‘The Makeshift Economy of the Nottinghamshire Framework Knitters’, *Arkwright Society Academic Conference*, Cromford Mill, Derbyshire, 29 September 2018

‘The Visual and Material Culture of Welsh Chartism’, *Chartist Convention 2018*, Newport, 27 October 2018

‘Women’s Suffrage before the Suffragettes: The Sheffield Women’s Rights Association’, *Victorian Society*, Sheffield branch, 12 January 2019

‘The Makeshift Economy of the Nottinghamshire Framework Knitters’, *Pentrich to Peterloo Conference*, University of Nottingham event held at Swanwick Hall School, 9 March 2019

From Peterloo to Orgreave 200 Years of People Power, Sheffield City Hall, 18 September 2019. Invited panellist, <https://otjc.org.uk/from-peterloo-to-orgreave-200-years-of-people-power/>

‘The Visual and Material Culture of Chartism’, Historical Association Lecture, Sheffield

Branch, 12 December 2020

‘Women’s Suffrage before the Suffragettes: The Sheffield Women’s Rights Association’, Grenoside Community Centre, 14 January 2020

7. Media Appearances and Advisory

*BBC History Magazine Podcast* on Luddism, broadcast 26 July 2012.

*Voices for True Democracy*, 2013, DVD, interviewed

*British Conservatism: The Grand Tour*, BBC Radio 4 Documentary, interviewee and advisor,

broadcast 6 September 2013

‘Sheffield First: Suffrage before the Suffragettes’, *Sheffield Star*, retro supplement, 7 Sept. 2018 [<https://www.thestar.co.uk/our-towns-and-cities/sheffield/sheffield-was-first-to-call-for-women-s-right-to-vote-1-9338225>]

Historical advisor for U3A Sheffield radical politics walk, 2018

**Academic leadership**

Editorial Boards, Editor and Manuscript Reader

*Labour History Review*, book reviews editor, 2012-2015

Society for the Study of Labour History, executive member, 2019-

*Labour History Review*, member of editorial board

Manuscript reader: *Oxford University Press; English Historical Review; History of Political*

*Thought; Historical Journal*, *International Review of Social History; Journal of British Studies;*

*Labour History Review; Cultural and Social History; Parliamentary History*

Conference Convenorship

*Radical Riding*, Conference on the history of radicalism in the West Riding, co-convenor,

University of Bradford, June 2005

*North American Conference on British Studies*, co-convenor of panel ‘*Permanent Crisis? “Party”*

*and Ideas of Political Legitimacy in Modern Britain*, Boston, MA, USA, October 2006

*Chartism Day 2013*, St Mary’s Church, Sheffield, conference organiser. Also included a public lecture on history and heritage by Professor Paul Pickering, from Australian National University.

*Cobbett at 250*, Colloquium, Nuffield College, Oxford, 13 September 2013, co-convenor

University service within SHU and beyond

BA History Course Leader, Sheffield Hallam University, 2008-2015

External assessor for Revalidation of History Programme, University of Northampton, 2013

Acting Principal Lecturer for Quality Enhancement, Sheffield Hallam University, 2013-14

External Examiner for BA History Degree, Newcastle University, 2014-2017

Acting Principal Lecturer for Markets and Recruitments, Sheffield Hallam University, 2015

BA History Admissions tutor, 2017-

External Examiner for MA in Modern British History, University of Northampton, 2021-