



Dr. Tim Stretton – Department of History

Dr. Tim Stretton	Research Interests	
Faculty & Position	<p>The cause of women's rights in Western nations has been marked by long and often bitter struggles stretching back not just decades, but centuries. Dr Stretton's research focuses on the history of those struggles as they have played out in the field of law. His first book, <u>Women Waging Law in Elizabethan England</u> (Cambridge University Press, 1998) exposed not just the bleakness of women's legal position compared to men's, but the surprising numbers of women who found ways of compensating for their diminished status. It is surprising to learn, for example, that per capita far more women were parties to law suits in 16th century England than in modern England, Canada or even the United States.</p>	
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Education		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD - Cambridge University • LL.B - Adelaide University • B.A. (Hons) - Adelaide University 		
Biography		
<p><i>Dr Stretton grew up in Australia, completing a B.A in History (First Class Honours) and a Law degree at the University of Adelaide. In 1998 he moved to Britain to complete his PhD at Cambridge University under the supervision of Keith Wrightson, now a Professor at Yale. Prior to joining Saint Mary's in 2001 he held a three year Research Fellowship at Clare Hall in Cambridge, was a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Renaissance & Reformation Studies at the University of Toronto, and taught at Durham University in England, Waikato University in New Zealand, and Dalhousie University in Halifax.</i></p>	<p>His current research project, funded by the SSHRC, looks at the particular status of married women. For over seven centuries</p>	



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