



Jennifer Burns

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 Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

BIO

I am a historian of the twentieth century United States working at the intersection of intellectual, political, and cultural history, with a particular interest in ideas about the state, markets, and capitalism and how these play out in policy and politics.

My first book, *Goddess of the Market: Ayn Rand and the American Right* (Oxford, 2009), was an intellectual biography of the libertarian novelist Ayn Rand. For more on this book, watch my interviews with Jon Stewart and Steven Colbert, or check out my website (www.jenniferburns.org). I am currently writing a book about the economist Milton Friedman.

At Stanford, I've been involved in a number of new initiatives, including serving as a faculty advisor to the Approaches to Capitalism Workshop at the Stanford Humanities Center, co-founding the Bay Area Consortium for the History of Ideas in America (BACHIA), and convening the Hoover Institution Library and Archives Workshop on Political Economy.

I teach courses on modern U.S. history, religious history, and the intellectual history of capitalism.

My writing on the history of conservatism, libertarianism, and liberalism has appeared in a number of academic and popular journals, including *Reviews in American History*, *Modern Intellectual History*, *Journal of Cultural Economy*, *The New York Times*, *The New Republic*, and *Dissent*.

Prospective graduate students: please consult my history department webpage for more information on graduate study. <https://history.stanford.edu/people/jennifer-burns>

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, History

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Faculty Senate, Stanford University, (2019-2021)
- Honors Director, History Department, Stanford University, (2018-2020)
- Assistant Professor of History, Stanford University, (2012-2016)
- Assistant Professor of History, University of Virginia, (2007-2012)
- Lecturer, Department of History, University of California, (2005-2007)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Research Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University (2016-)
- Fellowship for University Professors, National Endowment for the Humanities (2017-2018)
- William C. Bark National Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University (2014-2015)
- Women's Leadership Fellow, Impact Center, Washington, DC (2013 - 2014)
- Research Award, University of Virginia Office of the Vice President (2011)
- Visiting Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitat (2011)
- Distinguished Lecturer, Organization of American Historians (2010 - 2016)
- Research Associate, Smithsonian Institution (2010 - 2011)
- Visiting Scholar, Centennial Center, American Political Science Association (2010 - 2011)
- Top Young Historian, History News Network (2010)
- Fellow, UVA Professors as Writers (2008 - 2009)
- Fellow, UVA Excellence in Diversity Fellowship (2008 - 2009)
- Campbell National Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University (2007 - 2008)
- Kettner Prize for Best Dissertation, UC Berkeley History Department (2006)
- Research Fellow, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library (2006)
- Faculty Advisor, UC Berkeley Library Prize for Undergraduate Research (2003, 2006)
- Thomas T. Hoopes thesis prize, Harvard University (1998)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Faculty Convener, Hoover Institution Archival Workshop on Political Economy (2013 - present)
- Faculty co-organizer (with Caroline Winterer), Bay Area Consortium for the History of Ideas (2012 - present)
- Member, U.S. Civil Rights/MLK Institute Director Search Committee (2018 - present)
- Faculty co-sponsor (with Richard White and Sylvia Yanagisako), Stanford Humanities Workshop: Approaches to Capitalism (2013 - 2018)
- Distinguished Lecturer, Organization of American Historians (2010 - 2016)
- Annual Conference Chair, 2016 United States Intellectual History Conference (USIH) (2015 - 2016)
- Executive Committee, Society for United States Intellectual History (S-USIH) (2015 - 2016)
- Chair (elected), Policy Committee, Stanford History Department (2018 - 2019)
- Member (elected), Policy Committee, Stanford History Department (2013 - 2014)
- Faculty Consultant, Hoover Institution Library and Archives (2012 - present)
- referee, Journal of American History, Modern Intellectual History, History of Intellectual Culture (2010 - present)
- Member, Academic Technology Committee, Stanford History Department (2012 - 2013)
- Member, Annual Prize Committee, Society for United States Intellectual History (2013 - 2013)
- Alumni representative (elected), Board of Trustees, The Taft School (2011 - 2015)
- Resident Faculty Fellow, Brown College, UVA (2009 - 2010)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., University of California , History (2005)

- M.A., University of California , History (2001)
- A.B., Harvard University , History (1998)

LINKS

- www.jenniferburns.org: www.jenniferburns.org
- Goddess of the Market book page: <http://www.amazon.com/Goddess-Market-Rand-American-Right/dp/019983248X>
- Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/profburns>
- author Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jennifer-Burns/97073665842>

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Citizenship in the 21st Century: COLLEGE 102 (Win)
- Neoliberalism in Chile: Ethics, Ideas, Politics: OSPSANTG 65S (Spr)
- Thinking About Capitalism: HISTORY 269, HISTORY 369 (Aut)

2024-25

- American Intellectual History, 1900-Present: AMSTUD 154B, AMSTUD 54B, HISTORY 154B, HISTORY 54B (Aut)
- Citizenship in the 21st Century: COLLEGE 102 (Win)
- Thinking About Capitalism: HISTORY 269, HISTORY 369 (Aut)

2023-24

- Back to the Future: Media, Art, and Politics in the 1980s: AMSTUD 128B, COMM 128, COMM 228, COMM 328, HISTORY 258A, HISTORY 358A (Win)
- Graduate Research Seminar: U.S. History in the 20th Century: HISTORY 468A (Win)
- Graduate Research Seminar: U.S. History in the 20th Century Part II: HISTORY 468B (Spr)
- The History of 2023: HISTORY 1 (Aut)
- Thinking About Capitalism: HISTORY 269, HISTORY 369 (Aut)

2022-23

- Doing History: Biography as History: HISTORY 200BG, JEWISHST 200BG (Spr)
- Graduate Research Seminar: U.S. History in the 20th Century Part II: HISTORY 468B (Spr)
- Research Seminar for Majors: HISTORY 209S (Spr)
- The History of 2022: HISTORY 1 (Aut)
- The History of Ideas in America, Part II: AMSTUD 154B, HISTORY 154B, HISTORY 54B (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Austin Clements

Orals Evaluator

Jennifer Depew, Max Fennell-Chametzky, Zoe Gioja

Master's Program Advisor

Bess Olshen

Doctoral (Program)

Austin Clements, Jennifer Depew

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Retrospectives: Friedman and Schwartz, Disaggregated** *JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES*
Burns, J.
2024; 38 (4): 211-228
- **Samuelson Friedman: The Battle over the Free Market (Book Review)** *HISTORY OF POLITICAL ECONOMY*
Book Review Authored by: Backhouse, R. E., Burns, J.
2024; 56 (4): 749-754
- **Globalists: The End of Empire and the Birth of Neoliberalism (Book Review)** *AMERICAN HISTORICAL REVIEW*
Book Review Authored by: Burns, J.
2018; 123 (5): 1615–17
- **Democracy in Chains: The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America (Book Review)** *HISTORY OF POLITICAL ECONOMY*
Book Review Authored by: Burns, J.
2018; 50 (3): 640–48
- **Ayn Rand is Dead**
Burns, J.
The Washington Post.
2017
- **Trump's Favorite Intellectual**
Burns, J.
Die Zeit.
2017
- **Ayn Rand's Counter-Revolution**
Burns, J.
The New York Times.
2017
- **What Was Conservatism?**
Burns, J.
The Chronicle of Higher Education - Chronicle Review.
2016
- **The Three "Furies" of Libertarianism: Rose Wilder Lane, Isabel Paterson, and Ayn Rand** *JOURNAL OF AMERICAN HISTORY*
Burns, J.
2015; 102 (3): 746-774
- **ACROSS THE GREAT DIVIDE: FREE MARKETS FROM RIGHT TO LEFT** *MODERN INTELLECTUAL HISTORY*
Burns, J.
2014; 11 (1): 253-265
- **Milton Friedman: The Economist as Historian** *Joint Center for History and Economics*
Burns, J.
2013
- **In the Ayn Rand Archive** *RARITAN-A QUARTERLY REVIEW*
Burns, J.

2012; 32 (2): 53-74

- **Ron Paul and the New Libertarianism** *DISSENT*
Burns, J.
2012; 59 (3): 46-50
- **Science-Mart: Privatizing American Science (Book Review)** *AMERICAN HISTORICAL REVIEW*
Book Review Authored by: Burns, J.
2012; 117 (3): 902-903
- **Too Many Young Men Who Smoke Pipes: Time, Inc. and the Interstitial Intellectual** *American History*
Burns, J.
2012; 40 (1): 101 - 105
- **Will This Election Settle Republicans' Ayn Rand Debate?** *Echoes: Dispatches from Economic History*
Burns, J.
2012
- **Ayn Rand's Long Journey to the Heart of American Politics** *The New Republic Online*
Burns, J.
2012
- **The Measure of All Things: How Markets Beat out Citizenship to Define Our Public Life** *The American Prospect*
Burns, J.
2012: 79 - 80
- **Atlas Spurned** *The New York Times*
Burns, J.
2012
- **Sex and the Conservatives' Matriarch** *The Boston Globe*
Weiss, J.
2012
- **Paul Ryan is far from an Ayn Rand Protegee** *US News and World Report*
Fox, L.
2012
- **Ayn Rand, maitresse a penser du candidat republicain a la vice-presidence americaine,** *Mediapart, Mediapart.fr*
Cantaloube, T.
2012
- **Five Minute Tute: Professor Jennifer Burns on Ayn Rand, Philosopher and Novelist** *Oxford University Cherwell*
Burns, J.
2012; 10
- **Ayn Rand** *Encyclopedia of Modern Political Thought*
Burns, J.
CQ Press.2012
- **The Rise and Fall of Modern American Conservatism: A Short History (Book Review)** *JOURNAL OF AMERICAN HISTORY*
Book Review Authored by: Burns, J.
2011; 97 (4): 1093-1095
- **The Root of All Good: Ayn Rand's Meaning of Money** *Journal of Cultural Economy*
Burns, J.
2011; 4 (3): 329 - 347
- **How Randian was Ayn Rand?** *The Washington Post*
Burns, J.

2011

- **Isabel Paterson** *American National Biography*
Burns, J.
Oxford University Press.2011
- **Rose Wilder Lane** *American National Biography*
Burns, J.
Oxford University Press.2011
- **IN SEARCH OF A USABLE PAST: CONSERVATIVE THOUGHT IN AMERICA** *MODERN INTELLECTUAL HISTORY*
Burns, J.
2010; 7 (2): 479-494
- **Rightward Bound: Making America Conservative in the 1970s (Book Review)** *SOCIAL HISTORY*
Book Review Authored by: Burns, J.
2010; 35 (2): 235-237
- **The Right Since Obama: The Rise of Market Fundamentalism** *Dissent Magazine*
Burns, J.
2010
- **From Hollywood to the Federal Reserve: The Making of Ayn Rand's Objectivism** *The Age of Conservatism: From Opposition to Power in France, Britain, and the United States*
Burns, J.
2010
- **Book Notes: Phillip Lopate's Notes on Sontag** *Virginia Quarterly Review*
Burns, J.
2009
- **Goddess of the Market: Ayn Rand and the American Right**
Burns, J.
Oxford University Press.2009
- **How Free Should the Market Be: Was Ayn Rand a Prophet or a Scapegoat** *Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star*
Burns, J.
2009
- **Vita: Ayn Rand: A Brief Life of an Iconoclastic Individualist** *Harvard Magazine*
Burns, J.
2009
- **Howard Roark in New Delhi: The Surprising Popularity of a Libertarian Hero in India** *Foreign Policy*
Burns, J.
2009
- **Ayn Rand and America's New Culture War** *The Christian Science Monitor*
Burns, J.
2009
- **The Root of All Good: Ayn Rand and the Meaning of Money** *Beyond Liquidity: After the Crash Interdisciplinary Conference*
Burns, J.
2009
- **Russia and the American Right** *Russia and the USSR in American Intellectual History*
Burns, J.
2008
- **Liberalism and the Conservative Imagination** *Liberalism for a New Century*
Burns, J.

edited by Jumonville, N., Mattson, K.
University of California Press.2007: 58–72

- **0 Libertarian, Where is Thy Sting?** *Journal of Policy History*
Burns, J.
2007; 19 (4): 452 - 471
- **Godless Capitalism: Ayn Rand and the Conservative Movement** *American Capitalism: Social Thought and Political Economy in the Twentieth Century America*
Burns, J.
edited by Lichtenstein, N.
University of Pennsylvania Press.2006
- **Godless Capitalism: Ayn Rand and the Conservative Movement** *Modern Intellectual History*
Burns, J.
2004; 1 (3): 359 - 385
- **In Retrospect: George Nash's The Conservative Intellectual Movement in America Since 1945** *Reviews in American History*
Burns, J.
2004; 32 (3): 447 - 462
- **Skyscraper on a Hill: Ayn Rand and the Cultural Politics of American Capitalism** *Capitalism and Its Culture: Rethinking Mid-Twentieth Century American Social Thought*
Burns, J.
2003
- **Leatherstocking Tales** *Dictionary of American History*
Burns, J.
Charles Scribner's Sons.2002
- **Modernism, Religious** *Dictionary of American History*
Burns, J.
Charles Scribner's Sons.2002
- **Mysticism** *Dictionary of American History*
Burns, J.
Charles Scribner's Sons.2002
- **Modernism, Religious** *Dictionary of American History*
Burns, J.
Charles Scribner's Sons.2002
- **Forever: De Beers and U.S. Antitrust Law** *Harvard Business School Case 700-082*
Burns, J., Spar, D. L.
Harvard Business School Press.2000: 1–25
- **Hitting the Wall: Nike and International Labor Practices** *Harvard Business School Case 700-047*
Burns, J., Spar, D. L.
Harvard Business School Press.2000: 1–23
- **Network Associates: Securing the Internet** *Harvard Business School Case 799-087*
Burns, J., Spar, D. L.
Harvard Business School Press.1999: 1–20
- **Agricultural Biotechnology Brief, 1999** *Harvard Business School Case 700-066*
Reinhardt, F., Burns, J.
Harvard Business School Press.1999
- **Environmental Risk Management at Chevron Corp** *Harvard Business School Case 799-062*
Reinhardt, F., Mandelli, M. M., Burns, J.

