

# Law and Governance in Britain



**A conference co-sponsored by the Department of History  
and the Faculty of Law  
The University of Western Ontario**

**16-17 October 2009**

**Moot Court Room, Faculty of Law**

*We are grateful to the Department of History, the Faculty of Law, and Research Western for their financial support of this conference.*

*Friday, 16 October 2009*

**Registration, 12:30 pm – 1 pm**

1 pm:

Welcome from the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Ian Holloway

Panel 1: Policing London

1:15–3:15 pm

*Chair: Allyson N. May, University of Western Ontario*

**J.M. Beattie**, University of Toronto (Emeritus), ‘Bow Street and the Metropolitan Police’

**Ruth Paley**, The History of Parliament, ‘Trading Justices: Myth and Reality’

**Elaine A. Reynolds**, William Jewell College, ‘Policing Piccadilly: The Night Watch of St. James, Westminster 1775-1829’

**Victor Bailey**, University of Kansas, ‘Policing and the Social Order in Jack the Ripper’s London’

*Coffee break*

Panel 2: Trial and Punishment

3:45-5 pm

*Chair: Margaret McGlynn, University of Western Ontario*

**Rachael Griffin**, PhD candidate, University of Western Ontario, ‘A Distinct and Complete Antagonism: Medical Witnesses and the Criminal Bar in Nineteenth-Century Insanity Trials’

**James E. Crimmins**, Huron University College, ‘The Principles of Utilitarian Penal Law: Beccaria, Bentham, and Mill’

*Dinner, Windermere Manor, 6 pm (registration required)*

*Saturday, 17 October 2009*

**Registration, 10 am**

Panel 3: Violent Crime

10:15-11:45 am

*Chair: Rande Kostal, Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario*

**Carolyn A. Conley**, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 'Daring, Depraved or Desperate: Changing Perceptions of Agency in Female Killers, London 1671-1913'  
**Amy Helen Bell**, Huron University College, 'Murder and the Microscope: the Dobkin Case of 1942'  
**Martin Wiener**, Rice University, 'Empire, Law, and Violence'

*Lunch break*

Panel 4: Crime and the Press

1:30-3 pm

*Chair: Andrea McKenzie, University of Victoria*

**Donna T. Andrew**, University of Guelph, 'Gaming, Governing and the EO Table Bill, 1781-1783'

**Simon Devereaux**, University of Victoria, 'Executions Lost & Found: Using London Newspapers to Track Capital Punishment, 1790-1837'

**David Lemmings**, University of Adelaide, 'Negotiating Justice in the New Public Sphere: Crime, the Courts and the Press in the Early Eighteenth Century'

Panel 5: The Judiciary

3:15-4:45 pm

*Chair: J.M. Beattie, Emeritus University Professor, University of Toronto*

**Randall E. McGowen**, University of Oregon, 'What Were They Thinking? Judicial Review of Forgery Cases in Eighteenth-Century England.'

**Michael Lobban**, Queen Mary, University of London, '“A series of melancholy blunders”: The Judiciary and the Albert Life Assurance and the European Assurance Society Arbitrations, 1869-76'

**C. Douglas Hay**, York University, 'The Criminal Information in King's Bench'

*Wine and cheese reception, North Meeting Room, Windermere Manor, 5-7 pm*