

Vita

Peter S. Onuf

Senior Research Fellow
Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies
Thomas Jefferson Foundation (Monticello)

Home Phone: (434) 979-8890
dude@virginia.edu

Born: New Haven, Connecticut, 6 October 1946

A.B., Johns Hopkins University, 1967

Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University, 1973

Academic Employment

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, University of California at San Diego, 1973-74

Assistant Professor of History, Columbia University, 1974-81.

Assistant Professor of History, Humanities Department, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1981-85; Associate Professor, 1985-87.

Professor of History, Southern Methodist University, 1987-89.

Mary Ball Washington Professor of American History, University College, Dublin, 1989-90.

Professor of History, University of Virginia, 1989-93 ; Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Professor, 1993-2012; Department Chair, 1995-98.

Edna Gene and Jordan Davidson Chair in the Humanities, Florida International University, Spring 2001.

Harmsworth Professor of American History, University of Oxford, 2008-2009.

Senior Research Fellow, Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, Thomas Jefferson Foundation (Monticello), 2012-

Mellon Distinguished Scholar in Residence, American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, 2017-18.

Publications

I. Books (author):

The Origins of the Federal Republic: Jurisdictional Controversies in the United States, 1775-1787. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1983 (hardcover and paperback); new paperback edition, 2002.

Statehood and Union: A History of the Northwest Ordinance. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1987; paperback edition, 1992; new edition: University of Notre Dame Press, 2019.

(with Andrew R.L. Cayton). *The Midwest and the Nation: Rethinking the History of an American Region.* Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1990.

(with Cathy D. Matson). *A Union of Interests: Political and Economic Thought in Revolutionary America.* Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1990.

(with Nicholas G. Onuf). *Federal Union, Modern World: The Law of Nations in an Age of Revolutions, 1776-1814.* Madison: Madison House, 1993. The Merrill Jensen Lectures.

(with Edward L. Ayers, Patricia N. Limerick, and Stephen Nissenbaum). *All Over the Map: Rethinking Region and Nation in the United States.* Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996 (hardcover and paperback). Introduction (with Edward L. Ayers).

Jefferson's Empire: The Language of American Nationhood. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 2000; paperback edition, 2001.

(with Leonard Sadosky). *Jeffersonian America.* Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 2001 (hardcover and paperback).

(with Nicholas Onuf). *Nations, Markets, and War: Modern History and the American Civil War.* Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2006.

The Mind of Thomas Jefferson. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2007.

(with Annette Gordon-Reed). *“Most Blessed of the Patriarchs”: Thomas Jefferson and the Empire of the Imagination* (New York: Liveright, 2016)

Jefferson and the Virginians: Democracy, Constitutions, and Empire. Baton Rouge: Louisiana University Press, 2018. The Fleming Lectures.

Books (editor):

Maryland and the Empire, 1773: The Antillon-First Citizen Letters. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1974.

The New American Nation, 1775-1820. 12 volumes. New York: Garland Publishing Company, 1991. A collection of essays on the early American republic.

Jeffersonian Legacies. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1993.

Thomas Jefferson: An Anthology. St. James, New York: Brandywine Press, 1999.

(with Jan Ellen Lewis). *Sally Hemings and Thomas Jefferson: History, Memory, and Civic Culture*. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1999.

(with James P. Horn and Jan Ellen Lewis). *The Revolution of 1800: Democracy, Race, and the New Republic*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2002.

(with Eliga H. Gould). *Empire and Nation: The American Revolution in the Atlantic World*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005.

(with Douglas Seefeldt and Jeffrey Hantman). *Across the Continent: Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, and the Marking of America*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2005.

(with Christian Y. Dupont). *Declaring Independence: The Origin and Influence of America’s Founding Document*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Library, 2008.

(with Leonard Sadosky and Peter Nicolaisen). *Old World, New World: America and Europe in the Age of Jefferson*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2009.

(with Nicholas P. Cole). *Thomas Jefferson, The Classical World, and Early America*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2011.

(with Peter Thompson). *State and Citizen: British America and the Early United States* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2013).

(with Simon P. Newman). *Paine and Jefferson in the Age of Revolutions* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2014).

(with Patrick Griffin, Robert Ingram, and Brian Schoen). *Between Sovereignty and Anarchy: The Politics of Violence in the American Revolutionary Era* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2014).

(with John Ragosta and Andrew O'Shaughnessy). *The Founding of Thomas Jefferson's University* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2019).

Grants and Awards

Project '87 (American Historical Association/American Political Science Association) for study of Constitution, 1979-1980.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow, American Antiquarian Society, for study of Northwest Ordinance, 1984-1985.

Fellow, Center for the History of Freedom, Washington University, St. Louis, spring 1991.

Fellow, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy, Charlottesville, summer 1992.

Nancy Lyman Roelker Award for Mentorship, American Historical Association, 2013

Professional Societies and Service

Associate, Institute of Early American History and Culture; Member of the Council (1993-96).

Member, American Historical Association.

Member, Organization of American Historians.

Member, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic; Advisory Council (1988-94); President (1996-97); Board of Editors, *Journal of the Early Republic* (2003-7)

Member, American Antiquarian Society (elected October 1994).

Member, Massachusetts Historical Society (elected October 1998).

Host (with Edward Ayers and Brian Balogh, *BackStory with the American History Guys* (2006-), <http://backstoryradio.org/>

Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (elected April 2014).