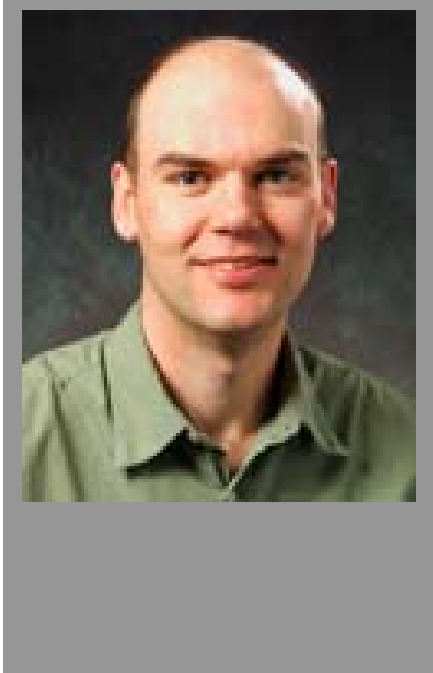




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History Program

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Timothy Minchin joined the program in 2004 as a Senior Lecturer and was promoted to Reader and Associate Professor in 2006. A native of the UK, he previously taught at the University of St. Andrews and the University of Cambridge, where he held the Mellon Research Fellowship in American History between 1995 and 1998. He has also been a visiting scholar at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill on two occasions. He has won a number of research prizes, including a Leverhulme Prize for Research Excellence (2002-4) and the Richard A. Lester Prize from Princeton University in 1999.

Tim’s research interests are in twentieth-century U.S. History, particularly the history of the southern states, civil rights history, and labor history.

Research Projects

Tim has just completed ‘Moving to the Land of Freedom: Black and White Southerners in an Era of Change, 1965-2007.’ This is a large study that is co-written with John Salmond, who is emeritus professor of American History at La Trobe. This project is currently in-press. He is also undertaking a broad study of the decline of manufacturing industries in the U.S. from 1950 to the present day. ‘Made in the USA?: The Decline of the American Manufacturing Economy, 1950-2008’

In a global economy, the decline of manufacturing industries has not just occurred in the U.S. but has also affected other high-wage labor markets, including Australia. As well as throwing light on this process in Australia this ARC-funded project of Dr Timothy Minchin will show that deindustrialisation is a transnational process and that many multinational forms have declined simultaneously in both countries. In a world where factory closings make headlines, the project also has considerable contemporary relevance in both countries.

Research Publications

Selected publications include:

Books

From Rights to Economics: The Ongoing Struggle for Black Equality in the U.S. South (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2007)

Fighting Against the Odds: A History of Southern Labor Since World War II, Gainesville, University Press of Florida, 2005. (Selected as an 'Outstanding Academic Title' by Choice Magazine, 2005)

'Don't Sleep With Stevens!': The J.P. Stevens Campaign and the Struggle to Organize the South, 1963-80, Gainesville, University Press of Florida, 2005.

Forging a Common Bond: Labor and Environmental Activism in the BASF Lockout, Gainesville, University Press of Florida, 2003.

The Color of Work: The Struggle for Civil Rights in the Southern Paper Industry, 1945-1980, Chapel Hill and London, University of North Carolina Press, 2001.

Hiring the Black Worker: The Racial Integration of the Southern Textile Industry, 1960-1980, Chapel Hill and London, University of North Carolina Press, 1999. (Winner of the 1999 Richard A. Lester Prize, awarded by Princeton University).

What Do We Need a Union For?: The TWUA in the South, 1945-1955, Chapel Hill and London, University of North Carolina Press, 1997.

Major Articles:

"Making Best Use of the New Laws: The NAACP and the Fight for Civil Rights in the South, 1965-1975," *Journal of Southern History* 74:3 (August 2008), pp. 669-702.

"Beyond the Dominant Narrative: The Ongoing Struggle for Civil Rights in the U.S. South, 1968-1980," *Australasian Journal of American Studies* 25:1 (July 2006), pp.65-86.

"The Milledgeville Spy Case and the Struggle to Organize J.P. Stevens," *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 90:1 (Spring 2006), pp.96-122.

" 'Don't Sleep With Stevens!': The J.P. Stevens Boycott and Social Activism in the 1970s," *Journal of American Studies* 39:3 (2005), pp.511-543.

" 'A Brand New Shining City': Floyd B. McKissick Sr. and the Struggle to Build Soul City, North Carolina," *North Carolina Historical Review* 82:2 (April 2005), pp.1-31.

"Organizing a Labor Law Violator: The J.P. Stevens Campaign and the Struggle to Unionize the US South, 1963-1983," *International Review of Social History* 50 (2005), pp.27-51.

" 'It tears the heart right out of you': Memories of Striker Replacement at International Paper Company in De Pere, Wisconsin, 1987-88," *Oral History Review* 31:2 (Summer-Fall 2004), pp.1-27.

"Permanent Replacements and the Breakdown of the 'Social Accord' in Calera, Alabama, 1974-1999," *Labor History* 41:4 (November 2001), pp.371-96.

"Broken Spirits: Permanent Replacements and the Rumford Strike of 1986", *New England Quarterly* 74:1 (March 2001), pp.5-31.

" 'There Were Two Job in St. Joe Paper Company, Black Job and a White Job': The Struggle for Civil Rights in a North Florida Paper Mill Community, 1938-1990", *Florida Historical Quarterly* 78:3 (Winter 2000), pp.331-59. (Winner of the 2000 Alfred W. Thompson Prize for the best article published in the *Florida Historical Quarterly* over the previous year).

"Torn Apart: Permanent Replacements and the Crossett Strike of 1985", *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* 59:1 (Spring 2000), pp.30-58.

"Black Activism, the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and the Racial Integration of the Southern Textile Industry", *Journal of Southern History* 65:4 (November 1999), pp.809-44.

"Federal Policy and the Integration of Southern Industry, 1961-1980", *Journal of Policy History* 11:2 (Spring 1999), pp.147-78.

"'Color Means Something': Black Pioneers, White Resistance, and Interracial Unionism in the Southern Textile Industry, 1957-1980", *Labor History* 39:2 (June 1998), pp.143-67. (Winner of the prize for the best article published in *Labor History* in 1998).

Graduate Supervision Areas and Topics

Tim can supervise in most aspects of North American history since the Civil War era, and La Trobe has excellent library resources in North American history. He currently acts as principal supervisor for the following students:

Ross Brooks (Ph.D.) - "The Visual Culture of the Confederacy."

Neil Crowle (Masters) - "Irish Americans during the Civil War."

Research Grants

Tim has won a number of major research grants, including a Leverhulme Prize for Research Excellence worth \$125,000 (2002-4) and an Australian Research Council Grant of \$138,000 (2006-8). The ARC grant is held with Professor John Salmond and is being used to fund our co-written history of the long civil rights movement. Tim has recently won an ARC discovery grant of \$161,893 over three years (2009-2011) for his project *Made in the USA?: The Decline of the American Manufacturing Economy, 1950-2008*.