

2003 Board of Trustees' Award for Outstanding Research and Creative Scholarship Recipient

Professor Steven C. Bullock

Since coming to WPI in 1989, Professor Steven Bullock has established an international reputation as an accomplished scholar in the field of early American History. Widespread recognition of both his scholarly research and his ability to convey ideas to a wide audience is testimony to both his skills as an historian and to the importance of his work in a broad historical context.



Professor Bullock's groundbreaking research into the complexities and subtleties of Freemasonry in America and around the world, as described in his seminal book, *Revolutionary Brotherhood: Freemasonry and the Transformation of the American Social Order*, has set the standard for historical research and analysis in this field. Professor Bullock's book on Freemasonry has been cited as "by far the best work on the subject that has ever been written," "elegantly written," and "imaginatively conceived."

Professor Bullock's work reflects a wider interest in the social order whereby his "study illuminates huge areas of the intellectual, cultural and social worlds of late eighteenth and early nineteenth century America." Another manifestation of the breadth of his interest is his more recent research on the Politics of Politeness, a study of culture, class and power in provincial America, a study that prompted one reviewer to describe Professor Bullock as "one of the most imaginative and promising scholars working in early American History."

In addition to these major works, Professor Bullock has published extensively in prestigious historical journals and presented the results of his research at national and international venues. He has also brought his work to the broader public with appearances on National Public Radio and the History Channel. At WPI, Professor Bullock brings his research to the classroom and to the many students who study with him on an individual basis. His lecture classes are always full and his seminars attract a devoted following.

Professor Bullock's work has been recognized with an impressive list of awards and fellowships. In addition to being a Fulbright lecturer and winning fellowships from the National Endowment of the Humanities and the George A. and Eliza Gardner Howard Foundation, his article entitled "A Mumper Among the Gentle: Tom Bell, Colonial Confidence Man" was recently awarded the Percy Adams Prize.

In recognition of his many significant contributions to the field of early American History, it is with great pride that Steven Bullock is named the recipient of the 2003

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Attested to this day, 15 April 2003, by the Committee.

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