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Brief Biography:

Dr. Gimber is an assistant professor of history and the director of the American Studies program at West Chester University. He has his doctorate in U.S. history from the American University in Washington, D.C. and a Master's degree in American Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. He received his B.A. in history from Glassboro State College (now Rowan University) in 1988 and taught as an adjunct professor of history at his alma mater for several years.

Teaching Interests:

America Through Sight and Sound, Colonial America, History of American Food and Foodways, History of Humor, History of American Presidents, History of American TV, Pennsylvania History, Revolutionary America, U.S. History to 1865

Research Interests:

Architectural history, agricultural history, American studies, Colonial America, Delaware Valley history, food history, landscape architecture, the Lenape, Quakers, Revolutionary War.

Honors/Awards:

- Starbucks Community Involvement Award, 2008

Publications:

“The Mechanical Age” in *Science and Invention*, www.ExplorePAHistory.com, 2009.

Numerous essays for the ExplorePAHistory website appearing in the following stories: “The Vision of William Penn”; “Set Apart: Religious Communities in Pennsylvania”; and “Agriculture and Rural Life.”

"Mistaken Manitous in Lenapehoking: Contact and Conflict Between Lenape and Dutch and Swedish Settlers, 1609 – 1664." In *Heritage Papers: The Role of Native Americans in Military Engagement*, ed. Karen L.T. Ackerman. Bowie (MD): Heritage Books, 2003.

Several book reviews

Presentations:

“Confused Kinship: Lenape and Quakers” at Chadds Ford Historical Society, March 2006.

“The History of Coffee in America” at Chester County Historical Society, October 2008.

“A Brief History of Grain Growing in Pennsylvania” at the Fourth Annual Millers’ Forum at Anselma Mill, July 2009.

Memberships:

- Agricultural History Association
 - American Livestock Breeds Conservancy
 - Chester County Historical Society
 - Friends Historical Association
 - National Council for the Social Studies
 - Organization of American Historians
 - Pennsylvania Historical Association
 - Salem County Historical Society
 - Seed Savers Exchange
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