

J. G. A. Pocock  
(Professor Emeritus)

Born London, March 7, 1924.

Educated Medbury School and Christ's College, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Degrees: earned:

BA and MA, University of New Zealand, 1945-6

PhD, Cambridge University, 1952.

honorary:

Litt.D., University of Canterbury, 1973.

Doctor of Humane Letters, Johns Hopkins University, 2004.

Teaching posts held

Assistant lecturer in history, Canterbury University College, 1946-48.

Lecturer in history, University of Otago, 1953-56.

Research fellow, St. John's College, Cambridge, 1956-58.

Reader to professor of political science, University of Canterbury, 1959-65.

Professor of history and political science, Washington University in St. Louis,  
1966-74.

Professor of history, Johns Hopkins University, 1974-94.

Harry C. Black emeritus professor, 1994 – .

Visiting appointments and fellowships

Summer school professor, Department of History, Columbia University, 1964.

Visiting professor, Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago, 1965.

American Council of Learned Societies Senior Fellowship, 1969.

Overseas Fellow, Churchill College, Cambridge, 1969.

Visiting Fellow, History of Ideas Unit, Australian National University, 1973.

Visiting lecturer, Department of History, University of Canterbury, 1973.

Summer school professor, Department of Political Science, University of  
Washington, 1973.

Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC,  
1982.

Summer quarter visiting professor, Department of Political Science, University of  
California at San Diego, 1983.

Seminar director, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC, 1987, 1991.

Canterbury Fellow, University of Canterbury, 1988.

Fellow, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, 1988.

Professore contrattato, Università degli Studi della Calabria, Italy, 1989.

Scholar in residence, Villa Spelman, Florence, 1989.

Andrew Mellon Visiting Professor, Tulane University, 1996.

Clark Visiting Professor, University of California at Los Angeles, 2002.

Fellowships in learned societies

Royal Historical Society.  
American Academy of Arts and Sciences.  
British Academy.  
American Philosophical Society.  
Honorary Fellow, St. John's College, Cambridge (2006).

#### Other professional offices

American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies; President, 1977-78.  
Conference for the Study of Political Thought; member of executive committee, since 1969; chairman, 1978-80, 1985-87.  
Folger Institute Center for the History of British Political Thought, Folger Shakespeare Library; convener of Steering Committee since 1984.

#### Awards and honors

American Philosophical Society; Jacques Barzun Prize in Cultural History, 2000.  
Officer of the Order of New Zealand Merit, 2002.  
American Historical Association; Award for Scholarly Distinction, 2004.

#### Publications (single-authored books and editions)

The Ancient Constitution and the Feudal Law: a study of English historical thought in the seventeenth century (Cambridge University Press, 1957, reissued 1987).

(ed.), The Maori and New Zealand Politics (Hamilton, NZ: Blackwood Paul, 1964).

Politics, Language and Time: essays in political thought and history (New York: Atheneum, 1971; University of Chicago Press, 1989).

The Machiavellian Moment: Florentine political thought and the Atlantic republican tradition (Princeton University Press, 1975, reissued 2003).

(ed.) The Political Works of James Harrington (Cambridge University Press, 1977).

(ed.) Three British Revolutions: 1641, 1688, 1776 (Princeton University Press, 1980).

Virtue, Commerce and History: essays on political thought and history, chiefly in the eighteenth century (Cambridge University Press, 1985)

(ed.) Edmund Burke: Reflections on the Revolution in France (Indianapolis: Hackett Publishers, 1987, reissued 2005).

(ed) Harrington: The Commonwealth of Oceana and A System of Politics (Cambridge University Press, 1992).

(ed., with Gordon J. Schochet and Lois G. Schworer) The Varieties of British Political Thought, 1500-1800 (Cambridge University Press, 1993).

Barbarism and Religion (Cambridge University Press).

Volume I: The Enlightenments of Edward Gibbon (1999).

Volume II: Narratives of Civil Government (1999).

Volume III: The First Decline and Fall (2003).

Volume IV: Barbarians, Savages and Empires (2005).

The Discovery of Islands: essays in British history (Cambridge University Press, 2005).

Translations of my work have appeared in Italian, French, German, Hungarian, Spanish, Portuguese (Brazilian), Japanese and Chinese.

In preparation

Barbarism and Religion, Volume V: Religion: the First Triumph.

Volume VI: Barbarism: Triumph in the West

Former graduate students now holding academic posts (from Johns Hopkins only, but including those from other departments).

(1977). Jack G. Fruchtman, Professor of Political Science, Towson University.

(1983). Lawrence E. Klein, Lecturer in History, Cambridge University.

(1985). John Christian Laursen, Professor of Political Science, University of California at Riverside.

(1988). Philip S. Hicks, Associate Professor, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana.

(1988, with Jack P. Greene). Yuhtaro Ohmori, Associate Professor of History, Keio University, Japan.

(1990). John W. Marshall, Professor of History, Johns Hopkins University.

(1991). Wyger R. E. Velema, Department of History, University of Amsterdam.

(1992, with Jack P. Greene). Eliga H. Gould, Associate Professor of History, University of New Hampshire.

(1996, from Humanities Center). Robert Mankin, Professor, Institut d'Etudes Anglaises, Université de Paris VII.

(1997). Anne N. McLaren, Senior Lecturer in History, University of Liverpool, Great Britain.