

Richard Carr Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Record

Forest School, Snaresbrook, London (1998-2003)

3 A-Levels:

History - A Grade; Government and Politics - A Grade; Economics - C Grade

University of East Anglia, Norwich (2003-2006)

BA in Modern History, First Class Honours

Churchill College, University of Cambridge (2006-7)

M.Phil in Modern European History

University of East Anglia, Norwich (2007-present)

PhD in History

- Working under the supervisor of Professor John Charmley (*Churchill: The End of Glory, A History of Conservative Politics Since 1830* etc), my thesis concerns the activities of those Conservative politicians elected to parliament between 1918 and 1940 having fought in the First World War. It seeks to remould the notion of Great War trauma in the British mindset, taking it away from the ephemeral literary world of Graves and Blunden, and into the harsh, concrete jungle of Westminster politics. Notions of the manipulation of memory, ballot box rhetoric, how the Conservative Party wins (occasionally deceives the voter at) elections, domestic and foreign policy, all come into play. I aim to show that veterans were politically active within the mainstream, that both these actions and reactions to them had consequences that remain with us today.

Articles based on the findings of this PhD are in the process of being submitted to journals.

Conferences Presented At

I have presented (or will present) papers at the following:

- 2008 Postgraduate Student Conference: "The Churchill Era and Beyond," Churchill Archives Centre, Cambridge, UK, 28 February 2008

- Labour History Research Unit, The Second Labour Government 1929-31: A Reappraisal, Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, UK, 29 May 2009

- 29<sup>th</sup> Irish Conference of Historians: Power and History, University of Limerick, Republic of Ireland, 12-14 June 2009