

Dr Norman Jones

Norm Jones wears several hats. He is Professor and Chair of History, Director of General Education and Curricular Integration at Utah State University, and Chair of the Utah Regents' Task Force on General Education.

He began his higher education at the College of Southern Idaho, graduating from Idaho State in 1972. An MA in History followed from the University of Colorado and a PhD in History from Cambridge University in 1978. His first and only permanent job, at Utah State, came later that year.

An active scholar and teacher, he is the author and editor of ten volumes, including *Faith by Statute. Parliament and the Settlement of Religion, 1559; God and the Moneylenders. Usury and Law in Early Modern England; The Birth of the Elizabethan Age: England in the 1560s, The English Reformation. Religion and Cultural Adaptation, and The Elizabethan World*. He has been at Utah State for thirty-two years, but he gets out a lot. In 2011 he is a Francis Bacon Fellow at the Huntington Library. In the academic year 2008-2009 he was the Visiting Senior Research Fellow at Jesus College, Oxford. Previously, he held visiting fellowships at Harvard University, the Huntington Library, the Folger Library, the University of Geneva, Cambridge University and Oxford University, as well as being a New Zealand Vice Chancellor's Casual Lecturer.

Teaching every semester, he is especially interested in historical pedagogy, how historians develop competencies in their students, and how the entire university curriculum fits together to produce an educated person.

His interest in teaching got him involved in issues of general education and curriculum reform, and he has been a curricular activist his entire career. First elected to a general education committee in 1981, he is now Director of General Education at Utah State University. He is also Chair of the Utah Regents' Task Force on General Education, the group charged with articulation and assessment of general education for the Utah System of Higher Education. In that capacity, he has organized thirteen state-wide conferences on general education. It was this work that introduced him to the Bologna Process and the Lumina Foundation's Tuning USA project.

Seeing a need in the Mountain West, he founded the Religious Studies Program at Utah State, the first degree-granting Religious Studies Program in the region. His interest in the history of Christianity has led some interesting places, including leading tours of Christian sites in the Middle East.

He has consulted widely on general education issues, and on the history of Tudor England.

He and his wife, Cecile Gilmer, live in the mountains of Northern Utah with their dogs, their cats, and the herds of deer and elk that infest the neighborhood.