

## About Joanna Guldi

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### Positions

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Digital History, University of Chicago, 2008-

2010. My responsibilities include a graduate seminar that handles new methodologies for the digital sorting and sharing of information, meanwhile using historiography to interrogate changes in the management and use of information technology since Gutenberg.

Fellow, The Commonweal Institute, Palo Alto, 2008-2009. As a fellow of the Commonweal Institute, my writing deals with framing current conversations about technology and infrastructure within the context of a longer story about changing relationships between state and market.

Current Research. My scholarly research meanwhile continues the project of my dissertation, the expansion of the infrastructure state in modern Britain, inquiring how Britain invented the conjoined disciplines of civil engineering and modern bureaucracy and then exported them around the world, with structural consequences for the shape of cities, technology, and markets.

### Education

PhD History, University of California, Berkeley, 2002-2008. Dissertation, *The Road to Rule: The Expansion of the British Road Network, 1726-1848*. Outside fields include *Urban History: London, Paris, and Chicago*; and *Landscape and Architecture in history and theory*. Advisor: Professor James Vernon, *British History*.

MLitt Historical Geography, Trinity College, Cambridge 2001-2002.

AB Literature, Magna cum Laude, Harvard College, 1996-2000. GPA: 3.83. Phi Beta Kappa. Honors thesis on the garden in 19th-century America as a place where social rules are overturned. Substantial work under the mentorship of John Stilgoe, Orchard Professor of Landscape, and Gregory Nagy, Francis Jones Professor of Greek Literature.

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# An Evening

with

## Dr. Jo Guldi

Historian, Harvard Society of Fellows,  
History Instructor, University of Chicago

as she discusses her book

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# The Road to Rule

(Harvard University Press, 2011)

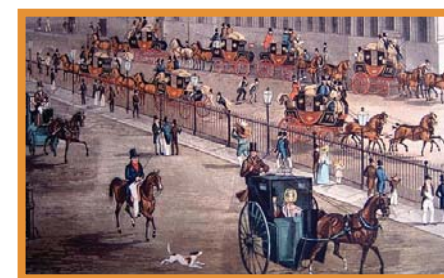
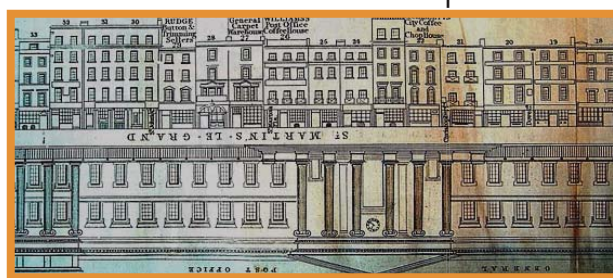
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How the invention of modern highways polarized politics, caused strangers on the street to stop talking to each other and influenced the history of the idea of landscape. Dr. Guldi will also address the fateful consequences of public choices over infrastructure spending. An extraordinary young scholar now at work on a 500-year history of land use, Dr. Guldi will provide extraordinary insights based on her personal research.

The Necessity for Infrastructure tells the story of how the British state built the world's first modern road network, uniting islands and hamlets into a single cultural monolith connected by post, regular coaches, and markets. Only fifty years later, a libertarian revolution in nineteenth-century Britain dismantled the infrastructure, unplugging poor Irish and Scottish farmers from the benefits of the industrial revolution. The book holds warnings about net neutrality, the future of the Rust Belt, and how state spending shapes the future of economic participation in America.

Jo Guldi is a scholar of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Britain. She teaches courses on the history of land use and information revolutions at the University of Chicago.

Read more at [joguldi.com](http://joguldi.com)



Pre-orders for author signed book will be taken at the event for Fall 2011 publication date.

**Thursday, October 7, 2010**

**7:00 p.m. – Appetizers & Cocktails\***  
(\*cash bar)

**7:30 p.m. – Presentation**

**8:45 p.m. – Coffee & Dessert**

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