

# DAVID FINCH

## Historian

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**Context is important.** Specializing in historical researching and writing, I have worked for more than thirty years as a consultant, providing advice and guidance on historical topics and preservation issues, and examining historical evidence for legal cases and regulatory matters. I link the past, present and future together in ways that are engaging, entertaining and thought-provoking.

## Core Highlights

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- Petroleum and technological history expert with a Master's Degree in Canadian History
- Independent Expert Witness in the areas of petroleum and electricity
- Biographer and Researcher of interesting historical figures
- Freelance Historian for *The Calgary Herald*
- Consultant to government organizations, professional associations, corporations and the public
- Author of more than twenty books about Canadian history
- Researcher for movie projects, museum displays and corporate histories
- Sessional Instructor and Tutor for three universities

## Professional Experience

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### DEVELOPMENT

Consultant to Heritage Branch, Alberta Culture and Tourism, for the development of the Turner Valley Gas Plant historic site as an interpreted facility including research, staff training, interpretation and fundraising.

### CONSULTANCY

#### Expert Witness

- 2014 - Prepared report and appeared before adjudicator on the topic of the formation of Rural Electrification Cooperatives in Alberta
- 2007 - Prepared report and appeared before an Energy Resources Conservation Board panel on the topic of the effects of the development of petroleum in southern Alberta

#### Museum Displays Contributor

- 2014 - Royal Alberta Museum petroleum displays, Edmonton AB
- 2013 - Turner Valley Gas Plant displays, Turner Valley AB
- 2011 - TransAlta main office lobby displays, Calgary AB
- 1994 - Canadian Museum of Civilization petroleum displays, Hull PQ
- 1988 - Royal British Columbia Museum petroleum displays, Victoria BC
- 1981 - Glenbow Museum railway displays, Calgary AB

### History Contributor

- 2008 to Present - *The Calgary Herald*

### TEACHING

- 1985 to 2005 - Athabasca University Tutor
- 1994 - Mount Royal University Sessional Instructor
- 1987 - University of Calgary Sessional Instructor

### WRITING

- 2016 - Researched and wrote *Shapers, Makers and Originals: The Story of SAIT's First 100 Years*
- 2011 - Researched and co-wrote *Powering Generations: The TransAlta Story, 1911-2011*
- 2010 - *From the Beginning: Schlumberger's History in the Canadian Oil and Gas Industry*
- 2005 - *Hell's Half Acre: Early Days in the Great Alberta Oil Patch*
- 2002 - *Field Notes: The Story of the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists*
- 2000 - Biography: *R.M. Patterson: A Life of Great Adventure*
- 1999 - *Albertans Investing in Alberta: The ATB Financial Story – 1938-1998*
- 1985 - *Traces Trough Time: The History of Geophysical Exploration for Petroleum in Canada*

*A complete list of publications is available on my website*

## Education

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### Master's Degree, Canadian History

University of Calgary, 1985

### Bachelor's Degree, Canadian History

Athabasca University, 1981

## References

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Available upon request