

Jason Colby Bio

Jason Colby is professor and chair of the History Department. A specialist in marine environmental history, he is currently writing a book entitled *Devilfish: The History and Future of Gray Whales and People*. Since coming to the University of Victoria, Jason has held a number of administrative roles at the departmental, faculty, and university level. He previously served on the senate from 2015 to 2021, during which time he was a member of the Committee on Planning (2015-2018) and the Committee on Teaching (2018-2021). He is a committed advocate of freedom of speech and inquiry, interdisciplinarity, and the importance of liberal arts education to the flourishing of democracy. If elected, he will champion the values of faculty autonomy, educational excellence, and the non-monetary value of the university to society.