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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, Stanford University (1986)
M.A., History, Stanford University (1981)
B.A., History and English, Duke University (1979)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor of History, University of Rochester (2000-)
Interim Chair, Department of History, University of Rochester, 2018
Chair, Department of History, University of Rochester (2006-12)
Associate Professor of History, University of Rochester (1992-2000)
Assistant Professor of History, University of Rochester (1986-1992)
Instructor in History, Stanford University (1985-86)

RESEARCH FIELDS/INTERESTS

Modern British History; British Colonialism; British India; Environmental History;
Exploration; Mountains and Mountaineering; Land and Landscape

PUBLICATIONS

A. Books

Exploration: A Very Short Introduction (Oxford University Press, 2015)

--a peer-reviewed contribution to Oxford University Press's well-known and highly successful Very Short Introduction Series.

--"Weaver's book is a model of what *Very Short Introductions* on historical subjects should be. He has mastered the material, adumbrated the problems, adopted rational approaches to a selection of cases and evidence, and managed to keep a sense of closeness to the sources. He writes concisely, clearly, and vividly, and includes anything a reasonable reader ought to demand."

Felipe Fernández-Armesto, William P. Reynolds Professor of History,
University of Notre Dame

Fallen Giants: A History of Himalayan Mountaineering from the Age of Empire to the Age of Extremes (with Maurice Isserman; Yale University Press, 2008)

- winner of the National Outdoor Book Award for History and Biography, 2008
- winner of the James Monroe Thornton Award for the Best Work of Mountaineering History, Banff Mountain Festival, 2008
- a *New York Times* “editor’s choice” selection, November 2008
- an Amazon.com “Best Books of 2008” selection
- finalist for the Boardman Tasker Prize for Mountain Literature, 2008
- a *ForeWord* magazine “Outstanding University Press Book,” 2008
- Gold Medalist, *ForeWord* magazine’s Book of the Year Award for Adventure/Recreation, 2008
- winner of the Andrew Eiseman Writer’s Award for nonfiction, 2008-2009
- “The book of a lifetime. . . . An awe-inspiring work of history and storytelling”
Bruce Barcott, *The New York Times Book Review*

The Hammonds: A Marriage in History (Stanford University Press, 1997), xii + 350pp.

John Fielden and the Politics of Popular Radicalism 1832-1847 (Clarendon Press [OUP], 1987), ix + 320 pp.

B. Essays, Introductions, Book Chapters:

- “Climate Witness: Oral Environmental History and Community-Based Research--A Case Study from Trans-Himalayan India” (with Tatyana Bakhmetyeva and Daniel Rinn) *Oral History Review* (forthcoming, 2021)
- “‘The Olmsted City’: Heritage Landscapes and Urban Identity in Twentieth Century Buffalo,” in Peter Christensen, ed., *Buffalo at the Crossroads: The Past, Present, and Future of American Urbanism* (Cornell University Press, forthcoming 2020)
- “A2: The Highest Mountain in the World,” *Alpinist* 62 (Summer 2018)
- Chapter 3, “Early Travellers and Adventurers,” and Chapter 4, “Surveying the Himalaya,” in Philip Parker, ed. *Himalaya: The Exploration and Conquest of the Greatest Mountains on Earth* (Conway Publishing, 2013).
- “Foreword” to a 2011 edition of G. K. Chesterton, *William Cobbett* (IHS Press, 2011)
- “Great Britain and the World” (review essay), *Reviews in American History* 37:3 (September 2009).
- “High Airs and Large Egos,” *The Drawbridge* 11 (Winter 2008).

“The Bleak Age: J. H. Clapham, J. L. and Barbara Hammond, and the Standard of Living in Victorian Britain,” in Miles Taylor and Michael Wolff, eds. *The Victorians Since 1901* (Manchester University Press, 2004)

“Christopher Lasch and the Politics of the Plain Style,” Introduction to Christopher Lasch, *Plain Style: A Guide to Written English*, ed. Stewart A. Weaver (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2002)

“The Pro-Boers: War, Empire, and the Uses of Nostalgia in Turn-of-the-Century England,” in George Behlmer and Fred Leventhal, eds., *Singular Continuities: Tradition, Nostalgia, and Society in Modern Britain* (Stanford University Press, 2000).

“The Political Ideology of Short Time: England, 1820-1859,” in Gary Cross, ed., *Worktime and Industrialization: An International History* (Temple University Press, 1989).

Articles on John Fielden, J. L. and Barbara Hammond, Richard Oastler, and Michael Thomas Sadler, in the *New Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford University Press, 2004).

Articles on “Luddism” and “Machine-Breaking,” in John Merriman and Jay Winter, eds. *Encyclopedia of Europe 1789-1914* (Scribners, 2006).

Reviews/review essays in *Washington Post Book World*, *American Historical Review*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Journal of British Studies*, *H-Albion*, *British Studies Intelligencer*, *Albion*, *Victorian Studies*, *Labor History*, *History of European Ideas*, *Intellectual History Newsletter*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Reviews in American History*

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. “Climate Witness: Voices from Ladakh”—a Carnegie Corporation-funded oral environmental history of climate change, crisis, resilience, and adaptation in trans-Himalayan India
3. “The Penguin Book of Mountain Literature”—a scholarly and trade anthology of mountain literature from the ancients to the moderns (under contract with Penguin Random House)
4. “The Magnetic Crusade: Science, Exploration, and Empire”—a book-length history of polar exploration and the quest to understand the earth’s magnetic field

RECENT PUBLIC LECTURES/CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “‘The Olmsted City’: Heritage Landscapes and Civic Identity in Twentieth Century Buffalo,” University of Rochester Humanities Center (October 2020)
- “Climate Witness: Oral History and Community Engagement in Trans-Himalayan India,” Rochester Institute of Technology College of Liberal Arts Seminar (January 2020)
- “Moorcroft’s Folly: The Failed and Forgotten Origins of British Exploration in the Trans-Himalaya, 1812-1825,” North American Conference on British Studies (Vancouver, BC, November 2019)
- “Climate Witness: Oral History and Community Based Research in Trans-Himalayan Ladakh,” European Society for Environmental History (Tallinn, Estonia, August 2019)
- “Victorian Moments, 1819-1901,” University of Rochester, March 2019
- “Climate Witness: Vulnerability, Resilience, and Disaster Recovery in Trans-Himalayan Ladakh,” Jesse L. Rosenberger Seminar Series, Center for Energy and Environment (University of Rochester, January 2019)
- “Environmental Justice in Ladakh, India,” National Women’s Studies Association, (Atlanta, Georgia, November 2018)
- “Climate Witness: Voices from Ladakh,” *Thinking Mountains: An Interdisciplinary Summit* (Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, October 2018)
- “Colonial Woods: The Forests of Garhwal-Kumaon and the British Environmental Imagination,” American Society for Environmental History (UC Riverside, March 2018)
- “Mountain of Destiny: The Nazi Assault on Nanga Parbat,” (Chico State University, March 2018)
- “The Birth of Himalaya,” Lithuanian Society for the Study of Religion (Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania, October 2017)
- “Social Resilience and Disaster Recovery in Ladakh, India,” International Association for Research on Service Learning and Community Engagement (Galway, Ireland, September 2017)
- “The Science of the Sacred: Geology, Mythology, and the Making of the Himalayan Orography,” International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture (The New School, New York, April 2017)
- “Himalaya: An Eco-Biography,” ASAP 8 (University of Tartu, Estonia, September 2016)
- “Halley’s Chart,” Science, Exploration, and the Graphic Representation of Knowledge in the English Enlightenment,” *Scientiae 2015* (Victoria College, University of Toronto, May 2015)
- “The Lives of Mountains,” New York-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition, and Culture, St. Petersburg, Russia, July 2011
- “Himalayan Exploration in the Age of Empire,” Phi Beta Kappa (Iota Chapter) annual lecture, University of Rochester, October 2009
- “The Highest Heights: Himalayan Mountaineering in Historical Context,” Barnes and Noble Authors Series, Pittsford NY, October 2008
- “Erich Maria Remarque and *All Quiet on the Western Front*,” Women in Music Festival, Rochester, NY, March 2008

“Science, Industry, and National Identity in Nineteenth-Century England,” Reston,
Virginia Community Center, January 2008

FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS:

American Society of Environmental History Public Outreach Award (2021)
Andrew Carnegie Corporation Fellowship (2019-20)
University of Rochester Multidisciplinary Research Award (2017-18)
Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences Fellowship (1995-96)
American Council of Learned Societies Grant-in-Aid (1989-90)
Giles M. Whiting Graduate Fellowship (1984-85)
Stanford University Graduate Research Fellowship (1980-84)

RECENT ACADEMIC SERVICE:

Interim Chair, Department of History, University of Rochester, 2018
Environmental Humanities Steering Committee (2016-18)
College Study Abroad Committee (2014-17)
Environmental Sustainability UCIS (2014-)
History Department Executive Committee (2013-15)
History Department Graduate Studies Committee (2013-18)
History Department Workshop coordinator (2013-16)
University of Rochester Faculty Ambassadors Program (2012)
Chair, Department of History, University of Rochester (2006-12)
College Writing Committee (2008-10)
Institute for the International Education of Students India Planning Committee (2004-05)
Chair, Russian History Search Committee (2004-05)
Director, Department of History Senior Honors Program (2002-06)