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### EMPLOYMENT

Adeline Barry Davee Distinguished Professor of History, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, 2006–  
Professor of Law, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, 1999–  
Professor of History, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, 1999–2006  
Associate Professor of History and Associate Professor of Law, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, 1996–1999  
Assistant Professor of History, New Jersey Institute of Technology and Rutgers University–Newark, 1993–1996  
Visiting Assistant Professor of History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1990–1993

### EDUCATION

Brandeis University, Ph.D., 1989, History of American Civilization  
Tufts University, B.A., 1983, *Summa Cum Laude*, Special Honors in History

### HONORS AND AWARDS

New York Academy of History Fellow, 2016  
New York City Book Award, New York Society Library (Natural History category) for *Gotham Unbound: The Ecological History of Greater New York*, 2015  
PROSE Award, Association of American Publishers (U.S. History category) for *Gotham Unbound: The Ecological History of Greater New York*, 2015  
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES, Fellowship for University Teachers, 2010  
Hartman Hotz Lectures in Law and Liberal Arts, University of Arkansas, 2007  
B. BENJAMIN ZUCKER FELLOW, Yale University, 2006

Nominee, Carl F. Wittke Undergraduate Teaching Prize, Case Western Reserve University, 2006  
Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities Fellowship, Case Western Reserve University, 2004  
Pulitzer Prize Nominee (History), for *Down to Earth: Nature's Role in American History*, 2003  
National Outdoor Book Award (Nature/Environment category) for *Down to Earth: Nature's Role in American History*, 2002  
Pulitzer Prize Nominee (Nonfiction), for *Acts of God: The Unnatural History of Natural Disaster*, 2001  
Ohio Academy of History Outstanding Publication Award for *Acts of God: The Unnatural History of Natural Disaster*, 2001  
FREDERICK BURKHARDT FELLOWSHIP, American Council of Learned Societies, 2000–2001  
JOHN SIMON GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FELLOW, 1996  
Spencer Foundation, Research Grant, 1995–1996  
Willard Hurst Prize in American Legal History, for *Nature Incorporated*, 1992  
Old Sturbridge Village E. Harold Hugo Memorial Book Prize (best book on the history and material culture of rural New England) for *Nature Incorporated*, 1992  
American Council of Learned Societies, Grant-in-Aid, 1992–1993  
MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF FELLOWS, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1990–1993  
William F. Sullivan Research Fellowship, Museum of American Textile History, 1987–1988  
Irving and Rose Crown Fellowship in the History of American Civilization, Brandeis University, 1984–1989  
Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Chapter, Tufts University, 1983  
Russell E. Miller History Prize, Tufts University, 1983

## BOOKS

*Gotham Unbound: The Ecological History of Greater New York* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 2014, xxii + 517 pp.; paperback edition, 2015).  
*American Green: The Obsessive Quest for the Perfect Lawn* (New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2006, xv + 295 pp.; paperback edition, 2007).  
*Down to Earth: Nature's Role in American History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002, xiv + 347 pp.; paperback edition, 2002; 2d edition, 2009; 3d edition, 2013).  
*Acts of God: The Unnatural History of Natural Disaster* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000, xxiii + 294 pp.; paperback edition, 2003; 2d edition, 2006).

*Slide Mountain, or the Folly of Owning Nature* (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1995, 212 pp.; paperback edition, 1996).  
*Nature Incorporated: Industrialization and the Waters of New England* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1991, xv + 284 pp.; paperback edition, Amherst, MA: University of Massachusetts Press, 1994; paperback edition, Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2004).

## ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Subversive Subjects: Donald Worster and the Radical Origins of Environmental History,” in *Field on Fire: Essays on the Future of Environmental History Inspired by Donald Worster*, ed. Mark Hersey and Ted Steinberg (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, forthcoming).
- “Afterword: A Tale of Two Cities,” in *Disaster and Risk in the Gulf South*, ed. Cindy Ermus (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, forthcoming).
- “Can New York City Survive the Sea,” *Dissent* 61 (Summer 2014): 60–64.
- “A Natural Disaster, and a Human Tragedy,” in *Critical Thinking, Thoughtful Writing*, ed. John Chaffee, 6th ed. (Stamford, CT: Cengage Learning, 2014), 326–330.
- “Can Capitalism Save the Planet? On the Origins of Green Liberalism,” *Radical History Review* 2010, no. 107: 7–24.
- “United States of Fertilizer: A Case Study of Corporations and Environmental Harm,” *Hedgehog Review* 11 (Summer 2009): 55–65.
- “Lawn-O-Rama: The Commodification of Landscape in Postwar America,” in *Natures Past*, ed. Paolo Squatriti (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2007), 270–287.
- “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Archives,” *Environmental History* 10 (October 2005): 742–743.
- “Lawn and Landscape in World Context, 1945–2005,” *OAH Magazine of History* 19 (November 2005): 62–68.
- “Environment,” introductory essay in *Encyclopedia of New England Culture*, ed. Burt Feintuch and David Watters (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005), 531–541.
- “Last Call for Judgment Day,” *Southern Exposure* 22 (2004): 68–76.
- “Big Is Ugly: The Corporate Enclosure of the Global Water Supply,” *Technology and Culture* 45 (July 2004): 618–623.
- “Honest (and Honest to God) Dirt,” *Journal of Urban History* 31 (Nov.2004): 101–105.
- “Fertilizing the Tree of Knowledge: Environmental History Comes of Age,” *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 35 (Autumn 2004): 265–277.

- “Down, Down, Down, No More: Environmental History Moves Beyond Declension,” *Journal of the Early Republic* 24 (Summer 2004): 260–266. Reprinted in John Lauritz Larson and Michael A. Morrison, eds., *Whither the Early Republic: A Forum on the Future of the Field* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2005).
- “Down to Earth: Nature, Agency, and Power in History,” *American Historical Review* 107 (2002): 798–820. (Forum Essay)
- “Split Personality Ponds,” *Massachusetts Historical Review* 3 (2001): 138–145.
- “The Secret History of Natural Disaster,” *Environmental Hazards* 3 (2001): 31–35.
- “Smoke and Mirrors: The San Francisco Earthquake and Seismic Denial,” in *American Disasters*, ed. Steven Biel, (New York: New York University Press, 2001), 103–126.
- “Morton Salt Disaster,” in *Writing on Water*, ed. David Rothenberg and Marta Ulvaeus (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2001), 100–110.
- “L.A. Exponential: The Case Against Southern California Exceptionalism,” *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism* 10 (Sept. 1999): 52–58.
- “Do-It-Yourself Deathscape: The Unnatural History of Natural Disaster in South Florida,” *Environmental History* 2 (October 1997): 414–438. Reprinted in Paul Sutter and Christopher Manganiello, eds., *Environmental History and the American South* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2009).
- “What is a Natural Disaster?” *Literature and Medicine* 15 (Spring 1996): 33–47.
- “New England in a Pocketbook: Gazetteers and the Modernization of Landscape,” *American Studies* 35 (Fall 1994): 59–72.
- “Environment,” in *Encyclopedia of Social History*, ed. Peter N. Stearns (New York: Garland Publishing Company, 1994), 236–37.
- “Cloudbusting in Fulton County: A Study on the Ownership of Weather,” *Michigan Quarterly Review* 32 (Spring 1993): 209–30.
- “That World's Fair Feeling: Control of Water in 20th-Century America,” *Technology and Culture* 34 (April 1993): 401–9.
- “God's Terminus: Boundaries, Nature, and Property on the Michigan Shore,” *American Journal of Legal History* 37 (Jan. 1993): 65–90.
- “Dam-Breaking in the 19th-Century Merrimack Valley: Water, Social Conflict, and the Waltham-Lowell Mills,” *Journal of Social History* 24 (Fall 1990): 25–45. Reprinted in Carroll Pursell, ed., *American Technology* (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2001).
- “An Ecological Perspective on the Origins of Industrialization,” *Environmental History Review* 10 (Winter 1986): 261–76.

## BOOK REVIEW ESSAYS

<i>Agricultural History</i>	<i>Oregon Historical Quarterly</i>
<i>American Historical Review</i>	<i>Pacific Historical Review</i>
<i>Bulletin of the History of Medicine</i>	<i>Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography</i>
<i>Canadian Historical Review</i>	<i>Planning Perspectives</i>
<i>Comparative Studies in Society &amp; History</i>	<i>Public Historian</i>
<i>Environmental History</i>	<i>Reviews in American History</i>
<i>H-Environment</i>	<i>Radical Historians Newsletter</i>
<i>Isis</i>	<i>Register of the Kentucky Historical Society</i>
<i>Journal of American History</i>	<i>Science</i>
<i>Journal of Interdisciplinary History</i>	<i>Technology and Culture</i>
<i>Journal of Ecological Economics</i>	<i>Terra Nova</i>
<i>Journal of Historical Geography</i>	<i>The Trumpeter</i>
<i>Journal of Social History</i>	<i>Urban Affairs Review</i>
<i>Journal of Southern History</i>	<i>Western Historical Quarterly</i>
<i>Law and History Review</i>	
<i>Northwest Ohio Quarterly</i>	

## COURSE REPERTOIRE

Environmental History of North America	Introduction to U.S. Historiography
Environmental History and the Law	Legal History of the Corporation
Historical Research and Writing	Natural Disaster in History
Method and Theory	Radical History in America
History of Corporate America	Senior Research Seminar
History of Technology	Social History and Policy
History of the American West	Social History of Crime
Introduction to American History	U.S. History Survey, 1865–Present
	World History

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (since 2014)

National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution,  
Washington, DC, November 29, 2016  
Renmin University, Beijing, China, June 27, 2016  
Agricultural History Conference (Keynote Address), City College of New  
York, June 23, 2016  
Florida International University/HistoryMiami, April 8, 2016  
University of Copenhagen, Denmark, Northern European Conference on  
Disaster Studies (Keynote Address), December 11, 2015

Amherst College, Association for the Advancement of Liberal Arts Colleges  
(Keynote Address), October 23, 2015  
École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, June 1, 2015  
New York Society Library, May 4, 2015  
Tulane University, April 9, 2015  
New York University, Tandon School of Engineering, February 26, 2015  
University at Buffalo, State University of New York, November 14, 2014  
Museum of the City of New York, October 27, 2014  
Yale University, October 9, 2014  
New York University, Institute for Public Knowledge, October 8, 2014  
Architectural League of New York, *The Five Thousand Pound Life: Nature  
and the City*, September 26, 2014  
American Historical Association Annual Meeting, *New Directions in Disaster  
History Panel*, January 4, 2014

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Vetting (books): Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press,  
Harvard University Press, Princeton University Press, University of  
Chicago Press, University of California Press, University of North  
Carolina Press, Johns Hopkins University Press, University of  
Washington Press, University of Georgia Press, University of Minnesota  
Press, University of Pittsburgh Press, Fordham University Press,  
University Press of Kansas, SUNY Press, Bloomsbury, Resources for the  
Future Press, Wiley-Blackwell, McGraw Hill, Routledge, New Press,  
Penguin Books, W. W. Norton

Consulting: Brooklyn Historical Society; Kanji and Katzen (*United States v.  
Washington*); Environmental Literacy Council; Charles River Museum of  
Industry, Waltham, MA; Belknap Mills, Laconia, NH; Lowell National  
Historical Park, U.S. National Park Service, Lowell, MA; *Encyclopedia of  
New England Culture*; *Cambridge Dictionary of American Biography*  
Chair, Dean Review Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Case Western  
Reserve University, 2016  
Co-Leader, Jewish Voice for Peace, Cleveland Chapter, 2015–present  
President, Case Western Reserve University Chapter of the American  
Association of University Professors, 2011  
Co-Chair, Task Force on Research, College of Arts & Sciences, Case Western  
Reserve University, 2007  
Faculty Presidential Search Advisory Committee, Case Western Reserve  
University, 2006  
Chair, Twentieth-Century U.S. History Search Committee, Case Western  
Reserve University, 2005–2006

President's Advisory Committee on Promotion and Tenure, Case Western Reserve University, 2005  
Executive Committee, American Society for Environmental History, 2003–2006  
Chair, Early American History Search Committee, Case Western Reserve University, 2003–2004  
President, Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Ohio, 2003–2009; Vice-President, 2001–2003  
Editorial Board, *Environmental History*, 2002–2010  
Associate Chair, Department of History, Case Western Reserve University, 1999–2000  
Director of Graduate Studies in History, Case Western Reserve University, 1998–1999, 2000–2002, 2011 (interim director, spring semester)  
Chair, Women's History Search Committee, Case Western Reserve University, 1998–1999  
Chair, Program Committee, American Society for Environmental History, 1995  
Associate Editor, *Environmental History Review*, 1993–1996

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

Essays: *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, *Scientific American*, *Natural History*, *Discover Magazine*, *American Scientist*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Newsday*, *Métropolitiques*, *Counterpunch*, *Guardian*

Radio, Television, and Documentary Appearances: Where We Live, WNPR (Connecticut Public Radio), August 12, 2016; Science and the Earth on CUNY TV, August 4, 2015; The Academic Minute, July 3, 2015; Sierra Club Radio with Orli Cotel, May 30, 2015; *Plant This Movie* (urban farming documentary directed by Karney Hatch), November 7, 2014; John Batchelor Show, November 3, 2014; Metrofocus on WNET with Jack Ford, October 23, 2014; Jeff Schechtman's "Specific Gravity," August 5, 2014; Press Play (with Madeleine Brand), July 22, 2014; Publishers Weekly Radio (with Rose Fox), June 19, 2014; WNYC, *Leonard Lopate Show*, June 10, 2014; The Takeway (with John Hockenberry), November 21, 2013; *CBS Sunday Morning*, May 29, 2011; WFPL (Louisville), *Homegrown*, August 16, 2009; Penn & Teller: Bullshit! *Lawns*, season 7, episode 8, August 14, 2009; KUER (Salt Lake City), *RadioWest*, July 29, 2008; Wisconsin Public Radio, *Kathleen Dunn Show* (Veronica Rueckert in for Kathleen Dunn), July 25, 2008; WVIZ/PBS (Cleveland), *Ideas: Lawn Care* (with David C. Barnett), February 11, 2008; *CBS Sunday Morning*, "The History of the American

Lawnmower,” August 19, 2007 (rebroadcast June 1, 2008); Wisconsin Public Radio, *Joy Cardin Show*, July 19, 2007; KUAJ (Fayetteville, AR), *Kyle Kellums Show*, April 30, 2007; KPCC (Southern California Public Radio), *Airtalk*, April 4, 2007; KFOX (San Jose), *Fred Reiss Weekly World Update*, September 6, 2006; *CBS Sunday Morning*, “Making the Grass Greener on Your Side,” September 3, 2006 (rebroadcast April 28, 2010); KSTP (Minneapolis), *The Tom Mischke Show*, August 1, 2006; KRLA (Los Angeles) *The Dennis Prager Show*, July 25, 2006; KPCC (Southern California Public Radio), *Patt Morrison Show*, July 18, 2006; CKLW (Bingham Farmers, MI/Windsor, Ontario), *Melanie DeVeau, Show* July 18, 2006; *To the Best of Our Knowledge*, July 9, 2006; KQRS (Minneapolis), July 7, 2006; WBAL (Baltimore), July 4, 2006; WHO (Des Moines), *Stephen Winzenburg Show*, July 3, 2006; KAHL (San Antonio), *Ron Thulin Show*, June 30, 2006; Martha Stewart Living Radio, *Homegrown*, June 13, 2006; American Public Media, *Marketplace Money*, June 2, 2006; WCPN (Cleveland), May 30, 2006; WPHT (Philadelphia), *The Michael Smerconish Morning Show*, May 24, 2006; WHYI (Philadelphia), *Radio Times* with Marty Moss-Coane, May 12, 2006; WTKF (Atlantic, NC), *Viewpoints*, May 12, 2006; WHYI (Philadelphia) *You Bet Your Garden*, May 13, 2006; WKBN (Youngstown, OH), May 3, 2006; CHOK (Sarnia, Ontario) *Lee Michaels Show*, April 25, 2006; Wisconsin Public Radio, *Joy Cardin Show*, April 24, 2006; WLW (Cincinnati) *Gary Burbank Show*, April 18, 2006; WREL (Lexington, VA), April 11, 2006; WZTK (Burlington, NC), *Talk Radio*, April 11, 2006; CBC, *The Current* with Anna Maria Tremonti, April 5, 2006; Minnesota Public Radio, *Mary Lucia Show*, March 31, 2006; Talk Radio Network, *The Jerry Doyle Show*, March 27, 2006; Bloomberg Radio, March 21, 2006; KXEL (Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA), *On the Air* with Mike Bunge, March 17, 2006; WBUR (Boston), *On Point*, March 14, 2006; A&E TV, *Weather...or Not?* November 7, 2005; WHRV (Norfolk, VA), *HearSay* with Cathy Lewis, September 12, 2005; WWRL (New York), September 5, 2005; WNYC, *Leonard Lopate Show*, September 1, 2005

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