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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born: 8 Dec 1946, New York, USA

Citizenship: US/Australia/UK

Married (1969): 2 children (son, Joshua, born 1975, daughter, Emily, born 1977)

EDUCATION

BA & DPHIL
Oxford University

YEARS ATTENDED: 1965-8, 1970-74
Oxford, UK

MA
Univ. W. Ontario

YEARS ATTENDED: 1968-70
London, Ontario, Canada

LANGUAGES

English, French, Russian (Reading & Writing); German, Turkish, Latin (limited Reading only); beginning Chinese

EMPLOYMENT

FULL PROFESSOR
San Diego State University

YEARS EMPLOYED: 2002-
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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
San Diego State University

YEARS EMPLOYED: 2001-2
San Diego, CA 92182

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Macquarie University

YEARS EMPLOYED: 1991 - 2000
Sydney, NSW 2109

LECTURER/SNR. LECTURER
Macquarie University

YEARS EMPLOYED: 1975 - 91
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CASUAL TUTOR
Univ. W. Ont./Oxford

YEARS EMPLOYED: 1968-74
London, Ont./Oxford

SUMMARY OF CAREER AND RESEARCH

My academic career has been spent in two institutions. I was at Macquarie University in Sydney, from 1975 to 2000, and I have been at San Diego State University in California since 2001.

At Macquarie University, I was appointed to teach Russian and Soviet History, and until the early 1990s the bulk of my research and teaching was in this area. I taught Russian and European history at all levels, from first year courses, to Honours and Postgraduate courses and supervision. I wrote a text on modern Russian history, which was first published in Australia in 1986, and subsequently in two revised versions, the third being published by Macmillan in 1997, in the UK and the USA. I published many articles aimed mainly at High School teachers of Russian history, and frequently gave talks and lectures for High Schools and teachers. I was, for a time, the editor of *Teaching History*, the journal of the History Teachers' Association of NSW.

My earliest research publications, based on archival research in the former USSR, were on aspects of Russian political history in the 19th century. I then became more interested in the history of "material life", under the

influence of the *Annales* school, and in particular the work of Fernand Braudel. With R.E.F. Smith of Birmingham University, I wrote what is now the standard history of working class nutritional standards (*Bread and Salt*) before the twentieth century. I later wrote a study of the impact and fiscal significance of the trade in vodka in 19th century Russia (*Living Water*). These studies helped put such topics on the research agenda of Russian historians. I have also completed much of the archival research for a study of Prohibition in Russia, 1914-1924.

A concern to place Russian history in its wider context led me to World History. Partly as a result of this broadening of my interests, I was invited to write a volume on Russia and Central Asia for the Blackwell History of the World. The first volume (from prehistory up to the Mongol era) was published in 1998 (*A History of Russia, Central Asia and Mongolia*). This is the first coherent history of the large region that I call “Inner Eurasia”. In the 1990s, I organised a series of conferences on Inner Asian history, and founded the *Australasian Society for Inner Asian Studies*.

Meanwhile, partly under the influence of Fernand Braudel’s concern to understand the past at large scales, (the *longue durée*, as he called it), in 1989 I began teaching a course surveying the past on the largest possible scale, from those of modern history to those of cosmology. When first introduced, this course was unique (with the exception of one other course, taught by John Mears at Southern Methodist University in Dallas). Now many other Universities in Australia (including Monash and the ANU), the Netherlands (including Amsterdam and Eindhoven), and the USA (I am now losing count of the number, but they include UC Santa Cruz, Grand Valley St. University, Michigan, U. Michigan Ann Arbor, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, and San Diego State University), have taught or are teaching courses modelled on the Macquarie course, while many other courses in world history have begun to incorporate a big history perspective. In 1991, I published an article on this course, entitled, “The Case for ‘Big History’”. This has since become the classic statement of the argument for studying the past at very large scales, and I am widely regarded as the founder of this field of scholarship. In 2004, I published a book surveying the past on the scales of big history (*Maps of Time*). This received the World History Association prize for the best book on world history published in 2004. “Big History” has now established itself as a recognized form of world historical scholarship; there have been conferences on big history, an entire edition of the journal, *Social Evolution and History*, and in 2007 a new book appeared on the subject. An article on my role in establishing “Big History” was published in the *New York Times*, January 12 2002 (“For Big History, The Past Begins with the Beginning”, by Emily Eakin). I have been active in the work of the World History Association; in developing world history syllabi; on the editorial boards of the *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History*, the forthcoming *Cambridge History of the World*, and the *Journal of Global History*; and have given numerous invited lectures, talks and conference papers on world history and big history.

TEACHING

Undergraduate Teaching

- *Russian History: 1861-present day* — taught annually from 1975 to 1999 and again in 2004, an upper level course with average enrolments of 40-60 students
- *Introduction to World History* — (an introduction to big history, surveying the past from the origins of the Universe to the present day), taught annually since 1989, a first year course with average enrolments of 250-300 students and, since 2003, of just under 500 students
- *Russian Literature and History: 1800-1975* — taught for 3 years in the 1980s
- *History of Inner Eurasia from Prehistory to the Present Day* — taught 1993 and, as a graduate seminar, (“The World of the Silk Roads”, at San Diego State University
- *World Environmental History*—taught at San Diego State University from 2001
- *Historiography and World History*—taught at San Diego State University
- Other Courses: Participation in courses on US History, European History, Early Modern European Empires, Peace Studies, Historiography

Honours Level

- ▶ *Marxism and Historiography* — 1977-1983
- ▶ *Soviet Historiography* — 1975-1980
- ▶ *Aspects of World History* — 1990-97
- ▶ *Gender and Sexuality in World History* — 1996-7
- ▶ *The Silk Roads in World History*—1999

Postgraduate Teaching

Postgraduate Supervision:

- ▶ Supervision of 8 Honours theses (all completed), + 6 MA/PhD theses (2 completed at PhD level)
- ▶ At SDSU, main adviser for 4 MA dissertations

Course Work MA: Macquarie University

- ▶ *Soviet History*
- ▶ *Muscovite Russia*
- ▶ *Famine in World History*
- ▶ *The Silk Roads in World History*

Quality and Impact of Teaching

- 2008: I was invited by the College Board to join the committee reviewing the Advanced Placement course in World History.
- 2007: I published a short history of humanity (*This Fleeting World*), which is already being used as a text in college and high school courses on world history
- 2007: I recorded 48 half hour lectures on Big History for *The Teaching Company*, available from [<http://www.teach12.com/tcx/coursedesclong2.aspx?cid=8050&pc=History%20-%20Modern>]
- 2007: with Craig Benjamin and Cynthia Brown, I signed a contract with McGraw-Hill to write a college textbook on Big History
- The course I teach on World History was one of the first of its kind to be taught in a modern University, and it has been widely imitated. My book, *Maps of Time*, is being widely used in World History courses and historiography courses in the USA and elsewhere.
- Different editions of my history of modern Russia and the Soviet Union have been used in schools and Universities in Australia, the UK and the USA
- I have regularly lectured to and for students and teachers in secondary schools in NSW; I have also published many articles in the journal of the NSW History Teachers' Association and, in this way, have had a considerable impact on the teaching of Russian History in NSW and, to a lesser degree, in other parts of Australia. In the US, I have been the Associate Director of a major NEH funded project to construct an on-line world history syllabus for high school teachers (*World History for Us All*; see the web site, <http://worldhistoryforusall.sdsu.edu/> and Ross E. Dunn, 2007. "World History for Us All: An Innovative World History Curriculum." *Perspectives on History: the Newsmagazine of the American Historical Association*, May 2007). I have also given many lectures to high school teachers of world history, or taken part in workshops in world history.
- 1996: I was one of seven recipients of the first "Outstanding Teacher Awards" granted at Macquarie University

RESEARCH

Areas of Research & Publication

- ▶ Political history of early 19th century Russia — the subject of my Doctoral thesis and my earliest publications.
- ▶ Social History of Pre-Revolutionary Russia: Material Life of 19th century Russian peasantry — the main subject of my research in the late 1970s and 1980s
- ▶ History of Inner Eurasia — History of Russia, Central Asia and Mongolia from prehistory to today
- ▶ World History and Big History

Current Research and Work in Progress

- ▶ *Russia, Central Asia and Mongolia from Prehistory to the Present: Vol 2: From the Mongol Empire to the Present Day*, Vol. 1 completed; Vol. 2 in rough draft
- ▶ *Between Nothing and Infinity*, a college level text on big history
- ▶ "The Environment", for the Oxford Handbook to World History

Research Grants & Fellowships

- ▶ 2007: Distinguished Visiting Professor, Library of Congress, spring 2009
- ▶ 2006: National Humanities Center Fellowship
- ▶ 2004: San Diego State University, Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity mini-grant: \$5,000 to support research trip and conference in Moscow
- ▶ 1998 Flagship Grant: "Putting Modern History on the Net", \$20,000, to support putting HIST112 on the net

- ▶ 1993-5: ARC small grants of \$8,000, \$5,000 and \$3,000 over three years to support travel in former USSR, during research for my book, *History of Russia and Central Asia*
- ▶ 1987-8: MURG (Macquarie University Research Grants)
- ▶ 1981-84: ARGC grants: “The Russian Peasant Household” (12 items in my list of publications were based on research supported by this grant)

PUBLICATIONS

Books: Authored-research

1. *This Fleeting World: A Short History of Humanity*, Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Publishing, 2007
2. *“Maps of Time”: An Introduction to “Big History”*, Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2004, foreword by W.H. McNeill [see web page at <http://www.ucpress.edu/books/pages/9249.html>] translations into Spanish (“Mapas del tiempo: introducción a la «Gran Historia»”, trans. Antonio-Prometeo Moya, Barcelona, Crítica, 2005); and Chinese)
3. *A History of Russia, Central Asia and Mongolia: Vol 1: Inner Eurasia from Prehistory to the Mongol Empire*, in “The Blackwell History of the World”, Oxford: Blackwell, 1998
4. *“Living Water”: Vodka and Russian Society on the Eve of Emancipation*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1990
5. *Power and Privilege: Russia and the Soviet Union in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*, Melbourne: Pitman/Longmans, 1986
6. R.E.F. Smith & David Christian, *Bread & Salt: A Social and Economic History of Food and Drink in Russia*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1984 (my contribution was 3 out of 9 chapters)

Books: Edited

7. “The Silk Road”, David Christian, Consulting Editor and Contributor, *Calliope: Exploring World History*, ed. Rosalie Baker, Charles Baker, Cobblestone Publishers, Vol. 12, No. 6, Feb 2002
8. *Realms of the Silk Roads: Ancient and Modern*, Silk Road Studies, IV, edited David Christian and Craig Benjamin, Belgium, Turnhout: Brepols, 2000
9. *Worlds of the Silk Roads: Ancient and Modern*, Silk Road Studies, II, edited David Christian and Craig Benjamin, Belgium, Turnhout: Brepols, 1998

Books: Revision/New Edition/Translation

10. R.E.F. Smith & David Christian, *Bread & Salt: A Social and Economic History of Food and Drink in Russia*, Tokyo: Heibon Sha, 1999 (a Japanese translation of No. 6 above)
11. *Imperial and Soviet Russia: Power, Privilege and the Challenge of Modernity*, Macmillan, UK, 1997, N.Y.: St. Martin’s Press (major revision of No. 12, below)
12. *Power and Privilege: The Russian Empire, the Soviet Union and the challenge of Modernity*, 2nd. ed., Longman, Melbourne, 1994: ISBN 0 582 80114 1 (major revision of No. 5 above with new material)

Book Chapter:

13. “Scales”, in Marnie Hughes-Warrington, ed., *Palgrave Advances in World History*, Basingstoke: Palgrave/Macmillan, 2005, 64-89
14. “History and Global Identity”, in Stuart Macintyre, ed., *The Historian’s Conscience: Australian Historians on the Ethics of History*, Melbourne: Melbourne University Press, 2004, pp. 139-50
15. “K obosnovaniyu ‘Bol’shoi (Universal’noi) istorii””, in A.O. Chubar’yan, ed., *Tsivilizatsii. Vyp. 5: Problemy globalistiki i global’noi istorii*, Institut vseobshchei istorii, Moscow: Nauka, 2002, pp. 155-167 [reprint of No. 47, below]
16. “Tsarist Russia in the Context of World History”, in Craig Benjamin and Samuel N.C. Lieu, eds., *Silk Road Studies VI: Walls and Frontiers in Inner-Asian History*, Turnhout: Brepols, 2002, pp. 49-77
17. “Maps of Time: Human History and Terrestrial History”, in *Symposium ter Gelegenheid van het 250-jarig Jubileum*, Koninklijke Hollandsche Maatschappij der Wetenschappen: Haarlem, 2002, pp. 33-63
18. “The Kaghanate of the Rus’: Non-Slavic sources of Russian statehood”, in S.G. Wheatcroft, ed., *Challenging Traditional Views of Russian History*, Palgrave/Macmillan, 2002, pp. 3-26
19. “Science in the Mirror of ‘Big History’”, in Stamhuis, I.H., T. Koetsier, C. de Pater and A. van Helden, eds., *The Changing Image of the Sciences*, Lancaster: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2002, pp. 143-171
20. “İç Avrasya ve Türkçe Konuşan Halkların Tarihleri” [“Inner Eurasia and the histories of Turkic speaking peoples”], Dr. David Christian, San Diego Eyalet Üniversitesi Tarih Bölümü / A.B.D., (Ceviren: Isik Kuscü), *Türkler*, vol.I, Ankara 2002, pp. 402-408 [translation of next entry]

21. "Inner Eurasia and the Histories of Turkish Speaking Peoples", Assoc. Prof. Dr. David Christian, *The Turks*, ed. H.C. Güzel, et. al., vol. 1, "Early Ages", Ankara: Yeni Türkiye, 2002, pp. 68-73
22. "Creation Myths", in Malcolm Walter, ed., *To Mars and Beyond: Search for the Origins of Life*, Canberra: National Museum of Australia, 2002, p. 25
23. "'Big History', Globalisation and Australia: Towards a More Inclusive Account of the Past", *The Australian Academy of Humanities: Proceedings 2000*, 2000 Annual Lecture, Canberra, ACT: Australian Academy of Humanities, 2001, pp. 123-51
24. "Silk Roads or Steppe Roads? The Silk Roads in World History", *Realms of the Silk Roads: Ancient and Modern*, Silk Road Studies, IV, edited David Christian and Craig Benjamin, Belgium, Turnhout: Brepols, 2000, pp. 67-94, reprint
25. "The Case for 'Big History'", in Ross E. Dunn, ed., *The New World History: A Teacher's Companion*, Bedford Books, 2000, pp. 575-87, reprint of No. 47, below
26. "'Inner Eurasia' as a Unit of World History", in Ross E. Dunn, ed., *The New World History: A Teacher's Companion*, Bedford Books, 2000, pp. 197-205, reprint of No. 49, below
27. "Introduction", to *Realms of the Silk Roads: Ancient and Modern*, Silk Road Studies, IV, edited David Christian and Craig Benjamin, Belgium, Turnhout: Brepols, 2000, pp. i-vi
28. "Introduction", to *Worlds of the Silk Roads: Ancient and Modern*, Silk Road Studies, II, edited David Christian and Craig Benjamin, Turnhout: Brepols, 1998, pp. i-v
29. "State Formation in the Inner Eurasian Steppes", in *Worlds of the Silk Roads: Ancient and Modern*, Silk Road Studies, II, edited David Christian and Craig Benjamin, Turnhout: Brepols, 1998, pp. 51-76
30. "The Case for 'Big History'" (reprint of 1991 article, republished in Ross E. Dunn & David Vigilante, eds., *Bring History Alive! A Sourcebook for Teaching World History*, LA: National Centre for History in the Schools, UCLA, 1996, pp. 21-30
31. "State Formation in the Steppes", in J. Perkins and J. Tampke, eds., *Europe: Prospects and Retrospects*, S. Highlands Press, E. Manly, 1996, pp. 243-58
32. "Marat Durdyiev and Turkmen Nationalism", in A. Pavkovic, H. Koscharsky, & A. Czarnota, eds., *Nationalism and Postcommunism: A Collection of Essays*, Dartmouth, UK, 1995, pp. 57-81
33. "Adopting a Global Perspective", in D.M. Schreuder, ed., *The Humanities and a Creative Nation: Jubilee Essays*, Australian Academy of the Humanities, Canberra, 1995, pp. 249-62
34. "A Neglected Great Reform: the Abolition of Tax Farming in Russia", in B. Eklof, J. Bushnell, and Larissa Zakharova, eds., *Russia's Great Reforms, 1855-1881*, Indiana University Press, Bloomington, Ind., 1994, 102-14 (English language version of next item)
35. Krischn, D., "*Zabytaya reforma: otmena vinnykh otkupov v Rossii*" [Christian, D., "A Neglected Great Reform: The Abolition of Tax Farming in Russia"], in L.G. Zakharova, B. Eklof, J. Bushnell, eds., *Velikie reformy v Rossii 1856-1874 [The Great Reforms in Russia 1856-1874]*, Moscow: Moscow Univ. Press, 1992, 126-39
36. "*Perestroika* and World History", in Hans Hendrichske, ed., *Market Reform in the Changing Socialist World*, Centre for Chinese Political Economy, Macquarie University, No. 4 (July 1992): 154-79
37. "The Black and Gold Seals: Popular Protests Against the Liquor Trade on the Eve of Emancipation", in Esther Kingston-Mann & Timothy Mixter, eds., *Peasant Economy, Culture and Politics of European Russia, 1800-1917*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1991
38. "Variations on a theme by Trotsky," in S.N. Mukherjee and J.O. Ward, eds., *Revolution as History*, Sydney Studies in Society and Culture No. 5, Sydney, 1989
39. "Labour in a non-capitalist Economy: the Soviet Counter-Example," in Jill Roe, ed., *Unemployment: Are there Lessons from History?*, Sydney: Hale & Iremonger, 1985

Journal Articles: Refereed

40. "Historia, complejidad y revolución cronométrica" ["History, Complexity and the Chronometric Revolution"], *Revista de Occidente*, Abril 2008, No 323, 27-57
41. "Bridging the Two Cultures: History, Big History and Science", *Historically Speaking*, May/June 2005, 21-26
42. "Macrohistory: The Play of Scales", in *Social Evolution & History*, Vol. 4, No. 1 (March 2005): 22-60
43. "World History in Context", *Journal of World History*, Vol. 14 (2003), No. 4, 437-58 [see <http://www.historycooperative.org/journals/jwh/14.4/christian.html>]
44. "K obosnovaniyu 'Bol'shoi (Universal'noi) istorii'" [Russian translation of "The Case for 'Big History'"], *Obshchestvennye nauki i sovremennost'* [Social Sciences Today], 2001, No. 2, 136-46

45. "Silk Roads or Steppe Roads? The Silk Roads in World History", *Journal of World History*, Vol. 11, No. 1(2000), 1-26 [available at <http://www.cmste.uncc.edu/APSI/Faculty/Michael%20Galvano%20World%20history/Art.%205.pdf>].
46. "Prohibition in Russia: 1914-1925", *Australian Slavonic and E. European Studies*, Vol. 9, no. 2 (Dec. 1995), pp. 89-108
47. "'Inner Eurasia' as a Unit of World History", *Journal of World History*, Vol. 5, No. 2 (Sep 1994):173-211
48. "'Perestroika and World History' (a revised version of No. 13, above), *Australian Slavonic and E. European Studies*, Vol. 6 (1992), No. 1: 1-28
49. "The Case for 'Big History'", *The Journal of World History*, 2, No. 2 (Fall 1991): 223-38 [see <http://www.fss.uu.nl/wetfil/96-97/big.htm>]
50. "Accumulation and Accumulators: the Metaphor Marx Muffed", *Science & Society*, 54 (Summer, 1990), 2: 219-24.
51. "Traditional and Modern Drinking Cultures in Russia on the Eve of Emancipation", *Australian Slavonic and East European Studies*, 1 (1987), no 1, 61-84
52. "Vodka and Corruption in Russia on the Eve of Emancipation", *Slavic Review*, 46 (1987), no 3/4, 471-88
53. "The Supervisory Function in Russian and Soviet History," *Slavic Review*, 41 (1982), no. 1, Mar, 73-90
54. "The 'Senatorial Party' and the Theory of Collegial Government," *Russian Review*, 38 (1979), no. 3, July, 298-323
55. "The Political Views of the Unofficial Committee in 1801: Some New Evidence," *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*, 12 (1978), no. 2, Summer, 247-65
56. "The Political Ideals of Michael Speransky," *Slavonic and East European Review*, 14 (1976), no. 2, Apr, 192-213

Journal Articles: Non refereed

57. "Innovation and Human History", in a forum on "Encountering the New", introduced by Theodore Rabb, *Historically Speaking*, VII, No. 5 (May/June 2006): 22-3
58. "Afro-Eurasia in Geological Time," *World History Connected*, Vol. 5, No. 2, Feb 2008
[\[http://worldhistoryconnected.press.uiuc.edu/5.2/christian.html\]](http://worldhistoryconnected.press.uiuc.edu/5.2/christian.html)
59. "Progress: Directionality or Betterment?," in a "Forum on Progress in History", introduced by Bruce Mazlish, *Historically Speaking*, VII, No. 5 (May/June 2006): 22-5
60. "What's the Use of 'Big History'?", *World History Connected*, 3, No. 1(Oct 2005):
<http://worldhistoryconnected.press.uiuc.edu/3.1/christian.html>
61. "Dreams of a Better World: The Russian Revolution and the Communist Experiment", in *Teaching History*, 28 (1994), pt. 4, Dec., pp. 3-11
62. "'Perestroika' and the End of the Soviet Experiment 1982-1991", *Teaching History*, 27 (1993), pt. 1, Mar., 3-21
63. "The Longest Durée: A History of the Last 15 Billion Years", *Australian Historical Association Bulletin*, 59-60 (August-November 1989), 27-36: written by invitation; **commissioned**
64. "The Erosion of Russian Power Before World War One", *Historicus*, Journal of the WA History Teachers' Association, September 1989
65. "History, Myth and the Stalinist Purges", *Teaching History*, 22 (1988), pt. 3, Oct., 12-25
66. "Is History a Science?," *Teaching History incorporating Newsletter*, 20 (1987), pt. 4, Jan, 49-51
67. "Gorbachev and the Stalin Generation," *Teaching History incorporating Newsletter*, 20 (1986), pt. 2, July, 3-11
68. "Trotsky's Theory of 'Permanent Revolution' and the Nature of Twentieth Century Revolution," *Teaching History*, 19 (1985), pt. 2, July, 7-23
69. "The Totalitarian Model and the Origins of Stalinism: Some New Interpretations," *Teaching History*, 15 (1982), pt. 4, Jan, 13-26
70. "Lenin, October, and the Role of the Individual in History," *Teaching History*, 14 (1981), pt. 4, Jan, 17-33; **commissioned**
71. "Eisenstein and Soviet History," *Teaching History* (Journal of the History Teachers' Association of NSW), 12 (1978), pt. 3, Oct, 3-15; **commissioned**

Major Reviews:

72. "History in the Landscapes of Modern Knowledge" (review essay on *The Landscape of History: How Historians Map the Past*, by John Lewis Gaddis, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002). *History and Theory*, 43 (October 2004), 360-371.
73. "The Old World and the New in Nineteenth-Century Russia", *The Historical Journal*, 37, no. 4 (1994), pp. 945-57; **commissioned**

Conference Publications: non-refereed

74. "Mapping World History: Report on the World History Research Agenda Symposium," David Christian, Marilyn Lake, and Potukuchi Swarnalatha, in Patrick Manning, ed., *Global Practice in World History: Advances Worldwide*, Princeton: Markus Wiener Publishers, 2008, pp. 1-22 [see also <http://www.worldhistorynetwork.org/dev/>]
75. "Hierarchy and Heterarchy in World History", plenary paper published in *Third International Conference: Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations; June 18-21 2004, Moscow: Selected Papers*, Moscow: Russian Academy of Sciences, 2007
76. "Maps of Time: Human History and Terrestrial History", in *Symposium ter Gelegenheid van het 250-jarig Jubileum*, Koninklijke Hollandsche Maatschappij der Wetenschappen: Haarlem, 2002, pp. 33-63
77. "Global Histories for a Global World", in Donald H. McMillen, ed., *Globalisation and Regional Communities: Geoeconomic, Sociocultural and Security Implications for Australia*, USQ Press, Toowoomba, 1997, 285-90 [ISBN 0 949414 867]
78. "Alcohol and Primitive Accumulation in Tsarist Russia", *Production, Marketing and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages*, ed. Erik Aerts, Louis M. Cullen & Richard G. Wilson, 10th International Economic History Congress, Leuven, 1990, 31-42; conference papers
79. "A Neglected 'Great Reform': The Abolition of Tax Farming in Russia", Papers of a conference on "The Great Reforms in Russian History 1861-1874", Center for Soviet and E. European Studies of the University of Pennsylvania, May 1989

Reference Works: Entry:

80. "Big History" for the *Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems*, Unesco, 2006 [<http://greenplanet.eolss.net/EolssLogn/Mss/C04/E6-94/E6-94-03/E6-94-03-TXT.aspx#citation>]
81. "Universe, Origins of", in W.H. McNeill, et. al., eds., *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History*, 5 vols., Great Barrington, Mass.: Berkshire Publishing Group, 2004, 1918-24
82. "Steppe Confederations", in W.H. McNeill, et. al., eds., *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History*, 5 vols., Great Barrington, Mass.: Berkshire Publishing Group, 2004, 4:1782-87
83. "Silk Roads", in W.H. McNeill, et. al., eds., *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History*, 5 vols., Great Barrington, Mass.: Berkshire Publishing Group, 2004, 4:1709-1715
84. "This Fleeting World", in W.H. McNeill, et. al., eds., *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History*, 5 vols., Great Barrington, Mass.: Berkshire Publishing Group, 2004, 1: TFW, i-56 and 5: TFW i-56. (A 56-page overview of the whole of human history, also to be published separately as a booklet to be distributed with the encyclopedia.)
85. "Alcohol", in W.H. McNeill, et. al., eds., *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History*, 5 vols., Great Barrington, Mass.: Berkshire Publishing Group, 2004, 1:74-77
86. "Creation Myths", in W.H. McNeill, et. al., eds., *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History*, 5 vols., Great Barrington, Mass.: Berkshire Publishing Group, 2004, 2:449-53
87. "Inner Eurasia", in W.H. McNeill, et. al., eds., *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History*, 5 vols., Great Barrington, Mass.: Berkshire Publishing Group, 2004, 3:997-1004
88. "Periodization-Overview", in W.H. McNeill, et. al., eds., *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History*, 5 vols., Great Barrington, Mass.: Berkshire Publishing Group, 2004, 4:1453-58
89. "Population Growth as Engine of History", in W.H. McNeill, et. al., eds., *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History*, 5 vols., Great Barrington, Mass.: Berkshire Publishing Group, 2004, 4:1491-95
90. "Science-Overview", in W.H. McNeill, et. al., eds., *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History*, 2004, 4:1663-72
91. "Central Asia, Ancient", in *Encyclopedia of World Environmental History*, ed. Shepard Krech III, J. R. McNeill, Carolyn Merchant, London & New York: Routledge, 2003
92. "The Rise of Pastoralism in Eurasia: c. 4,000 BC to c. 1,000 BC", *Microsoft Encarta 2000*, Sep. 1999
93. "Russian Drinking", in Peter Stearns, ed., *Encyclopedia of Social History*, Garland Publishing, N.Y., 1994, pp. 637-8; **commissioned**

94. “Zablotskii-Desiatovskii, Andrei Parfenovich”, in *The Modern Encyclopedia of Russian and Soviet History*, ed. J.L. Wiczynski, vol. 45 (Academic Int. Press, 1987), 102-107; **commissioned**
95. “Speranskii, Mikhail Mikhailovich,” in *The Modern Encyclopedia of Russian and Soviet History*, ed., J.L. Wiczynski, vol. 37 (Academic Int. Press, 1984), 41-46; **commissioned**

Newspaper article:

96. “Forecasting”, in *The Sydney Morning Herald Magazine*, Millennium edition, Jan 1, 2000, p . 41
97. “The Shapers”, [25 individuals who died before 1900 but had the greatest influence on the 20th century?], in “This Living Century”, Supplement to the *Weekend Australian*, June 12-13 1999, pp. 19-20

Recorded Lectures:

98. *Big History: The Big Bang, Life on Earth, and the Rise of Humanity*, February 2008 (48 half hour lectures for *The Teaching Company*)

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4. Introduction to volume on *The Evolutionary Epic*, ed. Cheryl and Russell Genet
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ADMINISTRATION

- San Diego State University: Chair of Departmental Tenure and Promotions Committee (2003-), member of Departmental Executive Committee (2004-6), Chair of Search Committee for position in World Economic History (2002), member of Sabbaticals committee, organizer of departmental seminars and annual Appleby lecture
- Acting Head of Dept. of Modern History, August 1999 to Feb 2000

- Organized several conferences for teachers of History and on the history of Inner Asia; helped found the “Australasian Society for Inner Asian Studies”
- School’s elected representative on Senate from 1988-90, and a Staff Association Representative on the Appeals Committee on non-promotion to Senior Lecturer
- Administrative positions within the School of History, Philosophy, Politics, at Macquarie, including Chair of School and Discipline meetings, School Schedule of Courses Officer, Convenor of School Education Committee, convenor of Post Graduate Committee (in charge of administering Post Graduate Studies, 1995-2000)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Frequent reviewer of manuscripts for publishers (most recently including OUP and CUP) and for major journals in Russian and World History
- Frequent assessor for grant applications (including “International Assessor” for ARC)
- More than 130 conference papers, seminar papers and outside lectures since 1988, in Australia, Russia, UK and the USA (including about 25 keynote addresses, invitations as a distinguished speaker or special invitations)
- 2008: May, invited by College Board to join committee evaluating revisions to the Advanced Placement Syllabus in World History (CDAC)
- 2008: July, Dresden, participated in seminar of ENIUGH (European Network in Universal and Global History) seminar to found a Network of Global and World History Organizations (NOGWHISTO)
- 2007: Invited to join the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Global History*, for a 3 year term
- 2007: Invited to join the Editorial Board of the *Cambridge History of the World*, General Editor, Merry Weissner-Hanks
- 2005: Invited to join the Editorial Board of the *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History*
- 2001- : Associate Director of *World History for Us All*, a continuing project to build an on-line syllabus in world history
- Member or former member of: *Australian Society for European History* (ASEH), *Australian Society for the Study of Socialist Countries* (ASSSC, on executive, 1992-), *Australia/New Zealand Slavists Association*, *Alcohol & Temperance Study Group* (USA), *American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies* (USA), *World History Association* (USA), *American Historical Association*
- From 1998, elected member of the Executive Council of the World History Association; from 2005, Chair of WHA Affiliates Committee
- Founding member of *Australasian affiliate of the World History Association*, Wollongong, November 1998
- Founder and former President of *Australasian Society for Inner Asian Studies*, 1990s

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2008: Appointed as a James Marsh Professor-at-large for six years at the University of Vermont, beginning in the fall of 2008
- 2007: National Humanities Center Fellowship for spring semester of 2007
- 2007: Georgia State University, Atlanta, Distinguished World History Speaker: Nov 2007
- 2007: Invited to be a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the Kluge Center of the Library of Congress, in the spring of 2009
- 2006: Distinguished Visiting Professor, American University in Cairo, February 2006
- 2005: *Maps of Time* received the World History Association’s prize for the best book on world history published in 2004
- 2001, elected a foreign member of the *Koninklijke Hollandsche Maatschappij der Wetenschappen* [Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities], after being invited as one of two foreign speakers at the May 2001 seminar celebrating the 250th anniversary of the society
- 2000, appointed Principal Fellow & Associate Professor of Contemporary Europe Research Centre, University of Melbourne, 2000 & 2001
- 1999, elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities.
- 1996: In this year, I was one of 7 recipients of a Macquarie University “Outstanding Teacher Award”; this was the first year in which such awards were granted.