

# JEFFREY B. WEBB

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Education

Ph.D., University of Chicago, History, August 2001  
M.A., Cleveland State University, History, June 1989  
B.A., Baldwin-Wallace College, History, June 1987

*Ph.D. Fields:* Colonial America  
19<sup>th</sup> Century American Social History  
18<sup>th</sup> Century Britain

*Dissertation:* "'Reasonable Distinction': The Formation of an American Status Discipline in the Pennsylvania Hinterland, 1682-1740."

*Advisers:* Edward M. Cook, Jr., Kathleen N. Conzen, and William Novak.

### Fellowships, Grants, and Honors

- Emeriti Research & Artistic Creation Fund Grant, 2017
- Edwina Patton Chair in the Arts & Sciences, 2013-2016
- University Research Fellow, 2009
- *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, 2006 (student-nominated)
- Professor of the Year, 2003 (student-voted)
- NEH Summer Institute Fellowship, 2002
- Faculty Development Grant, 2002, 2017
- Lilly Endowment Technology Grant, 2000
- University of Chicago Phoenix Award
- Mellon Summer Research Grant, 1992
- Conference Travel Grants, 1997, 1998
- Freehling Research Grant, 1998

### Teaching Experience

- *Professor:* Department of History, Huntington University, 1999-
- *Instructor:* Colonial and Revolutionary America, Roosevelt University, 1998
- *Lecturer:* America in Western Civilization, University of Chicago, 1992, 1997
- *Writing Intern:* Human Being and Citizen, University of Chicago, 1994-95, 1996-97
- *Instructor:* Introduction to Politics, Trinity Christian College, 1994
- *Lector:* Academic and Professional Writing, University of Chicago, 1993-94
- *Teaching Assistant:* African-American History, Cleveland State University, 1989

### Courses Taught (\*current)

- Historical Perspectives on Culture & Civilization\*
- United States History I and II\*
- United States History Since 1945
- History of Christianity
- American Religious History\*
- U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction\*
- Making of Modern America, 1900-1945
- Seminar in Early American History\*
- The American Revolution\*
- Introduction to Law\*
- American National Government
- American Environmental History\*
- Development and Sustainability\*
- Reading Augustine's *City of God*
- Reading Chesterton's *Orthodoxy*
- British West Indies, 1600-1800

## Recent Papers, Publications, and Conference Activities

- Editor, *Energy in American History: A Political, Social, and Environmental Encyclopedia*. 2 Vols. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, forthcoming.
- "The Elk River Affair at the Edge of Empire." 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for the International Association for the Study of Environment, Space, and Place, Liverpool John Moores University (UK), April 2019.
- Editor, *Conspiracies and Conspiracy Theories in American History*. 2 Vols. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2019.
- "Huntington College, Liberal Education, and the Struggle for 'Christian Democracy' in the World War II Era." *Denominational Higher Education During World War II*. Edited by John J. Laukaitis. Pp. 205-232. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.
- "Ed Roush's Glimpse of the Wild at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore." 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for the International Association for the Study of Environment, Space, and Place, University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, Virginia, April 2018.
- "Derelict Modernism in the American Trailer Park." 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for the International Association for the Study of Environment, Space, and Place, National University, San Diego, California, April 2017.
- "Crisis of the West" and "Wittgenstein's War." *Christian History* 121 (2017): 6-11, 20-21.
- Panel Chair, "Secular Contours of Christian Identity: Economics, Health Care, and Suburbanization." 30<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia, October 2016.
- "Reading Space in the American Legendry: A Report from the *Encyclopedia of American Folklore*." 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for the International Association for the Study of Environment, Space, and Place, Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, Connecticut, April 2016.
- "Watershed Redesign in the Upper Wabash River Drainage Area, 1870-1970." *Environment, Space, Place* 8:1 (Spring 2016): 57-91.
- "Conservation and Preservation in the Progressive Era." *Post-Reconstruction to World War I in US History*. Edited by Tamara Venit Shelton. Gale, 2016. *Gale Researcher*, [http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/AFYGTV849574295/GLRS?u=acd\\_grdemo&sid=GLRS&xid=1537761600000~43ed12b6](http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/AFYGTV849574295/GLRS?u=acd_grdemo&sid=GLRS&xid=1537761600000~43ed12b6).
- Editor, *American Myths, Legends, and Tall Tales: An Encyclopedia of American Folklore*. 3 Vols. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2016.
- "Placemaking on the Wabash: Jared Carter and the Poetics of Disfigured Landscapes." Rooted and Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Elkhart, Indiana. October 2015.
- "Lost Towns of Salamonie: Seasonal Flooding, Flood Control, and the Modern Transformation of the Wabash River Drainage Area." 11th Annual Conference for the International Association for the Study of Environment, Space, and Place. Newport, Virginia. April 2015.
- Huntington* (co-author). Images of America Series. Arcadia, 2014.
- "Pennsylvania's Promotional Literature and the Cultivation of Quaker Civility in the Early Modern Atlantic World." *Environment, Space, Place* 6:2 (Fall 2014): 7-30.

- "The Speaker's Introduction: Moral Authority, Political Legitimacy, and the Formation of Provincial Atlantic Sociability, 1682-1730." 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for the International Association for the Study of Environment, Space, and Place, California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, California, April 2014.
- "Conquest or Conversion?" *Christian History* 104 (2013): 9-11.
- "'Prologue' to 'Charter of Privileges and the Making of the Modern Free World.'" Ft. Wayne Seminar in American History, March 2013.
- Panel Chair, "Missions, Patriotism, and the Halevy Thesis." 28<sup>th</sup> Fall Conference of the Conference on Faith and History, Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts, October 2012.
- "The Compromised Life of William Penn, Serial Idealist." 27<sup>th</sup> Fall Conference of the Conference on Faith and History, George Fox College, Portland, Oregon, October 2010.
- "What Voltaire Mis-Learned about Religion and Politics from William Penn." 1759: Making and Unmaking Empires, Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies/New England Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, Ottawa, Canada, November 2009.
- "Plowmen, Clowns, and Louts: Rusticity and Civility in Early Pennsylvania." Society of Early Americanists' 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Hamilton, Bermuda, March 2009.
- Panel Chair, "Paradigms for Teaching World History." Conference on Faith and History, October 2008.
- The Complete Idiot's Guide to Exploring God*. Alpha Press, 2005.
- "Introduction," Winston S. Churchill, *Age of Revolution*, vol. 3 of *History of the English-Speaking People*. Barnes & Noble Press (reprint), 2005.
- Panel Chair and Comment, "Religion in Early America." Second Biennial Student Research Conference of the Conference on Faith and History, October 2004.
- The Complete Idiot's Guide to Christianity*. Alpha Press, 2004.
- "Apes in Purple Robes: Signs of Power in Early America." Third International Conference: Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations, Moscow, Russia, June 2004.
- "A Perfect Waste Wilderness: Landscape Narratives and the Culture of Improvement in the Colonial Mid-Atlantic." Third Biennial Meeting of the Society of Early Americanists, April 2003.
- Panel Chair, "Morality, Imagination, and Historiography." Conference on Faith and History, October 2002.
- Panel Chair and Comment, "Religion in Early America." First Biennial Student Research Conference of the Conference on Faith and History, October 2002.
- Comment, "Conceptions of Liberty: Baptists and Methodists in the Early American Republic." Conference on Faith and History, October 2000.
- "'The Little Captive Maid': Ideology and Social Change in Early Pennsylvania Household Relations." Newberry Seminar in Early American History (Chicago, Illinois), March 1999.
- "Politics and Communities in Early American Studies." Social Science History Association 23rd Annual Meeting, November 1998.

"Caleb Pusey's 'Account of Pennsylvania' and the Transnationalization of Quaker Political Legitimacy." Presenting the Past: Enactments of History in British and American Culture from 1700 to the Present, Sponsored by the Chicago Humanities Institute, April 1998.

"The Keithian Controversy and the Formation of Society in the Early Delaware Valley Region, 1692-1710." American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies 29th Annual Meeting, April 1998.

"Quakers, Keithians, and the Creation of a Public Sphere in the Delaware Valley Region, 1692-1710." American Academy of Religions Midwest Region Conference, March 1997.

Contributor to *American National Biography*; *The Encyclopedia of Chicago History*; *Encyclopedia of Fundamentalism*; *Ground Warfare: An International Encyclopedia*; *Encyclopedia of the Midwest*; *Colonial America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural, and Economic History*; *American Myths, Legends, and Tall Tales: An Encyclopedia of American Folklore*; *Conspiracies and Conspiracy Theories in American History*; *Energy in American History: A Political, Social, and Environmental Encyclopedia*.

Reviews published in *H-Net*; *Fides et Historia*; *Religious Studies Review*.

### **Invited Lectures**

"The Presidential Election of 2016: Some Thoughts on History and Historical Context (i.e., this isn't 1968 all over again)," Rotary Club of Huntington, November 2016.

"Works in Progress: Writing About Environment, Space, and Place in Indiana," Honors Program Lecture, Huntington University, February 2018.

"Taste: Aesthetic Judgment in Social Context," Honors Program Lecture, Huntington University, October 2015.

"Little Turtle's War: Dynamics of Indian Resistance and Accommodation in the Midwest," sponsored by PBS 39 in conjunction with "We Shall Remain," History Center, Ft. Wayne Indiana, April 26, 2009.

"Mainline Protestant Churches," University Christian Outreach Spring Academy, Hillsdale Michigan, May 2006.

"The French and Indian War: The Laboratory of Experience," The War That Made America Educator Workshop, History Center, Ft. Wayne Indiana, February 2006.

"Welcome: The Voyage that Changed Modern History," Ft. Wayne Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, September 2005.

"The United States of America and the Myth of a Christian Nation," Huntington University Convocation Series, May 2005.

"Searching for God in the Tsunami and Elsewhere." Annual Meeting of the Huguenot Society of Indiana, April 2005.

"Alexander Hamilton and the Politics of Public Memory" Ft. Wayne Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, December 2004.

"Battle of Crooked Billet Tavern: The Mechanics of Revolution." Ft. Wayne Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, May 2004.

"Christmas USA: The Making of an American Holiday." Rotary Club of Huntington, December 2002.

"American Thanksgivings: Search for a Usable Past." Huntington University Focus on Excellence Series, November 2002

"Being in Relation: A Last Lecture." Huntington University Chapel Series, October 2002.

"Ex parte Milligan: Some Lessons for Our War on Terror." Huntington County Historical Society, October 2002.

### **Workshops**

"God and Nature," Creation Care Study Program, Belize, March 2008.

"Searching for God in Christianity," First Presbyterian Church of Bluffton, Indiana, January 2005.

Workshop on Interactive Teaching Methods, School of Management and Business, Beijing Institute of Technology, 2002.

### **Administrative & Professional Experience**

- Editor, Book & Film Reviews, *Environment, Space, Place*, 2016-
- Chair, Division of the Social Sciences and Education, 2017-
- Director, International & Development Studies Program, 2016-
- Director, Department of History Program Review, 2015
- Committee Chair, HLC Reaccreditation Task Force, 2013-14
- Chair, Department of History, Huntington University, 2010-2017
- Pre-Law Adviser, Huntington University, 1999-2016; 2018-
- Director, Political Science Program, Huntington University, 2004-2016; 2018-
- Managing Editor, *Newsletter of the Conference on Faith and History*, 2003-2012
- Academic Advisor: Office of the Dean of Students in the College, U. Chicago, 1997-1999
- Resident Head: Snell Hall, U. Chicago Undergraduate House System, 1991-1999

### **Recent Activities and Affiliations**

- Board Member, Huntington Area Recreational Trails Association
- Past President and Board Member, Huntington County Literacy Coalition
- Assistant Scout Master, Troop 130, Boy Scouts of America (Huntington, IN)