

# JAMES L. A. WEBB, JR.

## EDUCATION

- 1984 Ph.D. African History, The Johns Hopkins University  
1978 M.A. African Economic History, The Johns Hopkins University  
1978 Certificate in Quantitative Methods for Historical Research, The Johns Hopkins University  
1978 B.A. History (General and Departmental Honors), The Johns Hopkins University

## RECENT GRANTS

- 2017 Rachel Carson Center Fellowship, Ludwig-Maximilians University (LMU) and the University of Zurich  
2015 Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton  
2011-2013 NIH/NLM Grant for Scholarly Writing in Biomedicine and Health  
2010 Wellcome Trust, Research in Historical Epidemiology of African Malaria  
2008-2016 Social Science Research Grants, Colby College

## CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

- 2016 (spring) Visiting Sanofi Chair, Centre Virchow-Villermé, Université de Paris-Descartes  
2003- Professor of History, Colby College

## BOOKS:

- 2018 The Guts of the Matter: Intestinal Disease and Human History, [working title], *in preparation*.  
2014 The Long Struggle Against Malaria in Tropical Africa (New York: Cambridge University Press).  
2013 Global Health in Africa: Historical Perspectives on Disease Control, co-edited with Tamara Giles-Vernick, (Athens, OH: Ohio University Press: Perspectives on Global Health).  
2013 La Carga Palúdica en la Humanidad: Una Historia Universal de la Malaria (Universitat de València). Spanish language version of Humanity's Burden.  
2009 Humanity's Burden: A Global History of Malaria (New York: Cambridge University Press: Series in Environment and History).  
2002 Tropical Pioneers: Human Agency and Ecological Change in the Highlands of Sri Lanka, 1800-1900 (Athens, OH: Ohio University Press: Series in Ecology and History) and (New Delhi: Oxford University Press: Series in Social Ecology).  
1995 Desert Frontier: Ecological and Economic Change Along the Western Sahel, 1600-1850 (Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press). Reprinted 1998.  
1992 Simonetta Calderini, Delia Cortese, and James L.A. Webb, Jr., Mauritania. World Bibliographical Series, no. 141 (Oxford: Clio Press).

## ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS:

- 2017 "Historical Perspectives on the Control of Hookworm and Other Soil-Transmitted Helminths," Gesnerus: Swiss Journal of the History of Medicine and Sciences, *under*

review.

- 2017 “Climate, Ecology, and Infectious Human Disease,” in Franz Mauelshagen, Christian Pfister, and Samuel White (eds.), The Palgrave Handbook of Climate History (New York: Palgrave Macmillan), *forthcoming*.
- 2017 “Early Malarial Infections and the First Epidemiological Transition,” in Nicole Boivin, Rémy Cressard, and Michael Petraglia (eds.), Human Dispersal and Species Movement from Prehistory to the Present (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, *forthcoming*).
- 2017 “Industrialized Rainforests: The Ecological Transformation of the Sri Lankan Highlands, 1815-1900,” in Vinita Damodaran (ed.), Forest and Environmental History of the British Empire and Commonwealth (Delhi: Primus Publishers, *forthcoming*).
- 2016 “*Aedes aegypti* Suppression in the Americas: Historical Perspectives,” The Lancet, 6 August 2016.
- 2016 “Global Health Interventions in Africa,” Institute Letter, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, Spring 2016.
- 2016 “The Creole Origins of the Early New World Banjo,” in Jean-Marc Masseaut, Jordan Kellman, and Michael Martin (eds.), Creolization in the French Americas (Lafayette: University of Louisiana at Lafayette Press, 2016).
- 2015 “Globalization of Disease, 1300 to 1900,” in Jerry H. Bentley, Sanjay Subrahmanyam, and Merry E. Wiesner-Hanks (eds.), volume six, The Cambridge History of the World.
- 2015 “The Historical Epidemiology of Global Disease Challenges,” The Lancet, 24 January 2015.
- 2014 “The History of Malaria Treatment and Control,” in Sanjoy Bhattacharya and Alexander Medcalf (eds.), Tropical Diseases: Lessons from History (Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2014).
- 2014 “The WHO Pilot Projects and the Global Eradication Campaign,” in Frank Snowden and Richard Bucala (eds.), The Global Challenge of Malaria: Past Lessons and Future Prospects (World Scientific Publishing: New York, 2014).
- 2014 “The Creole Origins of the Early New World Banjo,” Cahiers des Anneaux de la Mémoire, vol. 15 (2014).
- 2013 “Historical Epidemiology and Infectious Disease Processes in Africa,” Journal of African History, vol. 54, no. 1 (2013).
- 2013 “Introduction,” with Tamara Giles-Vernick, in Global Health in Africa: Historical Perspectives on Disease Control (Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 2013), 1-21.
- 2013 “The First Use of Synthetic Insecticides for Malaria Control in Tropical Africa: Lessons From Liberia, 1945-1962,” in Tamara Giles-Vernick and James L.A. Webb, Jr. (eds.) Global Health in Africa: Historical Perspectives on Disease Control (Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 2013), 42-69.
- 2012 “An Historical Perspective on Environmental Change and Vector-Borne Disease,” Environmental Changes and Human Health 2012: Zoonotic and Vector-Borne Diseases (John Libby Eurotext, 2012).
- 2012 “On Biomedicine, Transfers of Knowledge, and Malaria Treatments in Eastern North America and Tropical Africa,” in David Gordon and Shepard Krech (eds.), Indigenous Environments: African and North American Environmental Knowledge and Practices Compared (Athens, OH: Ohio University Press).
- 2012 “Health, Disease, and Environmental History,” UNESCO Encyclopedia of Life Support

Systems.

- 2011 “Malaria in Africa,” History Compass, vol. 9, no. 3 (2011), 162-170.
- 2011 “The First Use of Synthetic Insecticides for Malaria Control in Tropical Africa: Lessons From Liberia, 1945-1962,” Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences, vol. 66, no. 3 (2011), 347-376.
- 2010 “Malaria and the Peopling of Early Tropical Africa,” in Paula Viterbo and Kalala Ngalamulume (eds.), Health and Medicine in Africa: Multidisciplinary Perspectives (Münster: LIT Verlag, 2010).
- 2009 “The Long Shadow of Malaria Control in Tropical Africa,” The Lancet, vol. 374, 5 December 2009, 1883-1884.
- 2005 “Historical Epidemiology and Environmental History,” Environmental History, vol. 10, no. 4, 2005.
- 2005 “Malaria and the Peopling of Early Tropical Africa,” Journal of World History, vol. 16, no. 3 (2005), 269-291.
- 2005 “Ecology and Culture in West Africa,” in Emmanuel K. Akyeampong (ed.) Themes in West Africa’s History (London, 2005) and (Athens, OH, 2005).
- 2000 “L’échange commercial de chevaux contre des esclaves entre le Sahara Occidental et la Sénégalie, 17ème-19ème siècle,” in Mariella Villesante de Beauvais (ed.) Groupes Serviles au Sahara, Approche Comparative à Partir du Cas des Arabophones de Mauritanie (C.N.R.S.: Paris, 2000), 59-81.
- 1999 “On Currency and Credit in the Western Sahel, 1700-1850,” in Endre Stiansen and Jane I. Guyer (eds.), Credit, Currencies and Culture: African Financial Institutions in Historical Perspective (Nordiska Afrikainstitutet: Uppsala, 1999), 38-55.
- 1999 “La frontière du désert. Transformation écologique et apparition de la frontière du désert, 1600-1850,” Cahiers des Anneaux de la Mémoire, vol. 1, no. 1: 169-205.
- 1997 “The Mid-Eighteenth Century Gum Arabic Trade and the British Conquest of Saint-Louis du Sénégal, 1758,” Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History, vol. 25, no.1: 37-58.
- 1995 “The Evolution of the Idaw al-Hajj Commercial Diaspora,” Cahiers d’Études Africaines, 138-139, XXXV-2-3: 455-475.
- 1993 “The Horse and Slave Trade Between the Western Sahara and Senegambia,” Journal of African History, vol. 34: 221-246.
- 1992 “Ecological and Economic Change Along the Middle Reaches of the Gambia River, 1945-1985,” African Affairs: The Journal of the Royal African Society, vol.91: 543-565.
- 1985 “The Trade in Gum Arabic: Prelude to French Conquest in Senegal,” Journal of African History, vol. 26: 149-168.
- 1982 “Toward the Comparative Study of Money: A Reconsideration of West African Currencies and Neoclassical Monetary Concepts,” International Journal of African Historical Studies, vol.15: 455-466.

SERIES EDITOR, PERSPECTIVES ON GLOBAL HEALTH, THE OHIO UNIVERSITY PRESS

- 2017 Jennifer Tappan, The Riddle of Malnutrition: Biomedical and Public Health Interventions in Uganda, *in press*.

- 2015 Melissa Graboyes, The Experiment Must Continue: Medical Research and Ethics in East Africa, 1940-2014.
- 2015 Lydia C. Boyd, Preaching Prevention: Born Again Christianity and the Effort to Prevent HIV/AIDS in Uganda.
- 2013 Tamara Giles-Vernick and James L.A. Webb, Jr. (eds.), Global Health in Africa: Historical Perspectives on Disease Control.
- 2013 William H. Schneider, A History of Blood Transfusion in Sub-Saharan Africa.

SERIES EDITOR, SERIES IN ECOLOGY AND HISTORY, THE OHIO UNIVERSITY PRESS

- 2016 Benjamin Reilly, Slavery, Agriculture, and Malaria in the Arabian Peninsula.
- 2015 James C. McCann, The Historical Ecology of Malaria in Ethiopia: Deposing the Spirits.
- 2012 David Gordon and Shepard Krech (eds.), Indigenous Environments: African and North American Environmental Knowledge and Practices Compared.
- 2011 Karen Brown, Mad Dogs and Meerkats: A History of Resurgent Rabies in Southern Africa.
- 2011 Diana Davis and Edmund Burke III (eds.), Environmental Imaginaries of the Middle East and North Africa.
- 2010 Karen Brown and Daniel Gilfoyle (eds.), Healing the Herds: Disease, Livestock Economies, and the Globalization of Veterinary Medicine.
- 2010 Marco Armiero and Marcus Hall (eds.), Nature and History in Modern Italy.
- 2009 Marc Cioc, The Game of Conservation: International Treaties to Protect the World's Migratory Animals.
- 2008 Thaddeus Sunseri, Wielding the Ax: State Forestry and Social Conflict in Tanzania, 1820-2000.
- 2007 Joseph Hodge, The Triumph of the Expert: Science, Agrarian Doctrines of Development and the Legacies of British Colonialism, 1895-1960.
- 2007 Diana K. Davis, Resurrecting the Granary of Rome: Environmental History and French Colonial Expansion in North Africa.
- 2006 Peter Thorsheim, Inventing Pollution: Coal, Smoke, and Culture in Britain Since 1800.
- 2005 Kate Showers, Imperial Gullies: Soil Erosion and Conservation in Lesotho.
- 2005 Franz-Josef Bruggemeier, Mark Cioc, and Thomas Zeller (eds.), How Green Were the Nazis?: Nature, Environment, and Nation in the Third Reich.
- 2004 Michael Lewis, Inventing Global Ecology: Tracking the Biodiversity Ideal in India, 1947-1997.
- 2004 Christopher A. Conte, Highland Sanctuary: Conservation and Degradation in Tanzania's Usambara Mountains.
- 2003 David Anderson, Eroding the Commons: The Politics of Ecology in Baringo, Kenya, 1900-1940.
- 2003 William Beinart and Joann McGregor (eds.), Social History & African Environments.
- 2002 James L.A. Webb, Jr., Tropical Pioneers: Human Agency and Ecological Change in the Highlands of Sri Lanka, 1800-1900.
- 2002 Stephen Dovers, Ruth Edgecombe, and Bill Guest (eds.), South Africa's Environmental History: Cases and Comparisons.
- 2001 Timo Myllyntaus and Mikko Saikku (eds.), Encountering the Past in Nature: Essays in Environmental History.
- 1998 Conrad Totman, The Green Archipelago: Forestry in Pre-Industrial Japan

## PREVIOUS ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2010 Fall      Research Associate  
Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Oxford University
- 2003-          Professor of History  
Colby College
- 2001 Fall      Resident Academic Director, Colby-Bates-Bowdoin Program in Cape Town  
Cape Town, South Africa  
Visiting Scholar, Department of History  
University of Cape Town
- 1999 Fall      Research Affiliate  
International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Kandy, Sri Lanka
- 1998-99        Resident Director  
Intercollegiate Sri Lankan Education (ISLE) Program, Kandy, Sri Lanka
- 1995-2003     Associate Professor of History  
Colby College, Waterville, Maine
- 1989-95        Assistant Professor of History  
Colby College, Waterville, Maine
- 1987-89        Visiting Assistant Professor of History  
Colby College, Waterville, Maine
- 1987-88        Visiting Lecturer in History  
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine
- 1986-87        Lecturer, United Nations African Institute (IDEP)  
Dakar, Sénégal

## COURSES CURRENTLY TAUGHT

- HI 276: Patterns and Processes in World History  
HI 346: Global Health History  
HI 364: Environmental and Health History of Africa  
HI 394: Ecological History

## SHORT ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES:

- 2008            “Malaria,” in Peter J. Stearns (ed.), Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World (Oxford University Press, 2008).
- 2006            “Epidemics” in Paul Finkelman (ed.), Encyclopedia of the New Nation (New York: Macmillan, 2006).
- 2006            “Malaria” in Paul Finkelman (ed.), Encyclopedia of the New Nation (New York: Macmillan, 2006).
- 2005            “Commodity Money” (with H.A. Gemery) in John McCusker and Stanley Engerman (eds.), The Encyclopedia of World Trade Since 1450 (New York: MacMillan, 2005).
- 2005            “Sri Lanka/Ceylon/Kandy” in John McCusker and Stanley Engerman (eds.), The Encyclopedia of World Trade Since 1450 (New York: MacMillan, 2005).
- 2005            “Caravans” in William H. McNeill (ed.), Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History, (Routledge: New York, 2005).
- 2005            “Cinchona” in William H. McNeill (ed.), Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History, (Routledge: New York, 2005).
- 2005            “Gum Arabic” in William H. McNeill (ed.), Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History,

- (Routledge: New York, 2005).
- 2005 “Malaria” in William H. McNeill (ed.), Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History, (Routledge: New York, 2005).
- 2005 “Quinine” in William H. McNeill (ed.), Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History, (Routledge: New York, 2005).
- 2003 “Camels” in Shepard Krech III, John R. McNeill, and Carolyn Merchant (eds.), Encyclopedia of World Environmental History (Routledge: New York, 2003).
- 2003 “Sahara” in Shepard Krech III, John R. McNeill, and Carolyn Merchant (eds.), Encyclopedia of World Environmental History (Routledge: New York, 2003).
- 2003 “Sahel” in Shepard Krech III, John R. McNeill, and Carolyn Merchant (eds.), Encyclopedia of World Environmental History (Routledge: New York, 2003).

#### BOOK REVIEWS:

- 2015 Book Review of Alan L. Olmstead and Paul W. Rhode, Arresting Contagion: Science, Policy, and Conflicts Over Animal Disease Control (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2015) for H-Net, H-Environment.
- 2014 Book Review of Heather J. Hoag, Developing the Rivers of East and West Africa: An Environmental History (New York: Bloomsbury Academic, 2013) in The Historian.
- 2014 Book Review of Vinay R. Kamat, Silent Violence: Global Health, Malaria, and Child Survival in Tanzania (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2013) in Global Public Health, vol. 9.
- 2013 Book Review of Richard Jones, Mosquito (London: Reaktion Books, 2012) in Bulletin of the History of Medicine.
- 2013 Book Review of Mark Harrison, Contagion: How Commerce Has Spread Disease (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2012) in The Lancet.
- 2012 Book Review of Myron Echenberg, Africa in the Time of Cholera (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011) in Journal of African History.
- 2011 Book Review of Gordon Patterson, The Mosquito Crusades: A History of the American Anti-Mosquito Movement from the Reed Commission to the First Earth Day (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2009) in American Historical Review.
- 2010 Book Review of Ghislaine Lydon, On Trans-Saharan Trails: Islamic Law, Trade Networks, and Cross-Cultural Exchange in Nineteenth-Century Western Africa (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009) in Law and History Review, vol. 28, no. 4.
- 2010 Book Review of John R. McNeill, Mosquito Empires: Ecology and War in the Greater Caribbean Basin, 1620-1914 (New York, Cambridge University Press, 2010) in Environmental History, vol. 15, no. 3.
- 2010 Book Review of Randall M. Packard, The Making of a Tropical Disease: A Short History of Malaria (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2007) in Global Public Health, vol. 5, no. 4.
- 2009 Book Review of Anne Haour, Rulers, Warriors, Traders, Clerics: The Central Sahel and the North Sea, 800-1500 (Oxford, 2007) in Journal of African History, vol. 50, no. 1.
- 2008 Book Review of James S. Duncan, In the Shadows of the Tropics: Climate, Race and Biopower in Nineteenth Century Ceylon (Aldershot, 2007) in Agricultural History.

- 2008 Book Review of Roderick J. McIntosh, Ancient Middle Niger: Urbanism and the Self-Organizing Landscape (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005) in Ancient History Bulletin.
- 2007 Book Review of Charles H. Feinstein, An Economic History of South Africa: Conquest, Discrimination, and Development (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005) in Journal of Interdisciplinary History.
- 2006 Book Review of James C. McCann, Maize and Grace (Cambridge, MA, 2005) in The Historian.
- 2004 Book Review of Myron Echenberg, Black Death, White Medicine (Portsmouth, NH, 2002) in Africa: Journal of the International African Institute.
- 2003 Book Review of Ann Grodzins Gold and Bhoju Ram Gujar, In the Time of Trees and Sorrows (Durham, NC, 2002) in Environmental History, vol.8, no. 2.
- 2001 Book Review of Andrew F. Clark, From Frontier to Backwater: Economy and Society in the Upper Senegal Valley, 1850-1920 (Lanham, MD, 1999) in Journal of African History, vol. 42, no. 1.
- 2001 Book Review of David Eltis, The Rise of African Slavery in the Americas (Cambridge, 2000) in Journal of Interdisciplinary History, vol.31, no. 3.
- 2001 Book Review of Akhil Gupta, Postcolonial Developments: Agriculture in the Making of Modern India (Durham, NC, 1998) in Environmental History, vol. 6, no. 1.
- 1999 Book Review of Michael Mortimore, Roots in the African Dust: Sustaining the Sub-Saharan Drylands (Cambridge, 1998) in African Studies Review, vol. 42, no.3.
- 1999 Book Review of John Thornton, Africa and Africans in the Making of the Atlantic World, 1400-1800 (Cambridge, 1997) in Canadian Journal of African Studies, vol. 33, no. 1.
- 1999 Book Review of Martin Klein, Slavery and Colonial Rule in West Africa (Cambridge, 1998) in African Studies Review, vol. 42, no. 2.
- 1997 Book Review of Mohameden Ould-Mey, Global Restructuring and Peripheral States. The Carrot and the Stick in Mauritania (Lantham, MD, 1996), in International Journal of African Historical Studies, vol. 30, no.2.
- 1997 Book Review of Gigi Pezzoli (ed.), Cavaliere Dell’Africa: Storia, Iconografia, Simbolismo (Milan, 1995) in Journal of African History, vol.38, no.2.
- 1997 Book Review of Dennis D. Cordell, Joel W. Gregory, and Victor Piché, Hoe and Wage: A Social History of a Circular Migration System in West Africa (Boulder, CO, 1995) in American Historical Review, vol. 102, no.3.
- 1997 Book Review of Syrulwa L. Somah, Historical Settlement of Liberia and Its Environmental Impact (Lanham, MD, 1995) in Journal of African History, vol 38, no.1.
- 1996 Book Reviews of Samuel Decalo, Burkina Faso; Lynda F. Zangoni, Niger; and R.M. Dillely and J.S. Eades, Senegal; three volumes in the World Bibliographical Series (Oxford) in Journal of African History, vol.37, no.3.
- 1995 Book Review of Douglas Rimmer (ed.), Action in Africa: The Experience of People Involved in Government, Business, and Aid (Oxford, 1993) in Journal of Developing Areas, vol.43, no.2.
- 1995 Book Review of Michael Gomez, Jihad in the Age of Pragmatism (Cambridge, 1993) in American Historical Review, vol. 100, no.2.

- 1994 Book Review of James F. Searing, West African Slavery and Atlantic Commerce: The Senegal River Valley, 1700-1860 (Cambridge, 1993) in Journal of African History, vol. 35, no.3.
- 1991 Book Review of J. Parry and Maurice Bloch (eds.) Money and the Morality of Exchange (Cambridge, 1989) in Journal of Interdisciplinary History, vol. 21, no.3.
- 1991 Book Review of Philip D. Curtin, Death By Migration: Europe's Encounter with the Tropical World in the Nineteenth Century (Cambridge, 1989) in African Studies Review, vol.34, no.3.
- 1990 Book Review of Ian Brown (ed.), The Economics of Africa and Asia in the Inter-War Depression, in African Studies Review, vol. 33, no.2.
- 1989 Book Review of Mahfoud Bennoune, The Making of Contemporary Algeria, 1830-1987: Colonial Upheavals and Post-Independence Development in Journal of Economic History, vol 49, no.4.
- 1988 Book Review of Will D. Swearingen, Moroccan Mirages: Agricultural Dreams and Deceptions, 1912-1986 in Journal of Economic History, vol.48, no.3.
- 1984 Book Review of J. K. Onoh, Money and Banking in Africa, in International Journal of African Historical Studies, vol.17.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

- 2000 "Editor's Foreward," in Timo Myllyntaus and Mikko Saikku (eds.), Encountering the Past in Nature: Essays in Environmental History, (Athens, OH, 2000).
- 1998 "Foreward," Conrad Totman, The Green Archipelago: Forestry in Preindustrial Japan (Athens, OH, 1998).
- 1997 "In Remembrance of François Manchuelle," in François Manchuelle, Willing Migrants: Soninke Labor Diasporas, 1848-1960 (Athens, OH, 1997). Also published in Black Renaissance/Renaissance Noire, vol 1., no. 2.
- 1993 "Economic History of Twentieth Century Africa," in Daniel R. Smith (ed.) African History: Selected Course Outlines and Reading Lists from American Colleges and Universities (New York, 1993), 244-247.
- 1992 "Introduction," in S. Calderini, D. Cortese, and J.L.A. Webb, Jr., Mauritania (Clio Press: Oxford), xi-xvii.
- 1990 "Comparative World Studies Takes a Global View," in Colby, vol. 79, no.4 (Fall 1990): 41.

#### ACADEMIC REVIEWER FOR SCHOLARLY JOURNALS AND PRESSES

Advances in Parasitology  
African Studies Review  
Agricultural History  
Ancient History Bulletin  
Bulletin of the History of Medicine  
Cahiers des Anneaux de la Mémoire  
Cahiers d'Etudes Africaines  
Canadian Journal of African Studies  
Comparative Studies in Society and History  
Environmental History  
Global Public Health



History of Meteorology  
International Journal of African Historical Studies  
Journal of African History  
Journal of Developing Areas  
Journal of Economic History  
Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences  
Journal of World History  
Kronos: A Journal of South African History  
Law and History Review  
New England Journal of Medicine  
Radical History Review

Cambridge University Press  
E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation  
University of California Press  
Ohio University Press  
Elsevier  
Heinemann Press  
Rowman Littlefield

PUBLIC LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS:

- 2016 “Reconceptualizing Africa’s Role in Infectious Disease History, Brown University Workshop on Medicine and Public Health in Africa, November 2017.
- 2016 “Historical Perspectives on Climate Change and Human Health,” Workshop on Climate Change, Migration, and Health, French Embassy, Berlin, June 2016.
- 2016 “Historical Epidemiology and Global Public Health,” Sanofi-Pasteur, Paris, May 2016.
- 2016 “Historical Perspectives on *Aedes aegypti* Suppression and Eradication,” International Zika Summit, Institut Pasteur, Paris, April 2016.
- 2016 “Global Perspectives on Health and Sanitation in Africa,” University of New England, Tangier Campus, Tangier, April 2016.
- 2016 “Historical Perspectives on Malaria Eradication in Africa,” University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 2016.
- 2015 “The Guts of the Matter: Intestinal Disease and Human History,” School of Historical Studies Colloquium, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, December 2015.
- 2015 “History and Science of Malaria Eradication in Africa,” Board of Trustees, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, October 2015.
- 2015 “Enteric Disease and the Human Microbiome: A New Frontier in Environmental History,” European Society for Environmental History, Versailles, July 2015
- 2015 “Intestinal Worms and Human Health: Global Health in Historical Perspective,” Institute for Global Health, University of Geneva, May 2015.
- 2015 “Perspectives on Global Health in Africa,” Bates College, January 2015.
- 2014 “The Historical Epidemiology of Global Disease Challenges,” University of Zurich, December 2014.
- 2014 Chair, Panel on Intersection of Diseases and the Environment, World History Association, San José, Costa Rica, July 2014.
- 2014 “The Globalization of Antimalarial Therapeutics,” Flying University of Transnational

- Humanities, University of Pittsburgh, June 2014.
- 2014 “Historical Perspectives on Antimalarial Therapeutics in Africa,” Department of History, University of Florida, May 2014.
- 2014 “The History of Malaria Eradication in Africa,” Center for African Studies, University of Florida, January 2014.
- 2014 “Historical Epidemiology and Contemporary Disease Challenges,” Emerging Pathogens Institute, University of Florida, January 2014.
- 2014 “Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Malaria in Tropical Africa,” Bates College, January 2014.
- 2013 “The Proto-Globalization of Malarial Infections,” From Colonization to Globalization: Species Movements in Human History, Fyssen Foundation Conference, Paris, 2013.
- 2013 “The Challenge of Rebound Malaria in Tropical Africa,” Malaria Historians Meeting, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle, WA, September 2013.
- 2013 Review of Malaria Control Programs in Ethiopia and Nigeria, The Carter Center, Atlanta, GA, March 2013.
- 2013 “The Trouble With Malaria in Africa,” Center for Global Humanities, University of New England, January 2013.
- 2013 “In the Shadows of Immunity,” African Malaria Group, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, January 2013.
- 2013 “African Malaria and African Studies,” Bates College, January 2013.
- 2013 Roundtable: “A Prospectus for Global Health History,” American Historical Association, New Orleans, January 2013.
- 2012 “African Malarial Infections and Interventions,” Program on Health, Disease, and Environment in World History, Center for Historical Research, The Ohio State University, May 2012.
- 2012 “The Resurgence of African Malaria, 1980-2000,” Development, Health, and Humanitarian Crises in Africa, Emory University, April 2012.
- 2012 “The Challenge of African Malaria,” Bates College, January 2012.
- 2012 “Historical Perspectives on Vector Borne Disease,” First Symposium on Environmental Change and Human Health, sponsored by the Institut Pasteur and the Prince of Monaco, Monaco, March 2012.
- 2011 “Tropical Malaria, Acquired Immunity, and the African City,” Disease and Development in the Global City, Miami University of Ohio, October 2011.
- 2011 “The Historical Epidemiology of African Malaria, 1945-1965,” President’s Malaria Initiative, Washington, DC, September 2011.
- 2011 “The Historical Epidemiology of African Malaria,” Seminar Series, Department of Parasitology and Mycology, Institut Pasteur, Paris, June 2011.
- 2011 “The Historical Epidemiology of African Malaria, 1945-1965,” Seminar Series, Department of Anthropology, Yale University, March 2011.
- 2011 “The Challenge of African Malaria,” Bates College, January 2011.
- 2010 “The Historical Epidemiology of African Malaria, 1945-1965,” Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, October 2011.
- 2010 “The Historical Epidemiology of African Malaria, 1945-1965,” Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Santé Publique, Paris, October 2011.
- 2010 “The Historical Epidemiology of African Malaria, 1945-1965,” Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Oxford University, October 2011.
- 2009 “Historical Perspectives on Malaria Eradication in Africa,” Bradford Morse Distinguished

- Lecture/Symposium, Boston University, April 2009.
- 2009 “On Biomedicine, Transfers of Knowledge, and Malaria Treatments in Eastern North America and Tropical Africa,” American Society for Environmental History, Tallahassee, FL, February 2009.
- 2008 “Historical Perspectives on Malaria Control in Tropical Africa,” University of Texas School of Public Health and Baylor Medical School, Houston, TX, December 2008.
- 2008 “The World Health Organization Pilot Projects and the Global Malaria Eradication Campaigns,” African Studies Workshop, Rice University. Houston, TX, December 2008.
- 2008 “The World Health Organization Pilot Projects and the Global Malaria Eradication Campaigns,” Yale Symposium on the Global Crisis of Malaria, Yale Medical School, November 2008.
- 2008 “Malaria Control in Tropical Africa: Lessons from Liberia,” Princeton University Workshop on Health, Medicine, and the Environment in Africa. Princeton, NJ, October 2008.
- 2008 “Indigenous Knowledge and Practice Concerning Malaria in North America and Tropical Africa: Problematics and Perspectives,” Conference on Indigenous Environments, Bowdoin College. Brunswick, ME, April 2008.
- 2007 “Roundtable on Molecular History,” American Society for Environmental History, Baton Rouge, LA, March 2007.
- 2007 “The Early Centuries of Malaria in the Americas,” Panel on Portals in Global Environmental History, American Society for Environmental History, Baton Rouge, LA, March 2007.
- 2007 “The Early Centuries of Malaria in the Americas,” York University Conference on Disease and Global Environmental History, Toronto, March 2007.
- 2006 “The Banjo in Atlantic History to 1900,” Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota, March 2006.
- 2006 “Dueling Banjos: Creole Lutes in the Atlantic World, 1700-1850,” Annual Banjo Gathering, Williamsburg, VA, November 2006.
- 2006 Chair, Panel on Asian Environmental History, American Historical Association, Philadelphia, PA, January 2006.
- 2006 Chair, Panel on African River History, American Society for Environmental History, St. Paul, MN. March 2006.
- 2005 “Malaria and the Peopling of Early Tropical Africa,” Department of Social Studies of Medicine. McGill University, December 2005.
- 2005 “Historical Perspectives on Ecological Change in South Asia,” Dartmouth College, July 2005
- 2005 “Malaria and the Peopling of Early Tropical Africa,” Health and Medicine in Africa Workshop, Bryn Mawr and Haverford Colleges, April 2005.
- 2005 Roundtable on Teaching Global Environmental History, American Society for Environmental History, Houston, TX, March 2005.
- 2004 Interdisciplinary Workshop on Maize and Malaria, Boston University, September 2004.
- 2004 “Malaria and Early Tropical Africa,” Portland High School, Africa Seminar Initiative, Portland, ME, for public school teachers of grades K-12, October 2004.
- 2004 “An Introduction to African Geography,” Bangor High School, Africa Seminar Initiative, Bangor, ME, for public school teachers of grades K-12, November 2004.
- 2004 “Disease and Ecological Integration in the Economic History of South Asia,” NE Association of Asian Studies, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH. November 2004.
- 2004 “Malaria and Early Tropical Africa,” Society for Africanist Archaeology, Bergen, Norway June 2004

- 2004 "Malaria and Early Tropical Africa," Seminar in Economic History, London School of Economics, London, UK, June 2004.
- 2004 "Environmental History and Environmental Studies," Smith College, Mellon Conference on Environmental History and the Liberal Arts Colleges," May 2004.
- 2004 "Malaria and Early Tropical Africa," Colby College, STS Seminar Series, March 2004.
- 2004 "Malaria and Early Tropical Africa," Boston University, African Studies Seminar, January 2004.
- 2003 "Malaria, Africa, and World History," Waterville Senior High School History Club, Waterville, ME, November 2003.
- 2003 "Kingdoms, Slaves, and Colonies," Bangor Public High School, Africa Seminar Initiative, Bangor, ME, October 2003.
- 2003 "The Early Market for Quinine Sulphate and the Origins of Global Public Health," American Society for Environmental History, Providence, R.I., March 2003.
- 2003 "Industrialized Rainforests: The Transformation of the Highlands of Sri Lanka, 1820-1900," International Conference on the Forest and Environmental History of the British Empire and Commonwealth, University of Sussex, March 2003.
- 2003 "Malaria and Quinine," Environmental Studies Colloquium, Colby College, March 2003.
- 2002 Roundtable on Senegambian Lutes and the Origins of the New World Banjo, African Studies Association, Washington, DC, December 2002.
- 2002 "Industrialized Rainforests: The Transformation of the Highlands of Sri Lanka, 1820-1900," International Conference on the Environmental History of Asia, Jawaharlal Nehru University, December 2002.
- 2002 "Reflections on the Ecological History of West Africa," Harvard Africa Seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, October 2002.
- 2002 "The Environmental Consequences of Breaching the Great Forest Barrier of Sri Lanka," American Society for Environmental History, Denver, Colorado, March 2002.
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- 2000 Discussant, Panel on the Social Control of Animals, African Studies Association, Nashville, TN, November 2000.
- 2000 "The Legacy of Ecological Change in Sri Lanka," Contemporary History Institute, Ohio University, February 2000.
- 1999 "Trial By Fire: Opening the Sri Lankan Highlands to Plantation Agriculture," Third World Economic History and Development Workshop, London School of Economics, May 1999.
- 1999 "Ecology and History in the Sri Lankan Highlands, 1800-1900," Department of Geography Seminar, University of Peradeniya, March 1999.
- 1998 "Tropical Ecological History and Sri Lanka," University Faculty Seminar, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, September 1998
- 1998 "Integrating African History into the World History Survey," NEH Seminar on Teaching World History, SUNY-Fredonia, New York, June 1998.
- 1998 "Financial Institutions, Merchants, and the Political Economy of the Western Sahelian Gum

- Arabic Trade, 1758-1858,” Nordic African Institute Conference on Financial Institutions in the Political Economy, Bergen, Norway, June 1998
- 1997 “On Currency and Credit in the Western Sahel, 1700-1850,” African Studies Association, Columbus, OH, November 1997
- 1996 Chair, Panel on Economy, Polity, and Identity Along the Southern Shore of the Sahara, African Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, November 1996
- 1996 “Finance, Credit, and Currency in Precolonial Western Sahelian Trade,” Seminar on Financial Institutions of Africa, Northwestern University, February, 1996
- 1995 “Western Saharan International Trade in the Nineteenth Century,” African Studies Association, Orlando, FL, November 1995
- 1994 Chair, Panel on New Research on Saharan Trade, African Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, November 1994.
- 1994 “Ecological and Climatological Change Along the Precolonial Western Sahel,” Environmental Studies Program, Bowdoin College, October 1994
- 1994 “The Mid-Eighteenth Century Trade in Gum Arabic and the British Conquest of Senegal (1758),” African Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, November 1994.
- 1994 “Western Saharan International Trade in the Nineteenth Century: The Perspective from Senegambia and the Ghibla,” Eleventh International Economic History conference in Milan, Italy, in September 1994.
- 1994 “Mauritania: Environmental Change in Historical Perspective,” Ambassadorial Seminar, Foreign Service Institute, Department of State, June 1994.
- 1993 Chair, Panel on Transformations in Saharan Identities, African Studies Association, Boston, MA, November 1993.
- 1993 “How Whites Became Blacks: The Ethnic Transformation of the Idaw al-Hajj.” African Studies Association, Boston, MA, December 1993.
- 1992 “Ecological Change and the Emergence of the Desert Frontier, 1600-1850.” African Studies Association, Seattle, Washington in November 1992.
- 1992 Roundtable on “The Missing Link: The Sahara and African Studies.” Canadian Association of African Studies, Montreal in May 1992.
- 1992 “Ecological Change Along the Middle Reaches of the Gambia River, 1945-1985.” Canadian Association of African Studies, Montreal in May 1992.
- 1991 “La traite des chevaux et des esclaves en Senegambia, 1600-1850” Presented to the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in Paris, France in December 1991.
- 1991 “The Horse and Slave Trades into Senegambia, 1600-1850” presented to the annual African Studies Association meeting in Saint Louis, Missouri in November 1991.
- 1991 Co-Chair of Panel on Stefano Fenoaltea’s Atlantic Slave Trade: An Economic Analysis. African Studies Association meeting in Saint Louis, MO in November 1991.
- 1990 “Mauritanian Migrations: The Evolution of the Southwestern Desert Frontier, 1500-1700” African Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, November 1990.
- 1990 Panel Discussant: Session on Money in African Culture: Historical and Anthropological Perspectives, African Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, November 1990.
- 1989 Panel Discussant: Session on Joseph Miller’s Way of Death (Madison, WI, 1988), Social Science History Association, November 1989 in Washington, DC.
- 1988 Yale Council on African Studies Lecture. “Ecology and Economy Along the Middle Gambia.” Yale Center for International and Area Studies. October 1988.
- 1986 “Notes on the Interpretation of Trade Effects: The Case of the Lower Senegal River

- Valley.” African Studies Association, November 1986, Madison, Wisconsin.
- 1986 “Rainfall, Uncertainty, and Investment Planning for Dams in the Western Sahel,” United Nations African Institute Conference on River and Lake Basin Development in West Africa, August 1986 in Dakar, Sénégal.

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- 1986 Rainfall and Risk in the Gambia River Basin: Implications for Investment Planning (Dakar: Organisation pour la Mise en Valeur du fleuve Gambie [OMVG]) Technical Report No. 1 Project No. 625-0012, 54 pp.
- 1986 The Agricultural Statistics of the Gambia: A User’s Guide (Dakar: Organisation pour la Mise en Valeur du fleuve Gambie [OMVG]) Technical Report No. 2, Project No. 625-0012, 47 pp.
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- 1984-87 Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal  
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- 1984 Mali  
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- 1980-82 Mauritania and Senegal  
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- 1979 Senegal  
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#### RESEARCH IN EUROPEAN ARCHIVES

- 2010 Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Oxford  
National Archives of the United Kingdom  
Archives, World Health Organization
- 2008 Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Oxford  
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- 2005 Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, Oxford
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- 2001 British Library; Public Record Office; Kew Gardens Royal Botanic Gardens, London  
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- 2000 British Library, Colindale and London; Royal Horticultural Society, London  
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- 1996 Public Record Office and Guildhall Library Archives, London  
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- 1992 Archives Nationales de France, Section-Outre-Mer, Aix-en-Provence, France  
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- 1982 Public Record Office, London  
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- 2008-2010 Archives, National Library of Medicine  
 Archives, Johns Hopkins Medical School
- 2003 New York Botanical Garden  
 Social Science Research Grant, Colby College
- 2002 National Library of Medicine  
 Rockefeller Archive Center, Sleepy Hollow, New York  
 Merck & Co. Archives  
 Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Archives  
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- 2000 Northeast Educational Services, Curriculum Development Grant
- 1995 NEH Summer Institute, "Rethinking Europe, Rethinking World History  
 1500-1750." University of California at Santa Cruz
- 1980-1982 Fulbright Research Grant

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