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Educated at Yale University (Ph.D., 1971; M.Phil., 1970) and the University of Kansas (M.A., 1964; B.A., 1963).

Writing and lecturing interests:

Environmental history (North America and world); the frontier and West of the U.S.; history of ecology, evolution, and exploration; ideas of nature; history of conservation and environmentalism; 19th & 20th century U.S. history.

Selected honors and awards:

Research fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, American Council of Learned Societies, Mellon Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, Australian National University
 Elected to the Society of American Historians, 1988
 Distinguished Achievement Award, Society for Conservation Biology, 1997
 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Illinois Wesleyan University, 2001
 Kemper Award for Teaching Excellence, University of Kansas, 2003
 Distinguished Scholar Award, American Society for Environmental History, 2004

Book prizes:

Evans Biography Award, 2001
 Western Writers of America Spur Award, 2001
 Henry Adams Prize, Society for the History of the Federal Government, 2002
 Caughey Prize, Western History Association, 2002
 Clements Prize, Clements Center for Southwestern Studies, Southern Methodist University, 2002
 Caroline Bancroft Prize, Denver Public Library, 2002
 Bancroft Prize in American History, 1980

Miscellaneous professional & community activities:

President, American Society for Environmental History, 1981-83
 Advisory editor, "Studies in Environment and History," Cambridge University Press monograph series
 Board of Directors, The Land Institute, Salina, Kansas

Selected publications:

(1) Books:

- *A Passion for Nature: The Life of John Muir* (Oxford University Press, scheduled for publication in September 2008)
- *A River Running West: The Life of John Wesley Powell* (Oxford University Press, 2001)
- *Nature's Economy: A History of Ecological Ideas* (2nd enlarged ed., Cambridge University Press, 1994)
- *An Unsettled Country: Changing Landscapes of the American West* (University of New Mexico Press, 1994)
- *The Wealth of Nature: Environmental History and the Ecological Imagination* (Oxford University Press, 1993)
- *Under Western Skies: Nature and History in the American West* (Oxford University Press, 1992)
- *The Ends of the Earth: Perspectives on Modern Environmental History* (editor; Cambridge University Press, 1988)
- *Rivers of Empire: Water, Aridity, and the Growth of the American West* (Pantheon Books, 1985; Oxford UP, 1992)
- *Dust Bowl: The Southern Plains in the 1930s* (Oxford University Press, 1979)

*My work has been translated into Spanish, German, French, Italian, Swedish, Czech, Korean, Japanese, and Chinese.

(2) Articles and Chapters:

- "A Long Cold View of History," *The American Scholar* 74: 2 (Spring 2005): 57-66.
- "The Grand Canyon." In *American Places: Encounters with History*, ed. William E. Leuchtenburg (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000), pp. 353-64.
- "Transformations of the Earth: Toward an Agro-ecological Perspective in History," *Journal of American History*, 76:4 (March 1990): 1087-1106
- "New West, True West: Interpreting the Region's History," *Western Historical Quarterly*, XVIII (April 1987): 141-156