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Jeffrey specializes in modern Chinese cultural history & world history, who has written on many contemporary as well as historical issues

Biography

Jeffrey Wasserstrom is Chancellor?s Professor of History at UC Irvine, where he also holds courtesy affiliations in Law and Literary Journalism. Holder of a B.A. from UC Santa Cruz, a master?s from Harvard, and a doctorate from Berkeley, he has written, coauthored, edited or coedited more than ten books. His most recent books are: Vigil: Hong Kong on the Brink (2020) and China in the 21st Century: What Everyone Needs to Know, updated third edition coauthored with Maura Elizabeth Cunningham (Oxford, 2018). In addition to writing for academic journals, Wasserstrom has contributed to many general interest venues, e.g., the New York Times, the TLS, and the Wall Street Journal. He is an advising editor at the Los Angeles Review of Books and an academic editor of its associated China Channel. He served as a consultant for two prize-winning Long Bow Film Group documentary, was interviewed on camera for the film ?Joshua; Teenager vs. Superpower,? is an adviser to the Hong Kong International Literary Festival, and is a former member of the Board of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. In the spring of 2020, he was to be a Leverhulme Visiting Professor of Birkbeck College, University of London, but taking up that post has been delayed due to COVID-19

Areas of Expertise

Urban, Globalization, China, Protest, Gender

Affiliations

American Historical Association, Association for Asian Studies

Education

University of California, Berkeley PhD History

Harvard University
MA East Asian Studies

University of California, Santa Cruz BA History

Accomplishments

Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar 2014-2015 Academic Year

Visiting Research Fellow June-July 2014 Merton College, Oxford

W. Bruce Lincolm Memorial Lecturer (Northern Illinois) 2017

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