

Ian Morris

Current position

Willard Professor of Classics and Fellow of the Archaeology Center, Stanford University

Education

B.A., June 1981, Birmingham University; Ph.D., October 1985, Cambridge University

Previous positions

Contributing Editor, *Stratfor*

Visiting Professor in the Executive MBA Program, Business School, University of Zurich
Philippe Roman Visiting Professor of International Relations and History, London School of Economics

University of Chicago, 1987-95. Depts. of History and Classics, Committee on the Ancient Mediterranean World, and the College; Associate Member, Dept. of Anthropology

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Jesus College, Cambridge, 1985-87

Books

Foragers, Farmers, and Fossil Fuels: How Human Values Evolve. Princeton: Princeton University Press 2015. Translated into 5 languages

War! What is it Good For? Conflict and the Progress of Civilization, from Primates to Robots. New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux 2014. Translated into 7 languages

The Measure of Civilization: How Social Development Determines the Fate of Nations. Princeton: Princeton University Press 2013. Translated into Chinese

Why the West Rules—For Now: The Patterns of History and What They Reveal About the Future. New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux 2010. Translated into 13 languages

The Dynamics of Ancient Empires. New York: Oxford University Press 2009 (editor, with Walter Scheidel)

The Cambridge Economic History of the Greco-Roman World. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2007 (editor, with Walter Scheidel and Richard Saller)

The Ancient Economy: Evidence and Models. Stanford: Stanford University Press 2005 (editor, with Joe Manning)

The Greeks: History, Culture, and Society. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall. 1st ed. 2005; 2nd ed. 2009 (with Barry Powell)

Archaeology as Cultural History: Words and Things in Iron Age Greece. Oxford: Blackwell, 2000. Translated into Spanish

Democracy 2500? Questions and Challenges. Dubuque, Iowa: Archaeological Institute of America Monograph 3, 1997 (co-editor, with Kurt Raaflaub)

A New Companion to Homer. Leiden: E. J. Brill 1997 (co-editor, with Barry Powell). Translated into Greek

Classical Greece: Ancient Histories and Modern Archaeologies. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 1994 (editor)

Death-Ritual and Social Structure in Classical Antiquity. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 1992. Translated into Greek

Burial and Ancient Society: The Rise of the Greek City-State. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 1987

In preparation

In the Beginning: A Global History of the Ancient World. Princeton University Press

Articles

More than 80 academic articles in journals and edited volumes

Numerous articles in newspapers, news magazines, and news websites

Honors, etc.

Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy

Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries

Honorary PhDs from De Pauw University and Birmingham University, UK

Fellowships from the Carnegie Foundation, Guggenheim Foundation, National Geographic Society, National Endowment for the Humanities, Hoover Institution, Center for Hellenic Studies, and University of Wisconsin

PEN Research Non-fiction award, 2011

getAbstract International Book Award, 2011

Sharjah International Bestsellers Award, 2011

Why the West Rules—For Now named as one of the best books of the year by *The Economist*, the *London Evening Standard*, *Foreign Affairs*, and *The Independent*

Named as one of the “100 Notable Books of 2011” by *The New York Times*

Named as one of the “Dozen Books to Read in Summer 2011” by *Nature*

Listed as one of “21 Ways to be Smarter in 2011” by *Newsweek*

Ranked no. 2 in the 2011 “Global Thinkers’ Top 20 Books” list, *Foreign Policy*

War! What is it Good For? chosen as one of the best books of 2014 by *The Times* of London, the *Financial Times*, and the *London Evening Standard*

Shortlisted for the Commonwealth Club Nonfiction Award, 2015

Archaeological fieldwork

Director, Stanford University Monte Polizzo excavations, Sicily (2000-2007)

Director, Kenchreai excavations, Greece (1993-95; American School at Athens)

Co-Director, Kitrini Limni excavation, Greece (1991; Greek Archaeological Service)

Participation in excavations in Britain, Greece, and Italy since 1974

Main administrative service

Senior Associate Dean of Humanities and Sciences

Chair, Department of Classics

Director, Social Science History Institute

Director, Stanford Archaeology Center

Board of Directors, American Philological Association