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Visiting Scholar, Lund University (2020) | Fellow of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation (2017/18) | Visiting Scholar, Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University (2017/18) | Visiting Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Zürich (2017) | Guest Professor, Saxo Institute, University of Copenhagen (2016) | Corresponding Member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (2015–) | Catherine R. Kennedy and Daniel L. Grossman Fellow in Human Biology, Stanford University (2013–21) | Visiting Distinguished Professor in World History, New York University Abu Dhabi (2011) | Visiting Professor, Department of History, Columbia University (2010) | Fellow of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford (2007/8) | New Directions Fellow of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (2005/6) | Associate Professor of Classics, Stanford University (2003/4) | Visiting Associate Professor of History, University of Chicago (2002) | Visiting Assistant Professor of History, University of Chicago (2000–02) | Acting Assistant Professor of Classics, Stanford University (1999/2000) | Visiting Professor of Ancient History, University of Innsbruck (1999) | Maître de Conférences Invité, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris (1998) | Moses and Mary Finley Research Fellow in Ancient History, Darwin College & Invited Lecturer, Faculty of Classics & Senior Member, Faculty of History, University of Cambridge (1996–99) | Erwin Schrödinger Fellow of the Austrian Research Council & Visiting Scholar, Department of Classical Studies, University of Michigan (1995) | Ordinary Member of the Senior Combination Room, Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge (1994) | University Lecturer, Department of Ancient History, University of Vienna (1990–94)

Habilitation (Ancient History), University of Graz (1998) | PhD (Ancient History), University of Vienna (1993) | MPhil (Ancient History), University of Vienna (1989)

Monographs

- *Escape from Rome: the failure of empire and the road to prosperity*, Princeton University Press, 2019 (Audiobook 2019; Chinese Traditional and Italian translations 2022; Chinese Simplified and Turkish under contract)
- *The great leveler: violence and the history of inequality from the Stone Age to the twenty-first century*, Princeton University Press, 2017 (Audiobook 2017; Korean translation 2017; German, Portuguese and Spanish 2018; Chinese Simplified, Italian, Japanese and Russian 2019; Czech and Portuguese (Brazil) 2020; French 2021; Chinese Traditional 2023; Turkish 2024; Polish under contract)
- *Death on the Nile: disease and the demography of Roman Egypt*, Brill, 2001
- *Measuring sex, age and death in the Roman empire: explorations in ancient demography*, Journal of Roman Archaeology, 1996
- *Grundpacht und Lohnarbeit in der Landwirtschaft des römischen Italien*, Lang, 1994

Edited volumes

- [with Peter Bang and Chris Bayly †] *The Oxford world history of empire*, 2 vols., Oxford University Press, 2021
- *The science of Roman history: biology, climate, and the future of the past*, Princeton University Press, 2018
- [with John Bodel] *On human bondage: after Slavery and social death*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2017
- [with Andrew Monson] *Fiscal regimes and the political economy of premodern states*, Cambridge University Press, 2015
- *State power in ancient China and Rome*, Oxford University Press, 2015
- [with Peter Bang] *The Oxford handbook of the state in the ancient Near East and Mediterranean*, Oxford University Press, 2013
- *The Cambridge companion to the Roman economy*, Cambridge University Press, 2012
- [with Alessandro Barchiesi] *The Oxford handbook of Roman studies*, Oxford University Press, 2010
- *Rome and China: comparative perspectives on ancient world empires*, Oxford University Press, 2009
- [with Ian Morris] *The dynamics of ancient empires: state power from Assyria to Byzantium*, Oxford University Press, 2009
- [with Ian Morris and Richard Saller] *The Cambridge economic history of the Greco-Roman world*, Cambridge University Press, 2007
- [with Sitta von Reden] *The ancient economy*, Edinburgh University Press & Routledge, 2002
- [with Peter Siewert et al.] *Ostrakismos-Testimonien I: Die Zeugnisse antiker Autoren, der Inschriften und Ostraka über das athenische Scherbengericht aus vorhellenistischer Zeit (487–322 v. Chr.)*, Steiner Verlag Stuttgart, 2002
- *Debating Roman demography*, Brill, 2001
- Peter Garnsey, *Cities, peasants and food in classical antiquity: essays in social and economic history*, edited with addenda by Walter Scheidel, Cambridge University Press, 1998

Other publications and presentations

73 journal articles, 79 book chapters, 102 short notes, online papers, popular articles, and reviews, 1 interactive website; 286 lectures and conference presentations in 30 countries (complete lists at www.stanford.edu/~scheidel/pub.htm & [/pres.htm](http://www.stanford.edu/~scheidel/pres.htm))