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John L. Brooke is Humanities Distinguished Professor of History at The Ohio State University. His teaching areas include early American history and environmental history.

Brooke is author of *The Heart of the Commonwealth: Society and Political Culture in Worcester County Massachusetts, 1713-1861* (Cambridge University Press, 1989) and *The Refiner's Fire: The Making of Mormon Cosmology, 1644-1844* (Cambridge University Press, 1994).

*The Heart of the Commonwealth* won the Merle Curti Award for Intellectual History from the Organization of American Historians and the National Historical Society Book Prize for American History. *The Refiner's Fire* won the Bancroft Prize for American History and the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Book Prize.

His book manuscript, *Columbia: Civil Life on the Upper Hudson from the Revolution to the Age of Jackson*, is forthcoming from University of North Carolina Press in November 2010. He is also working a manuscript titled "Habermas in Tocqueville's America: Civil Society and the Public Sphere in Early America."

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