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Warrior), *Red Clay, 1835: Cherokee Removal and the Meaning of Sovereignty* (with Laura Adams Weaver), and *Notes from a Miner's Canary: Essays on the State of Native America*. His latest book, forthcoming from the University of North Carolina Press, is *The Red Atlantic: American Indigenes and Transoceanic Cultural Exchange, 1000–1927*. He is also working on a volume drawn from a conference on that subject at the University of Georgia, *Exploring the Red Atlantic* (co-edited with Coll Thrush). In addition to Georgia, Weaver has taught at Yale University, Columbia University, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Northeast Normal University, Xiamen University, and Sichuan University. He lectures widely on Native American Studies throughout the United States and Canada and has spoken at institutions around the world, including in China, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, the Philippines, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Vietnam. He works as a consultant to the Cherokee Nation and the Cherokee National Historical Society. He splits his time between Georgia and Oklahoma.