

## Steven Topik

# “Why Americans drink coffee: the story of an unlikely romance”

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**Steven Topik** was born, raised and educated in California before going to The University of Texas at Austin for his doctoral degree. From there, he went on to teach three years in Brazil at the Universidade Federal Fluminense in Niterói, three years at Colgate University in New York and finally settled himself as a professor of history at the University of California, Irvine, where he's been teaching since 1984. Topik has been awarded numerous research fellowships from the Fulbright-Hays to Social Science Research Council to the National Endowment. They have led to nine individually or jointly authored or edited books and many chapters, articles and reviews translated into six languages.



His initial focus was Brazil, but he has also written on Mexico and lately has turned to world history and commodity studies. Ten years of sharing a column in a business magazine yielded “The World That Trade Created,” now in its third edition and published by Routledge in 2012. He also co-edited “The Global Coffee Economy in Africa, Asia, and Latin America,” published by Cambridge University Press in 2003, and “From Silver to Cocaine, Latin American Commodity Chains and the Building of the World Economy 1500–2000,” published by Duke University Press Books in 2006. Last year he co-wrote “Global Markets Transformed,” published by Harvard University Press in 2014. Currently, he is writing a world history of coffee.

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