

# Geoffrey Parker

**Geoffrey Parker**, Andreas Dorpalen Professor of European History and an Associate of the Mershon Center at The Ohio State University, was born in Nottingham and has written or co-written thirty-nine books, many of which have won prizes, including *The Grand Strategy of Philip II* (Yale University Press, 1998); *The Spanish Armada* (jointly with Colin Martin: Manchester University Press, 1999); and *Imprudent King. A new biography of Philip II* (Yale University Press, 2014).

In 2012 the Royal Dutch Academy awarded Parker its biennial Heineken Foundation Prize for History, open to scholars in any field, and any period, from any country; and two years later he won one of the three medals awarded by the British Academy for ‘a landmark academic achievement... which has transformed understanding of a particular subject’, for his book *Global Crisis: war, climate change and catastrophe in the seventeenth century* (Yale University Press, 2013).

Before moving to Ohio State in 1997, Parker taught at Cambridge and St Andrews in Britain, at the University of British Columbia in Canada, and at Illinois and Yale Universities in the United States, teaching courses on the Reformation, European history and military history at both undergraduate and graduate levels. He has directed or co-directed over thirty Doctoral Dissertations to completion, as well as several undergraduate theses. In 2006 he won an OSU Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award.

He lives in Columbus, Ohio, and has four children. In 1987 he was diagnosed as having Multiple Sclerosis.