Alumni Spotlight: Jared Farmer

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Congratulations to Jared Farmer, class of ‘96, on being selected for a Berlin Prize from the American Academy.

Farmer was selected for his project The Latest Oldest Tree: Survival Stories for a Time of Extinction, which is under contract with Basic Books. “Farmer brings together the history of trees and the science of longevity to contemplate the ethics of long-term thinking in the Anthropocene. Climate change, he argues, requires thinking and caring far beyond the present moment, beyond individual lives, and even beyond the lives of species. For all recorded history, trees have helped people think in such ways.”

Professor of History at Stonybrook University, Farmer has also received grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. His books On Zion’s Mount: Mormons, Indians, and the American Landscape and Trees in Paradise: A California History, each won numerous awards.

You can read the full announcement and see all of the fellowship recipients on the American Academy website.