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Education

MA English—Creative Writing Emphasis, Literature. University of Idaho 1988

BA English Literature. University of Idaho 1986

Teaching

Washington State University 1988-2014

Literature, Creative Writing, Business and Technical/Professional Writing, Composition

(Courses English 251, 351, 353, 451, 453, 402)

University of Idaho 1988-1993

Composition, Literature

***Brief BIO***

**Buddy Levy Bio**

Writer, educator, public speaker and entertainer, Buddy Levy is the author of *Geronimo: Leadership Strategies of An American Warrior* (with Mike Leach, Gallery Books/Simon & Schuster, 2014); *River of Darkness: Francisco Orellana’s Legendary Voyage of Death and Discovery Down the Amazon* (Bantam Dell, 2011). His other books include *Conquistador: Hernan Cortes, King Montezuma, and the Last Stand of the Aztecs* (Bantam Dell, 2008), which was a finalist for the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association Award, 2009, and nominated for the Before Columbus Foundation American Book Award, 2009, and the PEN Center USA Award 2009; *American Legend: The Real-Life Adventures of David Crockett* (Putnam, 2005, Berkley Books, 2006); and *Echoes On Rimrock: In Pursuit of the Chukar Partridge* (Pruett, 1998). His books have been published in six languages. *CONQUISTADOR* was recently optioned for a television series by producer Mark Burnett.

As a freelance journalist Levy has covered adventure sports and lifestyle/travel subjects around the world, including several Eco-Challenges and other adventure expeditions in Argentina, Borneo, Europe, Greenland, Morocco, and the Philippines. His magazine articles and essays have appeared in *Alaska Airlines Magazine*, *Backpacker, Big Sky Journal, Couloir, Discover, Denver 5280, Hemispheres, High Desert Journal, Poets & Writers, River Teeth, Ski, Trail Runner, Utne Reader, TV Guide,* and *VIA.* He is clinical associate professor of English at Washington State University, and lives in northern Idaho with his wife Camie, and his black Labs Dugan and CJ.

# Recent Publishing History

## **Books—**

*No Barriers* by Erik Weihenmayer and Buddy Levy. Proposal phase.

*Geronimo: Leadership Strategies of An American Warrior* by Mike Leach and Buddy Levy (Paperback release: Simon & Schuster/Gallery Books, February 24, 2015).

*Geronimo: Leadership Strategies of An American Warrior* by Mike Leach and Buddy Levy (Hardback: Simon & Schuster/Gallery Books, May 6, 2014).

*History Decoded* by Brad Meltzer (contributed to chapter on UFO’s), (Workman, October 2013)

(Went to #10 on NYT Bestseller List).

*River of Darkness: Francisco Orellana’s Legendary Voyage of Death and Discovery Down the Amazon* (Bantam Dell/Random House, Feb 22, 2011).

CONQUISTADOR: *Hernan Cortes, King Montezuma, And the Last Stand of the Aztecs* (BRUNO MONDTADARI, ITALY—Translation published 2010).

*Conquistador: Hernan Cortes, King Montezuma, And the Last Stand of the Aztecs* (Bantam 2009).

*Conquistador: Hernan Cortes, King Montezuma, And the Last Stand of the Aztecs* (Random House/ Bantam Dell, 2008). Short-listed for Pacific Northwest Booksellers Award; Nominated for Before Columbus Foundation Award; Nominated for Kiriyama Prize in Nonfiction; Nominated for PEN Center USA Award in Research Nonfiction (History).

*American Legend: The Real-Life Adventures of David Crockett*. Putnam, NY. Fall 2005.

*Chicken Soup for the Chiropractic Soul*. HCI, Inc. (Inclusion in Anthology.) Florida 2003.

*Wind Chill,* A Novel. Completed manuscript. Currently being shopped by agents.

## *Echoes on Rimrock: In Pursuit of the Chukar Partridge*. Pruett Books, 1999. Released as an

 EBook with DIVERSION BOOKS, 2011-2012.

*The Gift of Birds: True Encounters with Avian Spirits*. (Anthology.) Traveler’s Tales 1999.

## **Magazine Articles and Essays in Journals**

“Best of Boise.” *Horizon Airlines Magazine*, March/April 2015.

“The Obstacle Racing Craze.” Feature story. *Alaska Airlines Magazine*, March/April 2015.

“Blind Faith.” Cover story. *Canoe & Kayak Magazine*, March 2015.

“Fun in Sun Valley.” Cover story. *Horizon Airlines Magazine* January 2015.

“Wild Idaho: Gems of the Gem State.” *Horizon Airlines Magazine* Special Section. December 2014.

“N.D. Wilson: The J.D. Rowling of the Palouse.” *Horizon Airlines Magazine*. October 2014.

*“*On Writing Geronimo with Mike Leach.” SB Nation/Coug Center, June 9, 2014.

<http://www.cougcenter.com/2014/6/9/5767016/buddy-levy--geronimo-book--mike-leach-wsu-football>

*“*Sense of Place: Boise Public Art*.” Horizon Airlines Magazine*. April, 2014.

*“*Great Strides: Adaptive Medical Technologies*.” Alaska Airlines Magazine*. January, 2014.

*“*Blind Ambition*.” Hemispheres Magazine* (United Airlines). December, 2013

“Envision*:” Boulder Developer Turns Sound to Sight*. *5280 Denver Magazine*. December 2013.

“Gem State Adventures: Experiencing the Great Outdoors in Idaho.” *Horizon Airlines Magazine*, October, 2013.

*“*Journal: The Natural. Golfer Chris Williams*.” Alaska Airlines Magazine*. August 2013. Profile.

“Boise Sesquicentennial*.” Alaska Airlines Magazine. Horizon Edition*. April, 2013. Feature story.

“Play Time: Year-Round Fun in Magnificent Sun Valley.” *Horizon Airlines Magazine*. Dec 2012/ January, 2013

*“*TV Personality Buddy Levy Lights Children’s Love Of Learning.” *Here We Have Idaho*. Fall 2012.

*David Crockett: Lion of the West*, by Michael Wallis. Review by Buddy Levy. *The Historian*.

 September 2, 2012.

 “Opening Day: A Memoir.” Book Excerpt in *Narrative*: Story of the Week 2010-11.

UI Alum Sleuths Out Stories On and Off Screen. October 2011

 <http://www.uidaho.edu/class/english/englishfeatures/buddylevy>

 “*History Sleuth*,” By Anna Vodicka. *The Inlander*. March, 2011.

*“Historical Investigator”*—by Tim Steury. Washington State Magazine. Summer 2011.

 **Magazine Articles and Essays in Journals (continued)**

 “Interview with Buddy Levy,” *Current Intelligence*, Dec 9, 2010.

<http://www.currentintelligence.net/advancecopy/2010/12/9/an-interview-with-buddy-levy.html#entry9678266>

 “The Blind Climber Who Sees With His Tongue.” *Discover Presents: The Brain*.

*Discover Magazine Special Edition*. April 2010.

 “Opening Day.” *Narrative Magazine*. Story of the Week, Summer 2010.

“Defending Dry Fly Ranch.” *Fugue*. University of Idaho Literary Journal. 2010.

“Boutique Boise.” *Horizon Air Magazine*. March, 2010.

“How I Write—Kim Barnes.” *The Writer Magazine*. December 2009.

“Leaps of Faith,” Included in Anthology *Borne on Air* (Eastern Washington University Press, 2009).

 “Idaho Falls Weekender.” *Via Magazine*. April/May, 2009.

“Snake River Birds of Prey.” *Via Magazine*. April/May, 2009.

 “The Linen District: Boise, Idaho.” *Via Magazine*. April/May 2009.

 “Weekend Getaway: Stanley, Idaho.” *Via Magazine*. Summer, 2008.

“Erik Weihenmayer and the BrainPort.” *Discover Magazine*, Summer 2008.

 “Enigmatic Eagle.” *Via Magazine*, Spring 2008.

 “Quest for Couloirs.” *Big Sky Journal*, Winter 2007

“Triple Play.” *Horizon Airlines Magazine*, November 2007.

“The Setting of Wings.” *High Desert Journal*, Spring/Summer 2007.

“Spinning Wheels and Singing Reels.” *Big Sky Journal*, Spring 2007.

“The Williams Peak Yurts.” *Couloir*. December, 2006.

“Leaps of Faith.”*River Teeth.* Fall Issue, December, 2006**.**

“Meditation on Silver Creek.” *Sun Valley Magazine.* Summer Issue, June 2006.

“The Singletrack to Paradise.” *Hooked on the Outdoors*. Fishing Issue, May/June 2006.

 “The Wild Wild West.” *Couloir.* December, 2005.

 “The Trail of the Coeur d’Alene.” *Alaska Airlines Magazine*, Spring 2006.

 “The Life and Times of a Warren Miller Comic Stuntman.” *Big Sky Journal*. Dec, 2005.

 **Magazine Articles and Essays in Journals (continued)**

“The Anatomy of the Free Range Writers.” *Poets & Writers*. May/June 2005.

 “The River is Enough.” *Big Sky Journal*. Fly Fishing Issue, February 2005.

 “Washington Winter Wonderland.” *Alaska Airlines Magazine.* December 2004.

“The Setting of Wings.” *Big Sky Journal*. October 2004.

“Cold Play in Greenland.” Arctic Team Challenge. *Canoe & Kayak Magazine*. July 2004.

 “Tie Me Up, Tie Me Down.” World Ride & Tie Champs. *Trail Runner.* June 2004

“The Big Bald One—Sun Valley’s Bald Mountain.” *Couloir,* October 2003.

“Fjord No Boundaries—East Greenland.” *Adventure Sports Magazine*, September ’03.

 “Land of Enchantment.” *SKI Magazine*. Mountain Summer Issue June 2003.

 “Breaking Down the Door.” *Writer’s Digest*. April 2003.

 “Open Boundaries: Schweitzer, Idaho.” *Couloir,* January 2003

“Open Boundaries: Red Mountain, BC.” *Couloir,* December 2002

“Renowned Resort: Sun Valley, Idaho.” *Horizon Air Magazine*, November 2002

 “Dan the Man: Profile on Gold Medalist Dan O’Brien.” *Phoenix Magazine*, July 2002

 “Wind In The Wings.” *Field & Stream*, May/June 2002

 “Hobbitville: Schweitzer Mountain Biking.” *SKI Magazine,* June 2002

 “Mark Burnett: Made For TV?” Cover Story. *Hooked on the Outdoors*, Apr 2002

 “The God Squad Conquers Argentina.” *Trail Runner,* March 2000

“The (Anonymous) Life and Times of a Warren Miller (Comic!) Stuntman.”

*Hooked on the Outdoors,* January 2000

**Recent Grants and Awards**

2014 Department of English (WSU Pullman) Summer Research Fellowship. $3000.00

Research toward book project Breaking the Country Club Barrier (Forthcoming 2015-16 with Amistad/Harper-Collins, NYC).

Summer, 2013. Summer Research Grant $2500.00 Research resulted in national article *“*Blind Ambition*.” Hemispheres Magazine* (United Airlines). December, 2013.

**Service Activities, Mentorship**

2009-2015 Creative Writing Committee, WSU-Pullman

2009-2015 Mentor for dozens of students outside of classroom and office hour responsibilities.

Wrote letters of recommendation (for graduate schools, internships and jobs) during the review period for the following WSU students: Ted Tremper, Jennifer Kearby, Gail Ritchie, Kyle Whitmus, Greg Karpicus, Gail Ritchie, Jennifer Draper, Noelle Johnston, Lane Culton, Schuyler Lystad, Kelley McDaniel, Dan Rogers, Rachel Leung, Alex Shiley, Deven Tokuno, Tony Dao, Quincy Greenheck, Joshua Clark, Sara Chemodurow. (Over 95% acceptance rate of list above).

Helped procure internships/jobs at *Narrative Magazine* for Joshua Clark and Sara Chemodurow.

**Readings, Presentations, Appearances**

March 5, 2015. Levy was an invited speaker as part of the City of Boise Department of Arts and History’s *Fettuccini Forum*. Levy’s talk was entitled “Get In the Helicopter: Lead a Life of Adventure by Going with Your Gut and Taking Risks.”

May 17, 2014. University Bookstore, Bellevue, WA. Reading, Q & A and signing with Mike Leach in support of *GERONIMO: Leadership Strategies of an American Warrior* (Gallery Books, May 6, 2014).

May 9, 2014. WSU Bookie. Book signing with Mike Leach in support of *GERONIMO: Leadership Strategies of an American Warrior* (Gallery Books, May 6, 2014).

April 26, 2014. TEDxWSU invited presenter at CUB Auditorium. TEDx talk called

“Get in the Helicopter.”

April 7-13. *Get Lit! Literary Festival*. Invited reader at Spokane Convention Center. Reading and Q & A. Read from *River of Darkness: Francisco Orellana’s Legendary Voyage of Death and Discovery Down the Amazon* (Bantam, 2011).

March 27-28. WSU Academic Showcase—CUB Main Ballroom. *GERONIMO: Leadership Strategies of an American Warrior* selected from proposal/abstract as part of a celebration of WSU faculty achievement.

October, 2013. Invited speaker at the Salisbury House and Gardens History Series, Des Moines, IA.

Guest speaker at public high school (AP History class) and at the Salisbury House—on history and writing life, talking about narrative history books, specifically *River of Darkness*.

March 1-3 2013. Invited guest presenter at *Emerald City ComiCon* in Seattle, WA. Interviewed and hosted an hour Q & A with actress Gillian Anderson of The X-Files, The Fall. Audience of 3000 people. Also chaired a panel on breaking into the entertainment business.

January 11, 2013. One World Café, Moscow, Idaho. Invited Guest Reader for FUGUE literary journal release event. Read intro to *Defending Dry Fly Ranch*, a memoir-in-progress.

March 2, 2012. Latah County Elementary Schools—3 50-minute presentations to Grades 4-6 at McDonald, Russell, and Lena Whitmore Schools.

**Readings, Presentations, Appearances (Continued)**

February 11, 2012. Guest Reader, University of Idaho Occasional Reading Series, One World Café, Moscow, Idaho.

March 1, 2011. Central Washington University. Invited Speaker—Lion Rock Visiting Writer’s Series.

March 4, 2010. Central Washington University. Invited Guest Speaker/Lecturer, Department of English.

May 1, 2009. Gulf Shore Literary Society’s Spring Author Reading Series. Invited Speaker and Guest in Naples, Florida. Reading and talking about CONQUISTADOR (Bantam, 2008).

April 16-19, 2009. Get Lit! Literary Festival. Invited speaker, panelist, reader. “History is in the Making of It.” Reading/Talk with historical novelist William Dietrich at Aunties Bookstore April 17;

April 18, 2009. Get Lit! Panel: “Designing a Writer’s Life,” Saturday April 18 at Spokane Club. “Borne on Air” book release reading, Saturday April 18 at Spokane Club.

November 7-9, 2008. Wordstock Literary Festival, Portland, Oregon. Invited Speaker/Presenter

Subject: *CONQUISTADOR* and Adventure Journalism.

November 6, 2008. Washington State University, Pullman, WA. Visiting Writers Series. Invited Presenter/Speaker. *CONQUISTADOR* and Adventure Travel Writing.

September 5, 2008. Reading, Talk, and Q & A on *CONQUISTADOR*. Auntie’s Bookstore, Spokane, WA.

January 20, 2007. **CSPAN Book TV**, reading and discussion from Elliott Bay Books, Seattle, Washington. (The episode continues to be run on CSPAN Book TV).

May 27, 2006 . **CSPAN Book TV**, reading and discussion from Elliott Bay Books, Seattle, Washington. Subject: *American Legend*.

April 18, 2006. Reading, discussion, Q & A and book signing of *American Legend*, Potlatch Public Library, Potlatch, Idaho.

March 17, 2006. Reading, discussion, signing, and Q & A on *American Legend*, Village Books, Historic Fairhaven, Washington.

February 8, 2006. Reading, discussion, Q & A and book signing of *American Legend*—One World Café, Moscow, Idaho.

December 29, 2005. Reading, discussion, Q & A and book signing of *American Legend*, Iconoclast Books, Ketchum, Idaho.

July, 2005. Keynote Speaker. Annual 4-H Leadership Conference, Moscow, Idaho. Subject: Adventure Journalism and Living One’s Dream.

**National Television**

December 3, 2011- January 14, 2013. Appeared as Co-Star of 25 episodes of Brad Meltzer’s DECODED, on HISTORY Channel.

**Radio Interviews**

July 15, 2014. Interviewed by Josh Linnes, for his podcast Vivatropical.com/radio. Interview on *CONQUISTADOR*, empire building of the Spaniards, and the relationship of Cortes and Montezuma.

March, 2011. Rudy Maxa’s World. 20 minute Radio Interview with Rudy Maxa, on *River of Darkness.*

December 23, 2008. The Dennis Prager Show. Live Radio Interview with Nationally syndicated talk show host Dennis Prager. Subject, *CONQUISTADOR*.

May 22, 2006. The Beat with Dave Beck. Taped interview on KUOW.org, a program of National Public Radio. Discussion of *American Legend.*

March 5, 2006. Washington Talking Book and Braille Library, Evergreen Reading Room. Live Interview—30 minutes. Discussion of *American Legend*.

March 2006. Julie Scott Interview during The Dennis Patchin Show, KXLY 920, Spokane, Washington. Subject: *American Legend* and Adventure/Travel Writing.

**Conferences**

2014 Associated Writing Programs annual conference and trade show, Feb 28-March 1, Seattle, WA.

2014 April 7-13. *Get Lit! Literary Festival*. Invited reader at Spokane Convention Center. Reading and Q & A. Read from *River of Darkness: Francisco Orellana’s Legendary Voyage of Death and Discovery Down the Amazon* (Bantam, 2011).

2009 Associated Writing Programs annual conference and trade show, Feb 2009, Chicago, Illinois.

2008. Wordstock, Portland, Oregon. Presenter and participant.

2007 Associated Writing Programs annual conference and trade show, March 2007, Atlanta, Georgia. Participant.

2006 Montana Festival of the Book, Missoula, Montana, September 2006. Presenter.

2006 Associated Writing Programs annual conference and trade show, March 2006, Austin, Texas. Participant.

2005 Associated Writing Programs annual conference and trade show, March 2005, Vancouver, British Columbia. Participant.