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Martin E. Weaver, Historic Preservation Scholar, Dies at 66

Martin Edward Weaver, a senior research scholar and adjunct associate professor of historic preservation at Columbia's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, died July 28 in Ottawa, Canada. He was 66.

Weaver, who was on leave from the University, was also the director of Columbia's Center for Preservation Research, from 1991 to 2003. A noted scholar and prolific writer, he authored a standard text, *Conserving Buildings: A Guide to Techniques and Materials*, as well as more than 140 articles.

Born in London, Weaver graduated from the Architectural Association in London in 1961. Over a career that spanned more than four decades, he traveled and worked as a conservator all over the globe, including Britain, Crete, the Middle East and the Canadian Arctic.



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Weaver also had an international consulting practice. He served as president of the Wood Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites, the Association for Preservation Technology and the International Institute for Conservation's Canadian Group.

Weaver lectured regularly at 12 universities in North America and Europe. He once modestly described his teaching legacy to an interviewer: "I would like to gently introduce to architecture students of today a healthy curiosity about what materials they will use and leave for their descendants."

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