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Her book, *Copperheads: The Rise and Fall of Lincoln's Opponents in the North*, was published in 2006 by Oxford University Press. She is currently working on a children's book about the battle of Gettysburg to be published by *National Geographic*; a collection of essays in honor of Professor McPherson to be published by the University of Virginia Press; and a monograph, *America's First Draft*, comparing conscription and its consequences in the Union and the Confederacy.

Dr. Weber teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in U.S. History to 1865, the Civil War and Reconstruction, the South, Slavery, and Abraham Lincoln and His Times. She also serves as co-director of KU's Seminar on Peace, War, and Global Change.

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Dr. Weber participated as an invited scholar in the conference marking the opening of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in 2005. She currently serves on the advisory panel for the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.