

# AMANDA FICKEY

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## PERSONAL DETAILS

### *Work Address*

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**Current Position** Ph.D. Candidate (ABD) and Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky (Fall 2008-Present)

**Related Position** Ph.D. Candidate (ABD) and Research Assistant (Dr. Gary Shannon), Department of Geography, University of Kentucky (May 2011-July 2011)

**Research Interests** Economic Geography, Diverse and Alternative Economies, Political Economy, Political Ecology, Economic Development, Critical Pedagogy

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. Candidate (ABD)** 2008-Present, Geography, University of Kentucky

*Advisor:* Dr. Michael Samers

*Dissertation:* "Redefining Development: Exploring Alternative Economic Practices in Appalachia"

**M.A.** 2005-2007, Folk Studies (Concentration: Historic Preservation), Western Kentucky University

*Advisor:* Dr. Michael Ann Williams

*Thesis Project (Museum Exhibit with Documentary and Educational Outreach Component):* "Baskets from Home: White Oak Baskets of South Central Kentucky" – Displayed at the Kentucky Library and Museum (Spring 2007).

**B.A.** 2000-2004, History, University of Kentucky

*Advisor:* Dr. James Albisetti (with Dr. Daniel Gargolla)

*Undergraduate Thesis:* Exploring the Role of "Magic" in Women's Lives during the First Century Roman Empire.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

Fickey, A. 2011. "The focus has to be on helping people make a living": Exploring Diverse Economies and Alternative Economic Spaces. *Geography Compass* 5(5): 237-248.

Fickey, A. 2011. The Messy and Complex Politics of Cultural Intervention. *Journal of Appalachian Studies* 16(1/2 – Spring/Fall 2010): 115-118.

Fickey, A. and Pullen, E.\* 2011. Maintaining Sanity in Graduate School: A Brief Commentary on the Significance of Informal Networks. *The Geographical Bulletin*: (forthcoming).

Fickey, A. and Pullen, E.\* 2011. Introduction to Special Issue – Maintaining Sanity in Graduate School. *The Geographical Bulletin*: (forthcoming).

Fickey, A. and Raitz, K.\* 2010. County to Commonwealth in KDL's Kyleidoscope Themed Collection - Building a New State. Kentucky Virtual Library's Kentuckiana Digital Library - Kyleidoscope Initiative: <http://kdl.kyvl.org/kyleidoscope/newstateky/1780-1800.htm>.

Fickey, A. 2010. Commodifying My Culture: An 'Appalachian' Reflects on Her Role in Sustaining a Limited Discourse of Appalachia. *disClosure* 19: 35-37.

\*Denotes equal authorship.

**Popular Magazines/Newsletters/Open Source (non-peer reviewed)**

Fickey, A. and Rieske-Kinney, L. 2011. Cultural Industries and Invasive Species: Ecological Threats to Handicraft Production in Central Appalachia. *anthropologies* (open source, online journal) Issue 8: <http://www.anthropologiesproject.org/2011/11/issue-8.html>  
 - To be reprinted in the *Kentucky Native Plant Society Newsletter* (forthcoming, Spring 2012)

Fickey, A. 2011. 'Haste Ye Back': Studying Abroad in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. *The Geographer: The Newsletter of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society* (Spring Issue): 24.

Fickey, A. 2006. Local Chert Home Built by Dr. Frank Moxley. *Landmark Report* XXVI (1): 7-8.

**Book Chapters**

Fickey, A. 2011. Updated Introductory Chapter in *The Handcraft Revival in Southern Appalachia, 1930-1990*. University of Tennessee Press (forthcoming).

Walker, E. and Fickey, A. "Buried on Higher Ground: The Geography of Rural Family Cemeteries in Eastern Kentucky," in: *The Changing World Religion Map*, ed. Stan Brunn. New York: Springer (in progress).

**Book Reviews**

Fickey, A. 2011. Book Review—*Magical Marxism: Subversive Politics and the Imagination*, by A. Merrifield. *New Proposals: Journal of Marxism and Interdisciplinary Inquiry* (forthcoming).

Fickey, A. 2011. Book Review—*Key Concepts in Economic Geography*, by Aoyama, Y., Murphy, J.T., and Hanson, R. *Journal of Economic Geography* 11(6): 1083-1084.

Fickey, A. 2011. Book Review—*Interrogating Alterity: Alternative Economic and Political Spaces*, by Fuller, D., Jonas, A.E.G., and Lee, R. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 101 (5): 1177-1179.

Fickey, A. 2010. Book Review—*Culture and Belonging in Divided Societies: Contestation and Symbolic Landscapes*, by Ross, M. *Western Folklore* 68(2): 264-266.

Fickey, A. 2008. Book Review—*Handmade Tales: Stories to Make and Take*, by Casas, D. *Voices: The Journal of New York Folklore* 34(3-4): 44-45.

### **Media Review**

Fickey, A. 2011. Media Review—*Spike TV's 'Coal'*, producer Beers, T. *Journal of Appalachian Studies* (forthcoming).

### **Under Review**

Fickey, A. 2011. Did the Mad Hatter get it right? Or, the complexities of being both an academic and activist in Appalachia. *PRISM: A Journal of Regional Engagement*: (under review).

Fickey, A. 2011. Loss of Space: The Tale of a Contemporary Appalachian Migrant. *disClosure* (under review)

Fickey, A. and Hanrahan, K. 2011. Thinking beyond *Neverland*: Reflecting upon the state of the Diverse Economies Research Program and the study of Alternative Economic Spaces. *ACME: An International E-Journal for Critical Geographies* (under review).

### **In Preparation**

Fickey, A. Rendering Regional Development Technical: An Examination of “Appalachia: A Report by the President’s Appalachian Regional Commission, 1964.” *Regional Studies*: (to be submitted, January 2012).

Fickey, A. and Montrie, C. Appalachian Praxis: A collaborative meditation on the Past, Present, and Future of Appalachia. *Journal of Appalachian Studies*: (to be submitted, January 2012).

Grabbatin, B. and Fickey, A. Service-Learning and Participatory Action Research: A Geographical Approach. *Journal of Geography Education* (to be submitted, January 2012).

### **Consulting Studies and Reports**

Fickey, A. 2010. Evaluation Report – Mini-grant Training Session. Kentucky Entrepreneurial Coaches Institute.

Fickey, A. 2010. Evaluation Report - Foothills of Eastern Kentucky Eco-Agro-Tourism Development Agency 2010 Entrepreneurial Workshop. Foothills of Eastern Kentucky Eco-Agro-Tourism Development Agency and the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

Fickey, A. 2010. Evaluation Report – E-Discovery (Entrepreneurial-Discovery) Program. Kentucky Entrepreneurial Coaches Institute.

Fickey, A. 2010. Fieldnote Transcription Analysis – 2010 Development Forum. Kentucky Craft History and Education Association.

Fickey, A. 2007. Interview Transcription Analysis – Made to be Played: Traditional Arts of Kentucky Luthiers. Kentucky Folklife Program.

Fickey, A. and S. Schmidt. 2007. Interview and Transcription Analysis – Great Onyx Job Corp Oral History Project. Mammoth Cave National Park.

Fickey, A. 2007. Preservation Report – Analysis of James Maurice Ingram’s Architectural Drawings and Buildings, Architectural Survey Project. Warren County Preservation Office.

Fickey, A. 2007. “National Register of Historic Places Nomination for Hindman Ben Franklin Building”, Hindman, Kentucky. National Historic Register, August 2007.

Fickey, A. 2007. “National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Bolen Building,” Hindman, Kentucky. Listed on National Historic Register, August 2007.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

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***Member of Master’s Thesis Supervisory Committee (External Committee Member)***

Nikki Wooton (seeking M.F.A. in Arts Administration, S. Meyers, M.F.A., Advisor, Savannah College of Art and Design). Thesis Title: Exploring Social Media and its Use by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

**GRANTS AND RESEARCH FUNDING**

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- 2011            College of Arts and Sciences Mini-Grant Research Award, University of Kentucky, PI-Gary Shannon, Co-PI (RA)-Amanda Fickey, \$2,300
- 2011            Dissertation Enhancement Award, University of Kentucky, \$3,000
- 2011            Oral History Project Grant – Phase 2, Kentucky Oral History Commission, \$2,500
- 2010            James Brown Award for Graduate Student Research on Appalachia, UK, \$1,500 (see under Awards also)
- 2010            Barnhart-Withington Endowment Funding Support for Dissertation Research, University of Kentucky, \$500 (see under Awards also)
- 2010            Student Senator Sponsored Project Award, with Lisa Conley, on behalf of the UK Appalachian Research Community, \$1000.00
- 2009            Oral History Project Grant – Phase 1, Kentucky Oral History Commission, \$1,400
- 2007            Provost’s Initiative for Excellence Grant, Western Kentucky University, \$3,000

**ACADEMIC AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND RECOGNITIONS**

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- 2011            University of Kentucky Woman’s Club Endowed Fellowship, \$2,000
- 2011            Love of Learning Award, National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- 2011            Certificate for Outstanding Teaching, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky
- 2011            Carl A. Ross Graduate / Undergraduate Research Paper Award, Appalachian Studies Association, Paper title: *Rendering Regional Development Technical: An Examination of “Appalachia: A Report by the President’s Appalachian Regional Commission, 1964”*
- 2011            Honorable Mention Category, Economic Geography Specialty Group Graduate Student Research Award, Association of American Geographers
- 2010            Women in Geography Education Award, National Council for Geographic Education
- 2010            James Brown Award for Graduate Student Research on Appalachia, University of Kentucky, \$1,500

- 2010 Student Government Association Graduate Student Scholarship, University of Kentucky, \$500
- 2010 Scotland: A Learning Journey, International Economic Development Program Participant, University of Kentucky College of Agriculture
- 2010 Research Grant, Barnhart-Withington Pre-Dissertation Award, University of Kentucky, \$500
- 2010 Graduate School Travel Award, University of Kentucky, \$400
- 2009 Kentucky Oral History Commission Travel Scholarship, \$200
- 2009 Edith Schwab Memorial Scholarship Recipient, \$1000
- 2009 Appalachian Studies Department Travel Award, University of Kentucky, \$100
- 2009 Graduate School Travel Award, University of Kentucky, \$400
- 2007 Scholarly Honor, National Honors Society: Phi Kappa Phi, Western Kentucky University Chapter
- 2007 Scholarly Honor, National Honors Society: Gamma Beta Phi, Western Kentucky University Chapter
- 2005-2007 Potter College of Arts and Letters Outstanding Graduate Student, Western Kentucky University
- 2005-2007 Outstanding Student in Folk Studies Award, Western Kentucky University
- 2005-2007 Graduate Assistantship, Department of Folk Studies and Anthropology, Western Kentucky University
- 2005 Mary Z. Yeager Scholarship, Western Kentucky University, \$1000
- 2004 Scholarly Honor, National History Honors Society: Phi Alpha Theta, University of Kentucky Chapter

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- Fickey, A. Panel Participant – Panel Title: “The global / national reach of 'going local': politics, imagination and hope in the rebuilding of a sustainable regional economy in Central Appalachia,” Individual Paper Title: “Fostering a language of economic diversity and a politics of hope in Eastern Kentucky.” Appalachian Studies Association Conference. Indiana, PA., March 2012 (abstract accepted).
- Fickey, A. Paper Presentation – “Kentucky Crafted: Exploring geographical lores and alternative economic practices.” Association of American Geographers Annual Conference. New York, NY., February 2012 (abstract accepted).
- Fickey, A. Panel Participant – Panel Title: “Making the Grade: Student and Teacher Perspectives on Museum Internships.” Kentucky Museum and Heritage Alliance Annual Meeting. Maysville, KY., June 2011.
- Fickey, A. Paper Presentation – “Documenting Alterity in Appalachia’s Economy: Strategies for Advancing Alternative Economic Development Practices in Appalachia through Undergraduate Research.” University of Kentucky Appalachian Research Community Symposium. Lexington, KY., April 2011.
- Fickey, A. Paper Presentation – “Did the 1965 Appalachian Regional Development Act ‘pay off’? A Critical Examination of Regional Development Policy in/for Appalachia.” Association of American Geographers Annual Conference. Seattle, WA., April 2011.

- Fickey, A. Paper Presentation – “Is Handicraft Production Really ‘Alternative’? Exploring Alterity and the Role of the State in Eastern Kentucky’s Craft Industry.” Appalachian Studies Association Conference. Richmond, KY., March 2011.
- Fickey, A. Paper Presentation – “Scotland – A Learning Journey: Exploring Possibilities for Theoretical Advancement in Short-Term Study Abroad Courses.” National Council for Geographic Education Annual Conference. Savannah, GA., September 2010.
- Fickey, A. Paper Presentation – “Rendering Regional Development Technical: An Examination of Appalachia: A Report by the President’s Appalachian Regional Commission, 1964.” Association of American Geographers Annual Conference. Washington, DC., April 2010.
- Fickey, A. Paper Presentation – “Depoliticized Problems and Technical Strategies: Deconstructing the Discourse of Economic Development in Appalachia.” 4<sup>th</sup> Annual University of Kentucky Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference. Lexington, KY., April 2010.
- Fickey, A. Paper Presentation – “Our model wants to be good and fair to the community: Exploring moral economy in Eastern Kentucky.” University of Kentucky Appalachian Research Community Symposium. Lexington, KY., February 2010.
- Fickey, A. Paper Presentation – “Red Bird Mission Craft Program: A Case Study of Moral Economy.” Annual Conference of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers. Knoxville, TN., November 2009.
- Fickey, A. Paper Presentation – “Condensation: An Advantageous Method of Analysis.” 2009 Oral History Association Conference. Louisville, KY., October 2009.
- Fickey, A. Paper Presentation – “Interview Methods and Condensation Analysis: Using Ethnography to Study the Arts in Eastern Kentucky.” 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Harriett Arnow Conference on Appalachian Literature and Culture, Somerset, KY., April 2009.
- Fickey, A. Paper Presentation – “Dr. Moxley’s Public Folk Art; An Architectural Study of Dr. Frank Otha Moxley’s Chert House.” Kentucky Historic Preservation Conference, Covington, KY., May 2006.

#### **CONFERENCE/SPEAKER ORGANIZING**

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- 2012 **Session Organizer and Chair**, “Critical Historical Perspectives on Economic Development and Sustainable Agriculture,” at the University of Kentucky Graduate Appalachian Research Community Symposium.
- 2011 **Speaker Organizer**, with Lisa Conley. Speaker: Dr. Chad Montrie, University of Massachusetts Lowell. Title of Talk, “Confronting Environmental Mythology, Making a New Environmental Movement”, Sponsored by the University of Kentucky History Department, Political Ecology Working Group, Appalachian Center, and Graduate Appalachian Research Community.
- 2011 **Conference Organizer**, with Dwight Billings, Shannon Bell, Ron Eller, Evelyn Knight, and Mary Anglin. “Place Matters”, Invited Speakers Series held jointly by the Appalachian Studies Program and the Appalachian Center at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

- 2011 **Conference Organizer**, with Lisa Conley, Evelyn Knight, and Dwight Billings, University of Kentucky Appalachian Research Community Symposium, Lexington, KY.
- 2011 **Session Organizer**, with Garrett Grady, Paul Lovelace, and Ron Eller, “Critical Perspectives on Economic Development in Appalachia,” at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Appalachian Studies, Richmond, KY.
- 2011 **Session Organizer**, with Taylor Shelton and Andy Wood, “Critical Perspectives on Local and Regional Economic Development,” at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Seattle, WA.
- 2011 **Session Convener**, “Politics and History in Twentieth Century Appalachia,” at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Appalachian Studies, Richmond, KY.
- 2011 **Session Convener**, “Mining”, at the University of Kentucky Dimensions of Political Ecology: Conference on Nature-Society, Lexington, KY.
- 2010 **Conference Organizer**, with Lisa Conley, Taylor Shelton, and Garrett Grady, University of Kentucky Appalachian Research Community Symposium, Lexington, KY.
- 2010 **Session Chair**, “Local and Global Economies”, at the University of Kentucky Appalachian Research Community Symposium, Lexington, KY.
- 2009 **Conference Organizer**, with Anne Mareck, Leah Bayens, and Kathy McCullough, “An Evening with the Mountain Keepers,” at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

**SERVICE**

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- 2011-2012     Advisory Committee Member (along with Bob Gates, Kentucky Folklife Program, and Jesse Wells, Kentucky Center for Traditional Music’s Education Coordinator/ Lecturer, Morehead State University Department of Music), Project Title: Luthiers of the Late 20th Century: Combining Art, Craft, and Music, Project conducted by: Kentucky Craft History and Education Association
- 2011           Guest Speaker, Kentucky Entrepreneurial Coaches Institute Training, Topic: Coal Company Towns and Limited Economic Diversification in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Appalachia, Location: Blue Heron National Park, Blue Heron, Kentucky
- 2011           Guest Editor, Special Issue of *The Geographical Bulletin*
- 2011-2012     Student Representative, Economic Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers
- 2011-2012     Steering Committee Member, University of Kentucky Graduate Appalachian Research Community
- 2010-2011     Graduate Student Representative, Appalachian Studies Program and Appalachian Center Director Hiring Committee, University of Kentucky
- 2010-2011     Program Committee Member, Appalachian Studies Association Annual Conference
- 2010-2011     Student Representative, Policy Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky
- 2010-2011     Student Vice President, Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, University of Kentucky Chapter

- 2009-2010 Graduate Student Representative, Strategic Planning Committee, University of Kentucky Appalachian Center
- 2009-2011 Steering Committee Member, University of Kentucky Appalachian Research Community
- 2009-2010 Student Activities Committee Representative, Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, University of Kentucky Chapter
- 2009-2010 Speaker, Geography Graduate Student Union, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky
- 2008-2009 Student Representative – Alternate, Professional Development Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky
- 2008 Curatorial Assistant, Lexington History Museum, Lexington, KY
- 2008 Curatorial Assistant, Laurel Gorge Cultural Heritage Center, Sandy Hook, KY
- 2007-2008 Facilitator, 2008 Kentucky Appalachian Craft Fair, Somerset, Kentucky
- 2007-2008 Planning Committee Member, Appalachian Artisan Center’s 2008 Artists Gathering, Hindman, KY
- 2007-2008 Historic Preservationist, Wildcat Mountain Kentucky American Civil War Re-enactment Organization, Laurel County, KY
- 2006-2007 Museum Exhibit Co-curator, Baskets from Home: White Oak Basketmakers of South-central Kentucky, WKU
- 2007 Historic Preservationist, Garrard County Historical Society, Lancaster, KY
- 2007 Assistant Worker, Kentucky Folklife Festival
- 2005 Assistant Worker, Kentucky Folklife Festival

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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***University of Kentucky***

**Primary Instructor:**

Fall 2011, GEO 321: Lands, People and Development of Appalachia

- Prepared lectures and discussions on the physical and human geographical aspects of the Appalachian Region – 1800s-present day – with a specific focus on economic development.
- Developed journal and reading response assignments to further critical engagement with Appalachian Studies and Economic Development literature
- Advised students in preparing research papers to present at the 2012 University of Kentucky Appalachian Research Symposium

Fall 2010, GEO 321: Lands, People and Development of Appalachia

- Prepared lectures and discussions on the physical and human geographical aspects of the Appalachian Region – 1800s-present day – with a specific focus on economic development.
- Developed field trip assignment to Stearns, KY – former coal company town (funding for trip provided by the University of Kentucky Appalachian Studies Program)
- Partnered with the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development. Provided students the opportunity to contribute to MACED’s Alternative Transition Project. Each student completed a qualitative analysis (conducting interviews via phone and in person) of an organization engaged in economic practices other than resource extraction

Spring 2010, GEO 321: Lands, People and Development of Appalachia

- Prepared lectures and discussions on the physical and human geographical aspects of the Appalachian Region – 1800s-present day – with a specific focus on economic development.
- Developed research project allowing students to conduct a qualitative analysis of a development organization (of their choosing) in the region of Eastern Kentucky. This project allowed students to reflect on their own definitions and understandings of 'development'.

Fall and Spring 2009, GEO 160: Lands and Peoples of the Non-Western World

- Prepared lectures and discussions on the Global South/Non-Western World.
- Developed ethnographic assignments which required students to attend Non-Western events held on campus.

### **Guest Lecturer**

Fall 2011, GEO 741 (University of Kentucky): Teaching Practicum in Geography

- Presented on syllabus preparation, service-learning and experiential pedagogy

Spring 2011, UK 100 (University of Kentucky): Career, Community & Leadership Development

- Presented on uneven economic development in Appalachia

Fall 2010, GEO 610 (University of Kentucky): Methods in Geography

- Presented on ethnographic and geographic research methods

Fall 2010, GEO 260 (University of Kentucky): Geography of Europe

- Presented research on alternative economic development strategies in Scotland. Data collected in Scotland during the summer 2010 as part of the Scotland: A Learning Journey, Community Leadership and Development Program, College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky

### **Assistant Instructor/Discussion Section Leader**

Spring 2012, GEO 160: Lands and People of the Non-Western World

Primary Instructor: Paul Karan

- Responsible for three discussion section groups
- Assisted in the development of discussion activities pertaining to material covered in course lecture
- Maintenance of Blackboard software

Spring 2011, A&S 100: Global Dynamics of Health and Disease

Primary Instructor: Gary Shannon, Ph.D.

- Responsible for the management of two discussion section groups
- Lectures, discussion, and activities pertaining to material covered in course lecture

Fall 2008, GEO 160: Lands and People of the Non-Western World

Primary Instructor: Andy Wood, Ph.D.

- Graded multiple choice exams, writing assignments, and maintained grading software

## **INSTRUCTIONAL TRAINING AND SERVICE**

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### ***College Teaching Courses:***

GEO 741, Geographic Teaching Practicum  
GEO 742, Preparing Future Faculty in Geography

### ***Workshops and Sessions***

Undergraduate Teaching Workshop, Department of Geography (Fall 2010)  
Field Based Teaching Workshop, Department of Geography (Spring 2010)  
Blackboard Software Training, University of Kentucky (Spring 2009)  
Graduate School Teaching Assistant Orientation Workshop (Fall 2008)

### ***Teaching Related Service***

2011 Contributor, Geographic Faculty Development Alliance

## **WORK EXPERIENCE (NON-ACADEMIC)**

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2007-2008 Arts and Culture Outreach Coordinator, The Center for Rural Development,  
Somerset, KY  
2006-2007 Curatorial Assistant and Oral Historian (Graduate Assistant – Western Kentucky  
University), Mammoth Cave National Park, Mammoth Cave, KY  
2006-2007 Historic Preservationist (Contractor), Appalachian Artisan Center, Hindman, KY  
2006-2007 Curator of Collections (Summer Internship), Hart County Historical Society Museum,  
Munfordville, KY  
2005-2006 Curatorial Assistant (Graduate Assistant – Western Kentucky University), Kentucky  
Library and Museum, Bowling Green, KY

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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2010-Present Appalachian Studies Association  
2010-Present National Council for Geographic Education  
2009-Present Association of American Geographers  
2009-Present Oral History Association  
2009-Present Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, University of Kentucky Chapter  
2009-Present University of Kentucky Appalachian Graduate Research Community