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Education

Doctoral Program in Geography, University of Kentucky. 2006 – present

Candidacy achieved February 2009. Dissertation research in progress.

Emphasis: Cultural and landscape geographies, social theory, qualitative methods

Advisor: Dr. Richard Schein, Department of Geography

Cumulative grade point average: 4.00 on a 4.00 scale.

Coursework: Geographic Thought; Social Theory; Cultural Landscapes; Ethnography; Qualitative, Interpretive, & Visual Methods; Appalachian Studies; Critical Race/Whiteness Studies; Labor & Migration; Anthropological Theory

Graduate Certificate in Social Theory, University of Kentucky. 2006 – 2008

Graduate Certificate in Social Theory received 4/25/08

Master of Arts in Sociology, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY. 2004 – 2006

Emphasis: Sociology of culture, social theory, quantitative and qualitative methods

Advisor: Dr. Jackie Orr, Department of Sociology

Cumulative grade point average: 4.00 on a 4.00 scale

Coursework: Anthropological Theory; Sociological Theory; Social Statistics; Quantitative Research Design; Qualitative Methods; Philosophy of Social Science; Urban Geography; Race/Ethnicity/Whiteness Studies

Bachelor of Arts in College Scholars. University of Tennessee at Knoxville, 1995

Emphasis: Ecology and Environmental Studies, with minors in Botany and Zoology

Advisor: Dr. James Drake, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Senior Thesis: “Self-Organization in Bacterial Population Dynamics”

Bachelor of Arts degree received 12/15/95. Graduated magna cum laude, 3.68 GPA on 4.00 scale

Research Interests and Competencies

Cultural and Social Geographies:

Cultural landscapes and sense of place studies: semiotic, symbolic, non-representational, and performative approaches.

Nature/cultures & hybrid geographies: human-environment and human-nonhuman relations.

Phenomenological and sensuous geographies: embodied perceptions, experiences, and performances of landscape, space, and place. Geographies of affect and percept. Environmental perception, movement, and wayfinding.

Labor, migration, and tourism, via critical tourism studies and critical geographies of food.

Geographies of *race and ethnicity*, including whiteness studies.

Field Sites & Research Interests:

(1) Ocracoke Island, NC

(3) Farmers' Markets in Lexington, KY

(2) Cape Hatteras National Seashore

(4) Geocaching and orienteering

Methods:

Ethnographic, phenomenological, performative, and semiotic/visual methods; also broadly trained in both qualitative and quantitative methods and research design.

Other Interests:

Social theory; nonrepresentational theory; performance/performativity; animal geographies; anthropologies of space & place.

Publications and Manuscripts in Preparation

- in preparation. Where the Garden Plot Meets the Parking Lot: depths, folds, and food at the Lexington Farmers' Market.
- in preparation. 'Ocracoke Style': architectural stories on Ocracoke Island, NC.
- working paper. Wandering, wondering, and wayfinding: the strange topographies of the search.
2009. Editors' Preface. *disClosure: a journal of social theory* 18: 2-5. (with K. Kinslow)
2009. *disclosure: a journal of social theory*. Special Issue: WAR. (edited volume with K. Kinslow)
1999. The Auto-Industrial Complex. In *Sustainable Urban Ecology*, S.E. Wallace (ed.). Knoxville, TN: Graphic Creations. (with G. Wilson)

Grants and Awards

- March 2009 Dissertation Enhancement Grant. University of Kentucky Graduate School. \$3000.00 research grant awarded for dissertation project entitled "Visions of Place, Senses of Landscape: more-than-representational ethnography on Ocracoke Island, North Carolina.
- March 2009 Association of American Geographers' Cultural Geography Specialty Group Dissertation Research Grant (PhD-level). \$400 research grant awarded for dissertation project proposal entitled "Visions of Place, Senses of Landscape: more-than-representational ethnography on Ocracoke Island, North Carolina.
- March 2009 Association of American Geographers' Graduate Student Affinity Group Dissertation Project Award. \$400 research grant awarded for dissertation project entitled "Visions of Place, Senses of Landscape: more-than-representational ethnography on Ocracoke Island, North Carolina.
- March 2009 Research Support Grant. University of Kentucky. \$400.00 awarded for travel to the AAG Annual Meeting to present a paper entitled "Wandering, wondering, and wayfinding: the strange topographies of the search" in the Cultural Geography Specialty Group's sponsored paper session: "Landscape: Heuristic tool, Cultural Artifact, Ecological Concept, or Political Entity?"
- April 2008 Research Support Grant. University of Kentucky. \$400.00 awarded for ethnographic and archival work on Ocracoke Island, NC.
- April 2007 Research Support Grant. University of Kentucky. \$400.00 awarded for preliminary interviews and archival work on Ocracoke Island, NC.

Fellowships and Honors

- 2006 – 2009 University of Kentucky Multi-year Fellowship. \$15,000/year for 3 years.
- 2006 – 2009 Daniel R. Reedy Quality Achievement Fellowship Award. \$3000/year for 3 years.
- 1993 – 1995 College Scholars program, University of Tennessee.
- 1993 – 1995 Threshold Scholars in the Biological Sciences, University of Tennessee

Teaching Experience

- Fall 2009 Instructor. Department of Geography, University of Kentucky. Instruction and evaluation of undergraduate students enrolled in GEO 160: Lands and Peoples of the Non-Western World.
- Fall 2007 Semester-long Teaching Practicum. Instructor: Dr. Paul Karan, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.
- 2004 – 2006 Graduate Teaching Associate. Department of Sociology, Syracuse University. Instruction and evaluation of undergraduate students for SOC 314: “Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods.”
- August 2004 Teaching Associate Training Workshop. Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.
- 2002 – 2003 Gardening and Nutrition education and community outreach while serving as the Growing Gardens Coordinator at the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee.
- 1995 – 1996 Substitute teacher, K-12. San Juan School District, Sacramento, CA.
- 1995 – 1997 Gardening and Botany instruction. Rudolf Steiner College, Fair Oaks, CA
- 1992 – 1993 Gardening and Botany instruction. Rudolf Steiner College, Fair Oaks, CA

Editorial Experience

- 2008 – 2009 Editorial Assistant. *Geoforum*. Assistant to editor Dr. Michael Samers
- 2008 – 2009 Co-editor-in-chief. *disClosure: a journal of social theory*. 18: War.
- 2007 – 2008 Book Review Editor. *disClosure: a journal of social theory*. 17: Roots & Routes.
- 2007 – 2009 Editorial Collective member, *disClosure: a journal of social theory*.

Refereed Conference Presentations

- Listening About Houses: architectural stories on Ocracoke Island, NC*. November 2008. Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Greensboro, NC.
- Where the Garden Plot Meets the Parking Lot: depths and folds at the Lexington Farmers' Market*. April 2007. 9th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference. Loyola University, Chicago.

Conference Presentations

- 'Ocracoke Style': stories about building and dwelling on Ocracoke Island, North Carolina*. April 2009. Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference. University of KY, Lexington, KY.
- Wandering, wondering, and wayfinding: the strange topographies of the search*. March 2009. Paper Session: Landscape: Heuristic tool, Cultural Artifact, Ecological Concept, or Political Entity? Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Las Vegas, NV.
- Depths, Folds, and Food: Visualizing the Lexington Farmers' Market*. March 2008. Landscape, Space, and Place: 2nd Annual Conference in Landscape Studies. Indiana Univ., Bloomington, IN
- Social Service Agencies and Community Gardens*. April 2002. Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group conference. Chattanooga, TN.

Conference Participation and Attendance

3rd Annual Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference. April 2009. University of Kentucky Graduate Student Congress. Lexington, KY.

Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. March 2009. Las Vegas, NV.

Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. November 2008. Greensboro, NC.

10th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference. April 2008. Loyola University, Chicago, IL.

2nd Annual Landscape, Space, and Place Conference. March 20-21, 2009. Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

14th Annual Conference on Critical Geography. October 4-6, 2007. University of Kentucky, Lexington KY.

9th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference. April 2007. Loyola University, Chicago, IL.

University of Kentucky Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference. April 2007. University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

Immigration and Public Space Symposium. March 2007. Univ. of Kentucky. Lexington, KY

13th Annual Conference on Critical Geography. Oct 2006. University of Ohio. Columbus, OH.

Seeking Gender Justice Beyond the Beijing Conference: Reflections, Dialogue and Strategic Action. September 16-18, 2005. Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.

Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. April 2004. Philadelphia, PA.

Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group Conference. April 2002. Chattanooga, TN.

Memberships in Professional Organizations

Association of American Geographers

Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers

Cultural Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers

Qualitative Research Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers

Graduate Student Affinity Group of the Association of American Geographers

Service

Nov. 2008 Discussant for Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers' Annual Meeting. Greensboro, NC

2008 – 2009 Department of Geography Representative to the Graduate Student Congress. University of Kentucky

2008 – 2009 Graduate Student Representative. Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.

2008 – 2009 Editorial Assistant. *Geoforum* journal.

2008 – 2009 Editor-in-chief. *disClosure: a journal of social theory*

2007 – 2008 Graduate Student Representative. Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.

- 2007 – 2008 Graduate Student Representative. External Relations Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.
- 2001 – 2003 Plant-A-Row-for-the-Hungry advocate and local organizer, Knoxville, TN. Organized food donations to area families and inner-city soup kitchens; led educational campaigns about food security and community gardens.
- 1999 – 2000 Participatory Research and Community Empowerment Project at Montgomery Village public housing project in Knoxville, TN. Facilitated community mapping project. Participants, children 13-17, subsequently produced a participatory video project aimed at raising community awareness of violence and safety issues in Montgomery Village.
- 1989 – 1993 Center for Global Sustainability Board of Directors member
CGS is a non-profit umbrella organization for environmental and social justice groups in the Knoxville, TN region. Provided support and resources for various environmental and social justice campaigns, direct actions, and educational projects. Coordination of and participation in the Forest Protection and Biodiversity Project, Knoxville Area Pledge for Peace, Knoxville Peace Alliance, and Knoxville Green Party.

Professional Development

- Making the Most of Your Summer: Tips for Conquering the Thesis or Dissertation With Janet Eldred, Professor, English, and Director of The Writing Initiative. University of Kentucky. April 23, 2009.
- Negotiating Your First Faculty Job Offer: A Dean's Advice. With Jeannine Blackwell, Dean of the UK Graduate School. University of Kentucky. February 16, 2009.
- Graduate Student Seminar on Funding for the Departments of Anthropology, Geography, Political Science and Sociology. University of Kentucky. October 2008.
- National Grants Partnership webcast and teleconference on preparing NSF proposals. University of Kentucky Office of Sponsored Projects Administration. September 2008.
- Teaching Associate Training Workshop. Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY. Aug. 16–20, 2004.
- Semester-long Teaching Practicum. Instructor: Dr. Paul Karan, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky. Fall 2007.
- Semester-long Preparing Future Faculty in Geography course. Instructor: Dr. Andrew Wood, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky. Spring 2007.
- Semester-long Research Proposals and Grant Writing course. Instructor: Dr. Michael Samers, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky. Spring 2007.

Related Work Experience

- 2002 – 2003 Employability Case Manager, Knoxville Community Action Committee
Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee South Neighborhood Center. Implemented Federal Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) self-sufficiency guidelines by providing resources, outreach, and support to low-income clients searching for long-term employment. Provided job skills training, employability and job skills classes, GED preparation referrals, and technical training. Administered emergency General Assistance funds to ameliorate financial crises and to otherwise assist clients during transitions from chronic unemployment to long-term employment. Grant administration and reporting.
- 2001 – 2002 Growing Gardens Coordinator, Knoxville Community Action Committee
Federal Community Food and Nutrition Grant position. Established four Community Gardens for low-income Knoxville residents. Community gardening and Community Food Security advocacy. Gardening and nutrition education. Community outreach and Food Security education. Volunteer relations and coordination. Media and community relations. Grant administration and implementation. Engaged in community outreach and public education about Community Food Security and local hunger issues. Facilitated workshops promoting increased self-sufficiency regarding food.
- 2000 – 2001 Flood Verification Specialist, Watercrest Flood Verification, Inc.
Used computer and paper maps to locate and geolocate properties to determine FEMA flood plain status.
- 1999 – 2000 Geographic Information Systems researcher and technician, UT Knoxville
Base layer creation, database design and management, socioeconomic analyses, geospatial conversion of US Census data, geocoding, map-making. Database manager for a solid waste disposal facility site analysis included geo-spatial integration of environmental and economic siting criteria.
- 1995 – 1998 Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and Sustainable Agriculture
Apprentice and educator at the Raphael Garden in Sacramento, CA, and Apprenticeship in Ecological Horticulture at UC Santa Cruz. Organic and biodynamic farming/gardening for community CSA shareholders. Instructor of botany and sustainable agriculture for students at the Rudolf Steiner College in Sacramento, CA.
- 1993 – 1995 Laboratory and Research Assistant
Assisted Dr. James Drake, Complex Systems Group, Department of Ecology, University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Research regarding the use of bioremediative organisms in contaminated soils and groundwater.