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Education

Ph.D. candidate (ABD), Geography
Dissertation in progress

Department of Geography, University of Kentucky
Grade Point Average: 4.00/4.00

Graduate Certificate, Social Theory
2008

Committee on Social Theory, University of Kentucky
Grade Point Average: 4.00/4.00

M.A., Sociology
2006

Department of Sociology, Syracuse University
Grade Point Average: 4.00/4.00

B.A., Ecology and Environmental Studies
1995

College Scholars Program, University of Tennessee
Grade Point Average: 3.68/4.00 (magna cum laude)

Professional Appointments

2011 – 2012 **Lecturer** in Environmental Policy and Socioeconomic Values. Center for Marine Resource Studies, The School for Field Studies, Turks and Caicos Islands, British West Indies

2011 – 2012 **Adjunct Professor.** Boston University

Academic Interests and Research Sites

Primary academic areas:

Cultural Geography
Nature-Society and Human-Environment Relations
Hybrid and Animal Geographies
Cultural Landscapes and Sense of Place
Social Theory
Qualitative and Ethnographic Methods

Research interests:

Endangered Species & Ecosystem Conservation
Heritage/Architectural Conservation
Human-Nonhuman Sociality
Heritage, Eco-, and Architectural Tourism
Community Gardening and Urban Green Spaces

My dissertation fieldwork was on Ocracoke Island, NC, and in the Cape Hatteras and Cape Lookout National Seashores. My current and future research focuses on nature-society relations, sense of place, and environmental justice surrounding conservationism/preservationism in natural and cultural *protected areas*, including: National Parks, nature preserves, cultural heritage sites, historic districts, eco- and heritage tourism sites, community gardens, and urban green spaces.

Teaching Experience

Academic Positions

- 2011 – 2012 Lecturer. Center for Marine Resource Studies, The School for Field Studies, TCI, BWI.
Courses include:
EE(SS) 302: Environmental Policy and Socioeconomic Values (4 credits)
EE 351: Marine Protected Areas: Management Techniques and Policies (4 credits)
EE 491/492: Directed Research (4 credits)
- 2009 Instructor-of-Record. Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.
GEO160: Lands and Peoples of the Non-Western World (3 credits)
- 2004 – 2006 Teaching Associate. Department of Sociology, Syracuse University.
SOC 314: Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods (3 credits)

Other educational positions and related experience

- 2010 Online Curriculum Advisor and Content Development. CHS, Chapel Hill.
Political science and sociology course modules.
- 2002 – 2003 Community Gardening and Nutrition Educator. Knoxville-Knox County Community
Action Committee.
- 1995 – 1997 Agriculture and Botany instruction. Rudolf Steiner College, Fair Oaks, CA.
- 1995 – 1996 Substitute Teacher, K-12. San Juan Unified School District, Sacramento, CA.

Editorial Experience

- 2010 Editor and Online Curriculum Advisor. CHS, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2008 – 2009 Editor-in-chief. *disClosure: a journal of social theory*. Issue 18: War.
- 2008 – 2009 Editorial Assistant. *Geoforum*. Assistant to Geoforum editor Dr. Michael Samers.
- 2007 – 2008 Book Review Editor. *disClosure: a journal of social theory*. Issue 17: Migration.
- 2007 – 2009 Editorial Collective member. *disClosure: a journal of social theory*. Issues 17/18.

Research Assistantships

- 2009 – 2010 Research Assistant. Committee on Social Theory, University of Kentucky.
- 1993 – 1995 Laboratory and Research Assistant. Complex Systems Group, Department of Ecology and
Evolutionary Biology, University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Selected Fellowships, Grants, Honors, and Awards

- 2010 – 2011 Featured graduate student. Committee on Social Theory, University of Kentucky.
See: http://www.as.uky.edu/academics/departments_programs/SocialTheory/SocialTheory/Pages/default.aspx
- 2006 – 2009 University of Kentucky Multi-year Fellowship. \$15,000/year.
- 2006 – 2009 Daniel R. Reedy Quality Achievement Fellowship Award. \$3000/year.
- 2009 Dissertation Enhancement Grant. UKY Graduate School. \$3000.
- 2009 Association of American Geographers' Cultural Geography Specialty Group Dissertation Research Grant.
- 2009 Association of American Geographers' Graduate Student Affinity Group Dissertation Project Award.
- 2009 University of Kentucky Research Support Grant.
- 2008 University of Kentucky Research Support Grant.
- 2008 University of Kentucky Research Support Grant.

Presentations

*** refereed presentations

Animal(s) becoming and the biopolitical landscape: endangered species management in the Outer Banks. Upcoming.

Obscure encounters: in/visibility and en/exclosure in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. November 2010. Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Birmingham, AL. ***

Managing relationships: fields of vision, care, and encounter in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. April 2010. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Washington, DC.

'Ocracoke Style': stories about building and dwelling on Ocracoke Island, North Carolina. April 2009. 3rd Annual Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference. 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.

Listening About Houses: architectural stories on Ocracoke Island, NC. Nov 2008. Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Greensboro, NC. ***

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.

Where the Garden Plot Meets the Parking Lot: depths and folds at the Lexington Farmers' Market. April 2007. 9th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference. Loyola Univ, Chicago. ***

Social Service Agencies and Community Gardens. April 2002. Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group conference. Chattanooga, TN.

Publications and Manuscripts in Progress

Manuscript in preparation (based on dissertation chapter). Building naturecultures: moving architectures in ecologies of place

Manuscript in preparation (based on dissertation chapter). Animal(s) becoming and the biopolitical landscape: endangered species management in the Outer Banks.

Manuscript in preparation (based on dissertation chapter). Gathering places.

Working paper. Wandering, wondering, and wayfinding: the strange topographies of the search.

Looney, James and Karen Kinslow. 2009. *disClosure: a journal of social theory*. Special Issue: WAR.

Looney, James and Karen Kinslow. 2009. Editors' Preface. *disClosure: a journal of social theory* 18: 2-5. Special Issue: WAR.

Looney, James and Glynn Wilson. 1999. The Auto-Industrial Complex. In *Sustainable Urban Ecology*, S.E. Wallace (ed.). Knoxville, TN: Graphic Creations.

Service

2010 – 2012 Executive Committee member. Landscape Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.

2010 – 2012 Awards Committee Co-Chair. Landscape Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.

2010 Reader/Rater. Scoring College Equivalency Human Geography Exams. Educational Testing Service, Cincinnati, OH.

2009 Invited Speaker. Workshop: Securing External Funding for Geography Graduate Students. Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.

2008 Discussant for Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers' Annual Meeting. University of North Carolina, 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.
- 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.

Community Service, Advocacy, and Outreach

- 2011 Community Organizer. Turks and Caicos Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. South Caicos, TCI and Providenciales, TCI.
- 2009 – 2010 Volunteer. Ocracoke Preservation Society, Ocracoke, NC.
- 2009 Docent. Ocracoke Island Lighthouse, Ocracoke, NC.
- 2009 Sea Turtle Patrol. National Park Service, Cape Hatteras National Seashore.
- 2009 Volunteer. Cape Hatteras National Seashore Visitors' Center.
- 2002 – 2003 Employability Case Manager. Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee.
- 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.
- 2001 – 2002 Growing Gardens Coordinator. Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee. Federal Community Food and Nutrition Grant position aimed at increasing food security in low income areas of Knoxville, TN. Developed four community gardens; provided community food security and nutrition education and resources.
- 1999 – 2000 Participatory Research and Community Empowerment Project. Knoxville, TN. Facilitated an extensive, youth-led community mapping project at a public housing project in Knoxville, TN.
- 1995 – 1998 Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and Sustainable Agriculture projects. Apprentice and educator at the Raphael Garden in Sacramento, CA, and Apprenticeship in Ecological Horticulture at UC Santa Cruz.
- 1989 – 1993 Center for Global Sustainability Board of Directors member. Knoxville, TN. Non-profit, umbrella organization for social, political, and environmental activist groups.

Professional Development

Preparing for the Faculty Job Market: The Application and the Interview. University of Kentucky Graduate School Workshop. November 2009.

Analyzing Fieldnotes in NVivo-8. Cynthia Jacobs, EdD, QSR International, Americas Division, Cambridge, MA. University of Kentucky Sociology Department Speaker Series. November 2009.

External Funding for Geography Graduate Students workshop. Department of Geography, University of Kentucky. October 2009.

Negotiating Your First Faculty Job Offer: A Dean's Advice. With Jeannine Blackwell, Dean of the University of Kentucky Graduate School. February 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. August 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.

Memberships in Professional Organizations

Association of American Geographers

AAG Specialty Groups:

Landscape Specialty Group (Executive Committee member),

Cultural Geography Specialty Group,

Qualitative Research Specialty Group,

Graduate Student Affinity Group,

Animal Geography Specialty Group

Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers

American Sociological Association

American Anthropological Association

American Studies Association

Cultural Studies Association

References

Dr. Richard Schein (Dissertation Committee Chair)

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