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Academic Appointment

2005 – present Assistant Professor of Geography & Geosciences,
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

Education

2005 Ph.D., Geography, University of Kentucky
Dissertation title: *Environmental Pragmatism and the Preservation of
Wildness: the Case of Grizzly Bear Reintroduction in Idaho*

1998 M.S., Geography, University of Idaho
Thesis title: *Public Lands, Migration and High Amenity Landscapes in the
Northwest United States*

1988 B.S., Geography, Florida State University

Research Specialties/Interests

- **Environmental Geography:**
 - Environmental Land Use: Geography, Politics and Governance
 - Biodiversity and Wilderness Conservation
 - Environmental History & Human-Animal Relations

- **Geographic Research Methodologies:**
 - GIS and Thematic Mapping
 - Archival and Document Research

Publications: Manuscripts and Reviews

Essays in Refereed Journals

2008 ““We should put our bears in the hands of experts’: three explanatory cuts
at an uncritical embrace of scientific authority,” *Middle States Geographer*
41, p. 27-35.

2007 “Some Political Problems for Rewilding Nature,” *Ethics, Place and
Environment* 10(2), p. 177-192.

2007 “Response to Woods: On with the debate (but let’s be careful with those
swords),” *Ethics, Place and Environment* 10(2), p. 208-216.

Essays in Refereed Journals (continued)

- 2003 “Grizzly Conservation and the Nature of Essentialist Politics,” *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism* 15(4), p. 140-162.

Refereed Book Chapters

- 2007 Five entries: “Berry, Wendell”; “Deep ecology”; “Discourse”; “Pragmatism,” “Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA - U.S. – 1974)”; in Paul Robbins (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Society and Environment* (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage).
- 2005 “The Role of Wilderness and Public Land Amenities in Explaining Migration and Rural Development in the American Northwest,” in Gary Green (editor), *Amenities and Rural Development: Theory, Methods, and Public Policy* (Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar). Third author with Christy Dearien and Gundars Rudzitis.

Conference Proceedings

- 2006 “Grizzly Bear Reintroduction in Idaho, or, It isn’t *Just* the Bitterroot Ecosystem,” *Pennsylvania Geographical Society, Proceedings of Annual Meeting* 13, p. 8-9.

Book Reviews in Refereed Journals

- 2005 Review of Shepard Krech, John Robert McNeill, and Carolyn Merchant (editors), 2002. *Encyclopedia of World Environmental History*. New York: Routledge, 2002; in *Cultural Geographies* 12(1).
- 2003 Review of Val Plumwood, 2002. *Environmental Culture: The Ecological Crisis of Reason*. New York: Routledge; in *Human Ecology Review* 10(1), p. 77-79.

Books in Progress

- 2010 *Society and Environment: A Critical Introduction*. Second author with Paul Robbins (1st) and Sarah Moore (3rd). Under contract with Wiley/Blackwell Publishing. Expected publication date: April 2010.

Publications: Cartographic

- 2005 “Birthplaces of AAG Members: 1961.” Op-ed map in *Newsletter: Association of American Geographers* 40(11), p. 19, with Holly R. Barcus, Stanley D. Brunn, and Richard A. Gilbreath.

Maps published in:

- 2001 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. “Citizen’s Information Guide to the Central Idaho Grizzly Bear Reintroduction Initiative.” Newspaper insert. (Spokane Chronicle, Idaho Statesmen, Lewiston Tribune, Missoula Independent).

Maps Published in (continued):

- 2001** Salant, Priscilla, and Christy Dearien. *Local Government Guide to the Internet: Online Resources for Communities*. (TVA Rural Studies: Lexington, KY).
- 2000** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. *Grizzly Bear Recovery in the Bitterroot Ecosystem: Final Environmental Impact Statement*. (Missoula, MT).
- 1996** Rudzitis, Gundars. *Wilderness and the Changing American West*. (John Wiley & Sons: New York).

Conference Participation

Papers Presented:

- 2010** “Rushing to Riches: Nature in Crisis and the Marcellus Shale,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. (forthcoming, April)
- 2009** “Working for Industry: The Nuclear Fuel Chain and the Limits of Anti-nuclear Activism,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Las Vegas.
- 2007** “Undermining Environmental Justice: the Case of Uranium Enrichment in New Mexico,” Fifth International Conference of Critical Geography. Mumbai, India.
- 2007** “No Nature, No Injustice: How the Nuclear Industry Found a New Home in New Mexico,” New England/St. Lawrence Valley Division of the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. New Haven, CT.
- 2007** “Endorsing Nature: A Pragmatist Alternative to Discourse Analysis,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. San Francisco.
- 2006** “East Teaches West? Public Lands Ubiquity and the Limits of Wilderness Environmentalism,” New England/St. Lawrence Division of the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Burlington, VT.
- 2005** “Grizzly Reintroduction in Idaho, or, It isn’t *Just* the Bitterroot Ecosystem,” Pennsylvania Geographical Society Annual Meeting. Greensburg, PA.
- 2005** “The Polarization of Carnivore Conservation,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Denver.
- 2004** “Some Political Problems for Rewilding Nature,” East Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers (ELDAAG) Annual Meeting. Athens, Ohio.
- 2004** The Role of Wilderness and Public Land Amenities in Explaining Migration and Development in the American Northwest,” Amenities and Rural Community Development (invited paper). Madison. (co-authored by Gundars Rudzitis and Christy Dearien. Paper presented by Rudzitis)

- 2004** “The ‘Conservation Biology Alternative’ to Grizzly Recovery in Idaho: a sympathetic critique,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Philadelphia.
- 2003** “Political Ecology and Environmentalism: Considering Poststructuralist Barricades and Pragmatist Bridges,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans.
- 2002** “Bringing the Bears Back In: from Discourse to Pragmatism,” Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG) Annual Meeting. Richmond. (Refereed paper selections)
- 2002** “The Production of the Wild?: Politics, Economy, and Grizzly Conservation,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Los Angeles.
- 2001** “‘Save *Our* Dams’?: Salmon and Barging in Lewiston, Idaho,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. New York City.
- 1999** “Creating a Dual-Format Fieldwork Atlas for the Nez Perce Tribe Natural Resources Department,” Intertribal GIS Annual Meeting. Pendleton, OR.

Panel Session Participation:

- 2009** “Existing Energy Sources and Energy Alternatives,” Bloomsburg University Teach-In on Global Warming. Bloomsburg, PA.
- 2006** “Environmental Politics and Public Lands,” Panel Chair: David Havlick, University of North Carolina. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Chicago.
- 2004** “*Capitalism, Nature, Socialism* at Fifteen,” Panel Organizer and Chair: John Hintz, University of Kentucky. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Philadelphia.

Map/Poster Presentations:

- 2006** “Environmental History of Lower Fishing Creek,” Poster presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Chicago. Second author, with Patricia Beyer and Joe Hill.
- 2000** “The Territory of the Nez Perce Tribe,” Map and Presentation, University of Kentucky GIS Day. Lexington, KY.
- 1999** “A Brief History of the Nez Perce Tribe, Prehistory to the Present,” Map Presentation, Environmental Systems Research Institute Northwest GIS User Group Annual Meeting. Bend, OR.

Paper and Panel Sessions Chaired and Organized:

- 2009** Debate Moderator: “Energy Debate: Debate the Pros and Cons of Coal as a Long Term Energy Fuel,” debate by Bloomsburg University Student Debate Team. Bloomsburg University Teach-In on Global Warming. Bloomsburg, PA.

- 2004** “Western Public Lands and Political Ecology,” Paper Session: co-chaired and organized with Jean Lavigne, University of Kentucky. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Philadelphia.
- 2004** “*Capitalism, Nature, Socialism at Fifteen*,” Panel Session. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Philadelphia.
- 2002** “Critical Perspectives on Nature and Society,” Paper Session: co-chaired and organized with Jean Lavigne, University of Kentucky. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Los Angeles.

Grants, Fellowships and Awards

- 2007-2008** Outstanding Faculty Award, College of Science and Technology, Bloomsburg University
- 2008** 25% Alternate workload reassignment for proposal: “Writing a textbook: *Society and Environment: A Critical Introduction*.” One course workload reduction for Spring semester, 2008. Bloomsburg University.
- 2006** \$5,582 “New Mexico's Uranium Renaissance: Emerging Resource Geographies and the Limits of Environmental Justice,” Bloomsburg University Special Projects in Academic Affairs
- 2005-6** Faculty Professional Development Travel Award, for conference participation, Bloomsburg University
- 2004-5** \$16,000 Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Kentucky
- 2004** \$500 Enrichment Award for Recruiting Distinguished Scholar Participation in the Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers
- 2003** \$3,000 Dissertation Enhancement Research Award, University of Kentucky
- 2001-2005** Graduate Student Support Award, University of Kentucky
- 2000-2001** \$5,000 Kentucky Opportunity Fellowship, University of Kentucky
- 2000-2001** \$10,000 Graduate Fellowship, University of Kentucky Transportation Center

Directed Research Experience

- 2000-2001** Research Fellow, University of Kentucky Transportation Center
- 1995-1996** Research Associate, University of Idaho, funded through National Education Association grant: “Amenities and Rural Development in the Intermountain West.”

Non-Academic Professional Employment

- 1997-2000** GIS Analyst/System Administrator, Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai, ID

1996-1997 GIS Analyst, Waggoner Engineering, Inc., Jackson, MS

Membership in Professional Organizations

2007 – present International Association for Society and Natural Resources

2007 – present Society for Conservation GIS

2005 – present Pennsylvania Geographical Society

1999 – present Association of American Geographers

Professional Organization Affiliations (continued)

2001 – 2004 Southeast Division: Association of American Geographers

Academic Service

2005-present Regular manuscript editor for the following journals:

- *Capitalism, Nature Socialism*, a refereed journal of political ecology published by Routledge (New York)
- *Middle States Geographer*

2006 Invited manuscript review completed for the following journal:

- *The Professional Geographer*

Bloomsburg University Geography and Geosciences Departmental Committee Service:

2009-2010 Geography Curriculum Committee (chairperson); Budget Committee; Technology Committee; Temporary Faculty Pool Search Committee; Sabbatical Committee; Department of Geography and Geosciences, Bloomsburg University; Geography and Geosciences Representative to APSCUF

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2007-2008 Geography Curriculum Committee; Budget Committee; Technology Committee; Temporary Faculty Pool Search Committee; Department of Geography and Geosciences, Bloomsburg University; Geography and Geosciences Representative to APSCUF

2006-2007 Geography Curriculum Committee; Budget Committee; Technology Committee; University Forum Departmental Representative (Fall semester); Department of Geography and Geosciences, Bloomsburg University; Geography and Geosciences Representative to APSCUF

2005-2006 Geography Curriculum Committee; Sabbatical Committee; Technology Committee; University Forum Departmental Representative (Fall semester); Department of Geography and Geosciences, Bloomsburg University

Bloomsburg University College of Science and Technology Committee Service

2008-present Research and Scholarship Committee; College of Science and Technology, Bloomsburg University

2005-present Communication Committee; College of Science and Technology, Bloomsburg University (Co-Chair with Karl Henry, 2008-2009)

2004-2005 Graduate Representative, Undergraduate Studies Committee; Department of Geography, University of Kentucky

2001-2002 Facilitator; Geography Graduate Student Union, University of Kentucky

2001-2002 List Manager: GEOPOL (political geography) Listserv

2000-2004 Graduate Representative, GIS and Computer Laboratory Committee; Department of Geography, University of Kentucky