Curriculum Vita

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EDUCATION

1999-2002 Ph.D. Geography, University of Kansas, Lawrence, May 2002
Dissertation title: Modernization and Sense of Place in a Rural Region of Northern British Columbia
Dissertation advisor: James R. Shortridge

1997-1999 M.A. Anthropology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, May 1999
Thesis title: The Future’s Past: Cheslatta T’en Self-Determination in North-Central British Columbia
Thesis advisor: Jane W. Gibson


EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Professor & Chair, Department of Geography, University of Missouri, 2019—

Associate Professor, Department of Geography, University of Missouri, 2011—2019

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Missouri, 2005—2011

Assistant Professor, Department of Geology and Geography, Georgia Southern University, 2002—2005

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Emphasis: Indigenous and cultural geography: politics of place; sense of place; Indigenous thought and activism

Regions: North America (Canada—British Columbia; western United States); Aotearoa/New Zealand

Methods: Indigenous and place-based methodologies; ethnography, grounded theory, case study
Books & Edited Collections


Peer-Reviewed Articles, Essays, & Book Chapters


**Book Reviews**


2010b. Literal charges of uncertainty (Book review forum on Kathleen Stewart’s *Ordinary Affects*). *Social & Cultural Geography* 11(8): 925-926.


2019. Spencer Foundation, Small Grant, “Pathways to Success in School and Beyond for Native American Youth from a Reservation in Montana.” Co-investigator with principal investigator Robert Petrone (University of Missouri) [$49,999]


2016. University of Missouri Campus Writing Program, Writing Intensive Project Award, “Placewriting: a writing pathway for campus and community.” [$6,235.50]

2013. University of Missouri, Summer Research Fellowship, “Journey to a native land: collaborative ethnography with the Cheslatta Carrier First Nation in British Columbia.” [$7,000]

2008-2010. National Science Foundation, Geography & Regional Science (Grant No. 0752183), “Environmental knowledge transfers in the exurban transition, Fremont County, Colorado.” Principal investigator with co-investigators Matt Foulkes, Ann Bettencourt, and Curt Sorenson (U. of Kansas) [$156,371]

2006a. Government of Canada, Research Grant, “Ethnography of community forest stakeholders in British Columbia, Canada” [$6,000]

2006b. University of Missouri, Research Council Grant, “Ethnographic assessment of social sustainability among community forest stakeholders in British Columbia, Canada” [$7,162]

2006c. University of Missouri, Richard Wallace Grant, “Ethnographic assessment of social sustainability among community forest stakeholders in British Columbia, Canada” [$1,712]

2004a. University System of the Georgia Board of Regents, Global Partnerships Grant, “Research development with the Gullah-Geechee community of Sapelo Island, Georgia” (with Jason Dittmer and Mark Welford) [$10,000]

2004b. Government of Canada, Faculty Enrichment Grant, “Pedagogical enhancement of GEOG 5130: Geography of North America” [$4,712]

2003. Georgia Southern University, Faculty Research Grant, “Stakeholder assessment of the Southwest Georgia United Empowerment Zone (USDA regional development program)” [$3,000]

2001-2002. US Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, J. William Fulbright Award for study in Canada, “Sense of place in a rural region of north-central British Columbia” [$15,000] Host university sponsor: Dr. R. Cole Harris, University of British Columbia


1998. University of Kansas, *Carroll D. Clark Fund*, “Exploratory work with the Cheslatta-Carrier Nation” [$500]

**Awards & Recognition**

2016. Purple Chalk Teaching Award, University of Missouri College of Arts & Science Student Council.

2011. Commencement Speaker, University of Missouri College of Arts & Sciences December Graduation Ceremony

2009. Illinois State University, *Distinguished Alumnus Award*, Department of Sociology & Anthropology

2007. University of Missouri, *Center for Arts & Humanities Grant-Writing Fellow* (fall semester course buyout)

2001. University of Kansas, *Marie Kabelitz Geography Field Camp Award* for outstanding leadership at the University of Kansas Geography Field Camp in Garden Park, Colorado


2000. Cultural Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, *Best Student Paper Award*

1997. University of Kansas, *Honors Fellowship* (three-year tuition waiver plus stipend for graduate studies)

1997. Illinois State University, *Bone Student Scholar*


1996. Illinois State University, *Watterson Undergraduate Essay Award in Geography-Geology*

1996. Illinois State University, *Robert Brome Award in Creative Writing*

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Invited Speaker/Panelist**

2018. Invited to speak on my book, *Being Together in Place*, in support of *The Persistence of the Unsorted*, an art installation by Claire Pentecost (School of the Art Institute of Chicago) at the Garfield Park Conservatory, April 28, Chicago, Illinois

2018. Panelist, Black Geographies and Landscapes of Memory, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, April 10, New Orleans, Louisiana


2017. Panelist, Indigenous and Western Knowledge Systems Brought into Pedagogical Practice, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, April 8, Boston, Massachusetts

2015. Invited colloquium speaker, “Being-together-in-place: coexistence in a more-than-human world” (with Jay T. Johnson), University of Kansas Department of Geography, September 25, Lawrence, Kansas


2011. Invited colloquium speaker, “Amenity development and landscape change in the American West,” Western Michigan University Department of Geography, February 18, Kalamazoo, Michigan

2010. Invited colloquium speaker, “Amenity development and landscape change in the American West,” University of Kansas Department of Geography, November 29, Lawrence, Kansas


2006. Invited speaker for the UNESCO-sponsored conference *La Gestion Intégrée de l’Eau dans l’Histoire Environnementale: Savoirs Traditionnels et Pratiques Modernes* [Integrated Water Management in Environmental History: Traditional Knowledge and Modern Practices], October 27-30, Laval University, Québec City, Canada


2005. Panelist, Author Meets Critics: John Hudson’s *Across This Land*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, April 8, Denver, Colorado


Session Organizer

2019. Boundary Work, Art, and Place in Indigenous Research (one session), co-organized with Jay T. Johnson (University of Kansas), Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, April 5, Washington, D.C.

2017. The Call of Place: More-Than-Human Dialogues and Relationships (one session), co-organized with Jay T. Johnson (University of Kansas), Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, April 6, Boston

2016. The Agency of Place (four sessions), co-organized with Jay T. Johnson (University of Kansas), Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, April 1, San Francisco


2008. New Stories for Old Places: Bridging Philosophy and Political Economy for Indigenous Geography (three sessions), co-organized with Jay T. Johnson (University of Kansas), Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, April 17, Boston, Massachusetts

2007. Industrial Landscapes: Past and Present (two sessions), co-organized with David Robertson (SUNY-Geneseo), Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, April 20, San Francisco


Paper Presentations

2019a. “Boundary work, the gifting of art, and the agency of place in Indigenous coexistence,” West Lakes Regions Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, October 26, Cedar Falls, Iowa

2019b. “Boundary work, the gifting of art, and the agency of place in Indigenous coexistence,” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, April 5, Washington, D.C.


2017. “A tale of two invitations: settler desire and the call of place,” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, April 6, Boston, Massachusetts

2016. “A ceremonial intervention: entanglements in the ancestral cemeteries of the Cheslatta Carrier First Nation, British Columbia, Canada,” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, April 1, San Francisco, California

2014. “We will not rest: the political ecology of cemetery desecration in the traditional territory of the Cheslatta Carrier Nation, British Columbia,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, April 10, Tampa, Florida

2013. “Return to a native land: place-based politics among the Cheslatta Carrier Nation in British Columbia,” Chancellor’s Diversity Initiative Series, October 9, Columbia, Missouri


2008. “Place, radical activism, and the phenomenology of affinity,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, April 17, Boston, Massachusetts


2005. “Negril in the news: content analysis of a contested paradise,” Southeastern Division of the AAG Annual Meeting, November 21, West Palm Beach, Florida


Dates of attendance and thesis title are provided for each student, as is current occupation (if known).

**Committee Chair: Master of Arts in Geography**

2019. Brad Hanson, “Emancipating education through place.” Mr. Hanson is a Coverdell Returned Peace Corps Fellow in the Department of Geography.


2016. Lesley (Clark) Flaherty, “Finding their place in pictures: reflecting on images of international women's lives in State College, PA.” Ms. Clark was partially supported with summer field assistantships through my National Research Foundation grant.

2015. Jared Whear, “Fountains in a desert: place-making and collective action against Southern Nevada Water Authority’s groundwater development project.” Mr. Whear is a PhD student in Geography at Syracuse University.


2011. Amy Thompson, “Gentrification through the eyes (and lenses) of Kansas City residents.” Ms. Thompson was partially supported with summer field assistantships through my National Research Foundation grant. She is Coordinator with the New York City Food Bank, New York, NY.

2010. Zach Rubin, “Geography of protest in the School of Americas Watch (SOAW) annual vigil.” Mr. Rubin is a PhD student in the Department of Sociology at the University of Missouri.

2009. Craig Hutton, “From box suppers and card games to vineyards and viewscapes: community discourse in the exurban American West.” Mr. Hutton was accepted on a full ride as a doctoral student into Texas A&M University’s Applied Biodiversity Science NSF-IGERT Program.

2008. Brent Alexander, “Iron, wine, and a woman named Lucy: sense of place in St. James, Missouri.” Mr. Alexander is Geospatial Analyst for Harris Corporation in St. Louis, Missouri.

**Committee Member: Master of Arts in Geography**


2017. Julie Saperstein, Fall 2015-Spring 2017. “Opening the black box of outer space: the case of Jason-3.” Ms. Saperstein is a doctoral student on a university fellowship in the Department of Geography at the University of Kentucky.

2016a. Siyang (Sandy) Zhang, Fall 2014-Spring 2016. “Using soil characteristics to better parametrize water budget calculations.”

2016b. Judd Slivka, Spring 2015-Spring 2016. “Missiles in the White City: how governments creatively destroyed Jackson Park, Chicago, IL.” Mr. Slivka is assistant professor of convergence journalism at the University of Missouri.

2015. Chris Petruccelli, Fall 2013-2015. “Climate and regeneration at upper treeline east and west of the Continental Divide in the Northern and Southern Rocky Mountains.” Mr. Petruccelli is Associate Poetry Editor at *Stirring: A Literary Collection* in Greenville, Tennessee.

2014a. Dave Knieter, Fall 2012-Spring 2014. “Decolonizing conservation? Co-management of natural resources in Bushbuckridge Nature Reserve, South Africa.” Mr. Knieter is a doctoral student in the Department of Geology and Geography at West Virginia University.

2014b. Aaron Groth, Fall 2012-Spring 2014. “Social and environmental impacts of Big-Leaf Mahogany logging on Peruvian Indigenous communities.” Mr. Groth is a PhD student in the Department of Geography and the Environment at the University of Texas-Austin.


2010b. Na Yang, Fall 2008-Spring 2010, “The impact of the Chinese Air Cargo Hub Project on the business climate of St. Louis, Missouri.” Ms. Yang is President of Na Yang, LLC, an economic development consulting company located in Shanghai, China.


2008b. Damian Whitney, Fall 2006-Spring 2008, “Variation in the perception of urban canals in Fresno, California.” Mr. Whitney is Transfer Admissions Specialist at Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri.
2008c. Laura (Bell) Steele, Fall 2006-Spring 2008, “Castles in America: their diffusion into the northeastern United States during the Romantic Era (1870-1930).” Mrs. Steele is GIS Analyst for SAIC in St. Louis, Missouri.


**Outside Committee Member: Master of Arts**


2015b. Abel Gomez, Religious Studies, Fall 2013-Spring 2015. “Beneath and above the worlds of spirit are alive: religion, place, and Ohlone cultural revival.”


**Outside Committee Member: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)**

2020 (anticipated). Aaron Arredondo, Sociology, Fall 2016-present. Mr. Arredondo passed the comprehensive examination in Spring 2018. I am currently supervising him on a Research Council grant to study placemaking in Marshall, Missouri.


2019 (anticipated). Jackson Medel, English, Fall 2011-present. Mr. Medel passed the comprehensive examination in Fall 2014.

2019 (anticipated). Elizabeth Prentice, Rural Sociology, Fall 2015-present. “The political ecology of environmental narratives and policy creation: risk, power, and mountain pine beetles.” Ms. Prentice passed the qualifying examination in Spring 2017 and plans to take the comprehensive examination in Fall 2018.


**Undergraduate Research Advising**

In the spring semester of 2017, I embarked on a project to create a children’s book for the Cheslatta Carrier Nation in British Columbia. I enlisted the help of two undergraduate students to work with me on this project, and the three of us will be visiting British Columbia in the summer of 2018. **Hayley Portell** is an Art major. She received a College of Arts & Science Undergraduate Research Mentorship (under my supervision with Mark Langeneckert in Art), which will support her travel to British Columbia in the summer of 2018 to collaborate with the Cheslatta people on the children’s book. **Maddie Davis** is a Photojournalism major and a student in the Honors College. She is the design manager for the project. Her travel to Cheslatta in British Columbia is supported by Research Incentive Funds.

On my 2018 Research Council grant, undergraduate Geography major **Casey Carlisle** will be paid a stipend to assist with the mapping workshops in Marshall, Missouri as part of our research on cultural integration in Midwestern rural towns experiencing rapid demographic change from immigration.
Service

Department Service

2012-2017 Graduate Curriculum Committee (chair)
2017 Annual Review Committee (chair)
2017 Tenure and Promotion Committee for Dr. Grant Elliott (chair)
2015 Annual Review Committee (chair)
2014 Annual Review Committee (chair)
2013 Tenure and Promotion Review Committee for Dr. Tim Matisziw
2013 Tenure and Promotion Review Committee for Dr. Mark Palmer
2012 Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Teaching Professor
2010-2016 Director of Graduate Studies (two three-year terms)
2005-2006 Search Committee for faculty position in Physical Geography

Campus Service

2017-2019 University of Missouri Faculty Council, Representative for Arts & Science
2017-2019 Provost’s Standing Committee on Residential Life
2017-2019 Honors College Curriculum Committee (chair)
2017-2019 Campus Writing Board
2017-2019 Arts College of & Science Grants Committee
2012-2015 Steering Committee, University of Missouri Pride of Place Initiative
2012-2015 Advisory Board, Honors College Behavioral and Social Sciences Track
2011-2013 Advisory Board, Defoe-Graham Residence Hall Pangea Community
2007-2008 Collaborative Working Group Coordinator, Center for the Arts and Humanities 2006-2008
2007-2011 Advisory Board, Center for the Arts and Humanities

National and International Service

2013-present. Book review editor and member of the editorial board, Social & Cultural Geography
2009-present. Member of the editorial board, Southeastern Geographer
2006-2013. Book review editor, Historical Geography: An Annual Journal of Research, Commentary, and Reviews
2007-2011. Chair, Cultural Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers
2004-2007. Awards Director, Cultural Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers
2004-2006. Vice President, Canadian Studies Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers
2003-2005. Awards Director, Canadian Studies Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers
2000. Member, Planning Committee, Kansas Conference on Imagination and Place

**Journal Manuscript Reviews, 2008-2019 (52)**

* Aether: Journal of Media Geography (1); Annals of the Association of American Geographers (1); The Canadian Geographer (2); Geoforum (3); Geografiska Annaler B (3); The Geographical Bulletin (3); Geographical Review (2); GeoJournal (2); Great Plains Research (1); Human Organization: The Journal of the Society for Applied Anthropology (1); Journal of Applied Geography (1); Landscape & Urban Planning (2); Material Culture (1); Prairie Perspectives (1); Political Geography (1); Professional Geographer (4); Rangeland and Ecology Management (1); Review of Maritime Studies (1); Social & Cultural Geography (10); Sociological Perspectives (1); Southeastern Geographer (2); Society & Space (3); Space & Polity (1); Sustainability Science (1); Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers (2); Urban Ecologies (1)

**External Reviews**

2019. Commissioned review, book manuscript, University of British Columbia Press
2016. Commissioned review, book manuscript, University of British Columbia Press
2014. Commissioned review, book manuscript, Oregon State University Press
2011. External reviewer, National Science Foundation, Geography and Spatial Sciences Program
2010. Commissioned review, book manuscript, University Press of Kansas
2006. External reviewer, Consulate of Canada-Chicago Research Grants Competition
2006. Pre-Tenure Review, Department of Geography, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota