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Areas of Academic Specialization

Human and Cultural Geography with special focus on:
Social and feminist theory with a focus on space, place, and identity
Postcolonial Theory with a focus on the American West
Development and anti-development
Tourism
Human/environmental interactions

Education and Research

Ph.D. Geography, University of Kentucky
Dissertation: Pigs in Space: Ghosts, Gender, and Sexuality in a Debate about Regulating Industrial Hog Farming in Kentucky, May 2002.
Certificate in Social Theory, May 2001
Certificate in Women's Studies, May 2002

M.S. Environmental Studies, University of Montana
Thesis: The Contested Terrain of Butte, Montana: Landscapes of Risk and Resiliency, May 1996

B.A. Political Science, University of Massachusetts/Boston
Honors Thesis: Contamination and Conflict in Carver, MA, May 1994.

Professional Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Philosophy, and Geography, Eastern Connecticut State University, 2002-present.

Teaching Assistant, Women's Studies Program, University of Kentucky, 2001-2002

Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, 1999-2001

Research Assistant, Department of Rural Sociology, University of Kentucky, 1996-2001.

Teaching Assistant, Department of English, University of Montana, 1994-1995.

Publications

Refereed Journals

- 2002 "Local Environmental Security and Industrial Hog Farming in Kentucky." *Regional Development Dialogue* 23(1): 54-65.
- 2001 "Forum: Dilemmas of Difference: Teaching the 'Non-West' Critically" (with Susan M. Roberts). *International Research in Geographical and Environmental Education* 10: 179-183.
- 2001 "Foucault on the Farm: Producing Swine and Subjects." *Southern Rural Sociology* 17: 12-26.
- 2000 "disClosure interviews bell hooks" (with Susan Mains, Christine Metzko and Sarah Moore). *disClosure: a journal of social theory* 9:45-59.

Invited and Refereed Chapters

- (Forthcoming) "Rural Re-deterritorialization: Constructing Haunted Landscapes," pp. 35. In *Constructing Rural Spaces*, H. Buller, V. Craig, and M. Kurtz, eds. University of Pennsylvania Press.
- 2003 "Dialogues of Difference: Contested Mappings of Tourism and Environmental Protection in Butte, Montana." In *Mapping Tourism*, V. DelCasino and S. Hanna, eds, pp. 132-160. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Invited Review Articles in Refereed Journals

- 2007 Review of *Natural Visions: the power of images in American environmental reform*. *Journal of Historical Geography* 33: 216-217.
- 2005 "Geographic Theorizations of Sexuality: A Review of Recent Works." *Feminist Studies* 31(2 Summer): 380-398.

Other publications

- 1997 "Listening to Eminence: Report for citizens of Eminence, Kentucky on the results of community visioning sessions conducted by the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, 16 pp.

Awards and Honors

Extramural

- 2005 Grant to participate in the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on British and Indigenous Cultural Encounters in Native North America: 1580-1785. Sponsored by the John Carter Brown Library at Brown University, Providence, RI, 11 July- 12 August.

Intramural

- 2007 Connecticut State University Research Grant
- 2006 2006-07 AAUP Faculty Development Grant

- 2002 Graduate Student Support Award to attend the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, University of Kentucky, March.
- 2000 Graduate Student Support Award to attend the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, University of Kentucky, February.
- 1999 Graduate Student Development Award, University of Kentucky.
- 1999 Graduate Student Support Award to attend American Sociological Association national meetings, University of Kentucky, July.
- 1997 Graduate Student Support Award to attend the national meeting of the Society for Social Problems, University of Kentucky, July.
- 1995 Erasmus Scholarship tuition award, University of Montana, April.
- 1995 Bellis Prize, thesis funding award, University of Montana, April.
- 1994 Distinction in Political Science, departmental award, University of Massachusetts/Boston, May.
- 1994 Senior Honors, University of Massachusetts/Boston, May.

Presentations

Conferences

- 2007 "Pequot in Performance: through 'the white man's looking glass'?" Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers. 17-21 April, San Francisco.
- 2006 "An Integrated Approach to the Green Campus." With Carmen R. Cid, Jeanelle Day, and Fred Loxsom. COPLAC Summer Institute Workshop, 8-11 June 2006, University of North Carolina at Asheville.
- 2006 "Regulatory Fictions and Environmental Productions." Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, 7-11 March, Chicago, IL.
- 2005 "Environmental and Identity Politics of Hog Farming in Kentucky." Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, 4-9 April, Denver, CO.
- 2004 "The Problem with 'Nature'." Roundtable presentation, Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, 14-19 March, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2004 "Theorizing Rural and Agricultural Change: Social theory meets industrial hog farming." Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, 14-19 March, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2003 "Discourses of Pacification: Gender and sexualization as arguments for rural restructuring." Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, 5-9 March, New Orleans, LA.
- 2002 "Hog Wild: Constructing rurality through representations of risk." Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, 19-23 March, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2001 "My Old Kentucky Home: An Activist Map." Annual meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, 17-20 November, Lexington, KY.

- 2001 "Hogs and Hegemony: The Kentucky Farm Bureau's fight against regulation of industrial hog farms." Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, 27 February-3 March, New York, NY.
- 2001 Panel session participant. "Interrogating Tourism Maps: 'New guides' to space and identity." Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, 27 February-3 March, New York, NY.
- 2001 "Swine Lake: A Foucauldian analysis of hog farm regulation in Kentucky." Seventh Annual Cincinnati Miniconference on Critical Geography, 28 October, Cincinnati, OH.
- 2000 "The Deployment of Heterosexuality in an 'Imagined Community'." Second Annual National Women's Studies Graduate Student Conference, 3-4 March, Lexington, KY.
- 2000 "Participation Costs: Marginalized Activists and Tense Researchers." Annual meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, 29 January-2 February, Lexington, KY.
- 1999 "Rituals of Separation in Kentucky's Hog Wars." Annual meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, 21-23 November, Tampa, FL.
- 1999 "Engendering Community: Mining and Madonnas in Butte, Montana." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, 6-10 August, Chicago, IL.
- 1998 "Mining, Myths, and Madonnas in Butte, MT." Annual conference of the Royal Geographers Society/International British Geographers, 5-8 January, Kingston, England, UK.
- 1997 "Mining, Myth, and Material Reality in Butte, Montana, an American Superfund Site." Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, August, Toronto, Canada.
- 1997 "Development Dilemmas in Butte, Montana, an American Superfund Site." 9th Annual Conference of the International Community Development Society, July, Athens, GA.

Invited Plenaries, Research Seminars, and Colloquia

Extramural

- 2004 "Foucault and Feminists on the Farm: Explorations in Discourse Analysis." Rutgers University Graduate Geographers Project and the Graduate Student Association of Rutgers, 18 November.
- 2002 "Hog Wild: A social theory approach to a debate about regulating hog farming." University of Connecticut Geography Department, 2 May.

Conferences, Sessions, Film Series, and Talks Organized

- 2004 "Contradictory Geographies at the Borders: The problems of the ports," University Hour presentation by Dr. Susan M. Roberts, Eastern Connecticut State University, 3 November.
- 2004 "Violence at Home and Abroad," five-film series organized and sponsored by the Film Subcommittee of the Peace and Human Rights Committee, Eastern Connecticut State University, Fall 2004.
- 2003 "The Social and Environmental Effects of War" (with William Salka). University Hour presentation by Dr. Bart Gruzalski, Eastern Connecticut State University, 15 October.
- 2001 Program Committee Chair, "Gendered Violence: Epistemologies and Practices," Third Women's Studies National Graduate Student Conference, 30-31 March, Lexington, KY.

Conference Sessions Organized

- 2004 Co-organizer, with John Grimes, “The Role of Agriculture in Restructuring Rural Space I: Regulation, Trade, and Globalization,” “The Role of Agriculture in Restructuring Rural Space II: People, Places, Processes, and Desires,” and “The Role of Agriculture in Restructuring Rural Space III: Examining Staple Communities,” Association of American Geographers (AAG) annual meeting, 4-9 March, New Orleans, LA.
- 2003 Co-organizer, with Susan M. Roberts. “Post-September 11 Pedagogies.” Association of American Geographers (AAG) annual meeting, 4-9 March, New Orleans, LA.
- 2002 Co-organizer, with Matthew Kurtz. “Constructing Rurality I: Localizations and Strategies,” “Constructing Rurality II: Reworking Theory,” “Constructing Rurality III: Contesting Representations,” Association of American Geographers (AAG) annual meeting, 19-23 March, Los Angeles, CA.

Conference Sessions Moderated

- 2000 Second Annual National Women’s Studies Graduate Student Conference, 3-4 March, Lexington KY.

Service

Professional Associations--Committees and Boards

National

Secretary; Ethics, Justice, and Human Rights Committee of the Association of American Geographers, 2002-2006

Editorial Committees and Boards

Copy Editor, *disClosure: a journal of social theory*, issue 9, University of Kentucky Social Theory Program, 2000.

Invited Article Reviews

Scholarly Journals

The Professional Geographer, 2005

Feminist Studies, 2005

Journal of Rural Studies, 2003

Sociologia Ruralis, 2002

Southern Rural Sociology, 2002

University Committees

Member, Organizational Committee for the 2008 Connecticut State University Research Conference, 2007-present.

Member, Committee to Create an International Studies Major, Eastern Connecticut State University, Dec. 2005-present.

Member, Eastern Connecticut State University Student Research Committee, 2006.

Member, Controller Search Committee, Eastern Connecticut State University, November 2004-January 2005.

Member, Committee to Create a Labor and Workplace Studies Major, Eastern Connecticut State University, Summer 2004.

Member, University Hour Committee, Eastern Connecticut State University, 2002-present.

Member, Peace and Human Rights Committee, Eastern Connecticut State University, 2002 to present

Organizer, Film Sub-Committee of the Peace and Human Rights Committee, Eastern Connecticut State University, 2003-2004.

Member, AdHoc Committee on Health Insurance for Graduate Assistants and Fellowship Recipients, University of Kentucky, 1999.

Departmental Service

Coordinator for Geography Minor Program, Eastern Connecticut State University, 2006 to present,.

Geography Library Builder, Eastern Connecticut State University, 2002 to present.

Treasurer/Recorder, elected by Geography Graduate Student Union members, University of Kentucky, 2001-2002.

Member, Development Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, 1999-2000.

Policy Committee Representative, elected by Sociology Graduate Student Group members, Sociology Department, University of Kentucky, 1997-1999.

Theory Committee Representative, elected by Sociology Graduate Student Group members, Sociology Department, University of Kentucky, 1997-1999.

Graduate Committee Representative, elected by Sociology Graduate Student Group members, Sociology Department, University of Kentucky, 1997-1999.

Member, Student Committee to Establish Criteria for an MFA Program in Environmental Writing, Department of Environmental Studies, University of Montana, 1994-1995.

Current Memberships in Professional Organizations

Association of American Geographers

Institute of British Geographers/Royal Geographical Society

National Women's Studies Association

Undergraduate Instruction

Geography Minor designed and accepted F2006

New courses developed

Economic Geography

Geography of Canada

Geography of Food

Historical Geography of Global Relations

Engendering Masculinity

Tourism Geographies

World Regional Geography

Animal Spaces, Freshman Colloquium

Courses Taught

Introductory

Introduction to Geography
Introduction to Women's Studies
Animal Spaces, Freshman Colloquium

Intermediate/Advanced

Geography of Canada
World Regional Geography
Historical Geography of the U.S.
Economic Geography
Geography of Food
Historical Geography of Global Relations
Engendering Masculinity
Tourism Geographies

Independent Studies

The Mexican Revolution and the Geography of Peasant Agriculture, Fall 2006
The Political Geography of Representation, Spring 2005
The Political Geography of Minority Voting: Florida 2004, Fall 2004.
The Geography of Religion: Cuba, Pre- and Post-Revolution, Spring 2004.

Internships

State Government Internship, Fall 2005
National Government Internship, Fall 2004

Undergraduate Student Supervision and Advising

Advisor for 20-25 undergraduate students each semester.