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Geographer, planner, photographer, and public scholar working at the nexus of nature and society.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, December 2014

University of Kansas, Department of Geography & Atmospheric Science

Dissertation title: *Bury me on the prairie: Nature and culture in the post-rural Midwest*

Committee: James R. Shortridge, Jay T. Johnson, Garth Myers, Barney Warf, and Donald Stull

- An exploration of changing relationships with nature, with the intent to understand the motivations and normative ideas of landscape influencing natural resource management policy in the Midwestern US. Mixed-method approach involving critical discourse analysis and applied ethnographic research with Grasslands Heritage Foundation.

Master of Arts, July 2008

University of Nebraska-Omaha, Department of Geography & Geology

Thesis Title: *Framing the 'Fragile Giants': Aestheticization of landscape in western Iowa*

Committee: Christina Dando, Charles Gildersleeve, John Price

- Investigated the attempt to create a unit of the National Park Service in the Loess Hills ecoregion, and the overall impact of land preservation and conservation efforts in Western Iowa since the 1960s. Mixed-method research combining spatial analysis of growth in land with conservation protections with framing analysis of media coverage and DNR literature.

Bachelor of Arts (Honors), May 2004

University of Iowa, Department of Geography

Thesis title: *Water, Urbanization, and Cultural Production in the Desert Southwest*

Committee: Dave Reynolds, James Throgmorton, Paul Handley

- A survey of the growth and development of cities in the Southwest dependent on water from the Colorado River. Contemplates the relationship between cultural symbolism, agriculture, and urbanization, and highlighted how agricultural water rights serve as banks for future urban growth.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Professor and Department Chair, August 2013 – August 2023

Red Rocks Community College, Department of Geography & GIS

- Responsible for curriculum development, scheduling, textbook adoptions, management of GIS lab (including hardware and software maintenance), supervision of adjunct instructors and tutors, 15-credit hour teaching load per semester, and various service duties.

- Courses Taught: *GEO 1005: World Regional Geography; GEO 1006: Human Geography; GEO 1011: Physical Geography: Landforms; GEO 1012: Physical Geography: Weather, Climate, and Ecosystems; GEO 1060: Global Climate Change; WQM 4055: Human-Water Ecological Relationships* (all courses have been taught in online and hybrid modalities)

Subject Matter Expert, May-August 2014

Red Rocks Community College Water Quality Management Program NSF Grant.

- Wrote curriculum for *WQM 4055 Human-Water Ecological Relationships*, part of an innovative Bachelor's of Applied Science degree developed at Red Rocks Community College. This course prepares students for careers beyond the water treatment plant, and focuses on public policy, land use, conservation, and how culture impacts our relationship to water.

Editorial Assistant, January 2011 – June 2019

The Professional Geographer, Edited by Barney Warf, University of Kansas

- Journal of applied geography research published by the American Association of Geographers. Screened manuscripts for form and assigned peer reviewers, communicating daily with a global network of scholars practicing a diverse array of methodologies and research agendas, from geospatial to the geohumanities.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, January 2009 – May 2013

University of Kansas, Department of Geography & Atmospheric Science

- Courses Taught: *Principles of Human Geography, World Regional Geography; Cultural Geography of the United States and Canada; Environmental Conservation; Introduction to Physical Geography; Maps and Mapping*

Adjunct Faculty, August 2008 – December 2008

Johnson County Community College (KS)

- Courses Taught: *World Regional Geography*

Graduate Teaching Assistant, August 2006 – May 2008

University of Nebraska-Omaha, Department of Geography & Geology

- Courses Taught: *Introduction to Physical Geography: Soils and Landforms*

Assistant Community Development Planner, February 2006 – August 2006

Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA)

- Prepared Environmental Assessment for Walnut, IA Water Treatment Plant
- Facilitated completion of four Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plans for rural communities
- Collaborated on two Urban Renewal Districts for subdivisions in Iowa's Loess Hills Ecoregion
- Completed Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance for City of Neola, IA
- Assisted City of Carter Lake in Watershed Analysis

Planning and Zoning Director, July 2004 – February 2006

City of Glenwood, Iowa

- Responsible for site plan review and zoning compliance
 - Conducted site plan review and oversaw completion of a \$25 million YMCA Recreation and Community Center, and a \$30 million High School and athletic complex.
- Facilitated meetings of Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, and Park Board

- Oversaw subdivision review and annexation requests
- Planned and acquired funding for major improvements to City Park
- Negotiated complex agreements between multiple government agencies
- Participated in numerous RFPs for capital improvement projects
- Code enforcement and nuisance abatement

PUBLIC & NON-PROFIT APPOINTMENTS

City of Golden, CO Planning Commissioner, June 2014 – November 2020

- Reviewed development plans and subdivision proposals
- Participated in long-term planning and review of city code
- Provided input on the creation of a new Transportation Master Plan
- Updated 4 neighborhood plans
- Advocated for affordable housing policies and inclusionary zoning
- Focus on pedestrian/recreational trail infrastructure

Board of Directors, Loess Hills Preservation Society (IA), January 2005 – January 2008

- Conducted ecological restoration work (brush removal, ecotype seed collection, reseeding, prescribed burning) at Vincent Bluff Preserve
- Wrote proposal and successfully lobbied the Iowa State Preserves Advisory Board to dedicate Vincent Bluff as 95th State Preserve based on scenic, geologic, and biologic uniqueness
- Led school field trips and community wildflower walks at Vincent Bluff
- Created trail map and brochure of Vincent Bluff for public use

OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Loess Hills Scenic Byway Guidebook, August 2014

- Contributed photographs and editorial feedback to Golden Hills Resource Conservation District, Western Iowa Tourism Board, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and the Loess Hills Alliance for creation of guidebook honoring National Scenic Byway status.

Grassland Heritage Foundation, February 2009 – May 2013

- Developed strategies to increase volunteerism and supplement the Groundhogs volunteer restoration corps at Snyder Prairie Preserve in Jackson County, KS.
- Collaborated with KU student environmental group Environs, KU Alternative Breaks, and GeoClub (undergraduate student organization) to aid with prairie restoration work.
- Assisted with restoration activities, including prescribed burning.

Design Charrette for the Glenwood Community High School, Fall 2006

- Invited Participant for multi-day planning meetings.
- \$25 million project involving collaboration between school district, county, city, and state agencies for land-swaps and shared recreational/transportation infrastructure.
- Facilitated 28-E Inter-governmental Agreement between parties in previous role as Glenwood Planning Director.

Glenwood Farmer's Market Organizing Committee, May 2005 – June 2006

- Founding member of the committee which brought the first Farmer’s Market to the City of Glenwood, IA.

The Nature Conservancy, February 2005 – June 2005

- Assisted with mapping locations of invasive *ailanthus altissima* at Folsom Point Preserve near Council Bluffs, IA.

OpportunityIowa, June 2005 – November 2005

- Volunteer for non-profit organization campaigning for municipal broadband utilities.
- Organized ballot-initiative to create municipal broadband utility in Glenwood, IA.

Glenwood Opinion-Tribune, August 2004 –July 2008

- Regular guest columnist.
- Worked with the editor to create a monthly column entitled “City Viewpoint,” a public relations effort as the city instituted new zoning and building regulations.
- Published several personal reflections on sense of place and the Loess Hills of western Iowa.

CERTIFICATIONS

Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, *Construction Site Sediment and Erosion Control*
 Martin-Marietta, *MSHA Site Specific Hazard Awareness Training*

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY & PRESENTATIONS

Environmental Justice in the Denver Metro: Lessons from the Classroom. Session Title: Environmental Justice. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. March 30, 2023.

Urban Growth on the Front Range. Red Rocks Community College Learning for Life Conference. Lakewood, CO. April 2018.

Planning and Land Use in the Front Range. Red Rocks Community College Learning for Life Conference. Lakewood, CO. April 19, 2016.

Prairies and Public Memory in the American ‘Heartland.’ Session Title: Manufacturing Geographies of Memory. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. March 31, 2016.

Newport Beach & I Love LA. Session Title: Geoslam! Second Annual Geography Poetry Slam. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. March 31, 2016.

Advising the Next Generation of Geography Undergraduates. Panel Discussant. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. March 29, 2016.

Planning and Land Use in the Front Range. Red Rocks Community College Learning for Life Conference. Lakewood, CO. April 21, 2015.

Bury me on the prairie: Nature and culture in the postrural Midwest. Session Title: Environmental Communication. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. April 2013.

Land of Allium: An exploration into the magic of place. Session Title: The Poetics of Place. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. April 15, 2011.

Organizing Committee. Annual Meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountains Regional Division of the American Association of Geographers. Lawrence, KS. October 2010.

Westward Migration, Bleeding Kansas, and a Journey to the Center of the Earth. Field Trip Leader and Organizer. Annual Meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountains Regional Division of the American Association of Geographers. Lawrence, KS. October 2010.

Environment and Society in the Western U.S. Session Chair. Annual Meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountains Regional Division of the American Association of Geographers. Lawrence, KS. October 2010.

Telling Stories: The discursive foundation of the tallgrass prairie restoration movement. Session title: Environment and Society in the Western U.S. Annual Meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountains Regional Division of the American Association of Geographers. Lawrence, KS. October 8, 2010.

'He is a good horse and we love him': Media and landscape in the Indian Removal Period. Session title: Geographies of Media VII: Media Representations. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. April 15, 2010.

'Bury me on the prairie': The social construction of nature in the post-rural Midwest. Session title: Natural Catastrophes: Prairies in peril and Mississippi floods. Downward Spirals: Thinking About "Crisis" Across the Disciplines (inaugural Mid-America Humanities Conference). Lawrence, KS. April 3, 2010.

The untold Trail of Tears: Potawatomi forced migration onto the Plains. Session title: Paths of violence, sites of healing. Death, murder, and mayhem: Stories of violence and healing on the Plains (Interdisciplinary Symposium sponsored by the University of Nebraska Center for Great Plains Studies). Omaha, NE. April 2008.

Cultural geography of the Loess Hills: A historical journey. Loess Hills Prairie Seminar. Onawa, IA. May 31, 2008.

Cultural geography of the Loess Hills: A historical journey. Loess Hills Prairie Seminar. Onawa, IA. June 6, 2007.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

As a Public Scholar, I am most proud of my outreach to local community groups and campus organizations through invited presentations. I am passionate about sharing knowledge with a broad cross section of the community in an accessible way. On-campus, in public schools, for conferences and non-profits, I enjoy engaging with the public and educating diverse audiences on a wide-range of topics.

Environmental Justice in the Denver Metro. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. University of Denver, Denver, CO. April 2023.

Indigenous Hunting Structures in the Indian Peaks Wilderness. Red Rocks Community College Trefny Honors Program Speaker Series focus on Indigenous Heritage Month. Lakewood, CO. November 2022.

Where is Climate Change? Examining the Uneven Spatial Impacts of Anthropogenic Climate Change. Invited Guest Lecture for HON 1000: Honors Seminar and HON 2002: Honors Colloquium, Red Rocks Community College, Lakewood, CO. October 2022

"Wild" Fires: Understanding and Adapting to Climate Change in the Urbanized West. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. University of Denver, Denver, CO. October 2022

The War in Ukraine. Faculty Panel Discussion. Red Rocks Community College, Lakewood, CO. March 2022.

Megafloods and Megafires, Bomb Cyclones and Heat Domes?! Understanding the Atmospheric Mechanics Behind Extreme Weather in the Era of Anthropogenic Climate Change. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. University of Denver, Denver, CO. September 2021.

The Trip that Gets Longer Every Year: Nebraska's Sandhills and the Migration of Antigone Canadensis. Red Rocks Community College Trefny Honors Program Speaker Series. Lakewood, CO. March 2021.

Cultural Ecology of Colorado's Front Range from the Paleo to the Present. Red Rocks Community College Trefny Honors Program Speaker Series. Lakewood, CO. September 2020

The Missouri Megaflood, or: How I Stopped Worrying and Climate Change and Learned to Love the Bomb Cyclone. Red Rocks Community College Trefny Honors Program Speaker Series. Lakewood, CO. November 2019.

Urban Growth in Colorado: Facts, Fictions, and Futures. Red Rocks Community College Trefny Honors Program Speaker Series. Lakewood, CO. September 2018.

Electoral Geographies: How Geospatial Technology is Revolutionizing American Politics. Red Rocks Community College Phi Theta Kappa Chapter & Service-Learning Center Students Engage! Forum Discussion. Lakewood, CO. November 1, 2016.

Tiny Homes, Accessory Dwelling Units, and Granny Flats. Jefferson County Public School District. Deer Creek Middle School Sixth Grade Experiential Learning Unit. Littleton, CO. October 2016.

Civic Engagement and Community Involvement, or: How you can change the world for only a few hours a week. Stepping Stones Leadership Conference, Red Rocks Community College Student Government Forum. Lakewood, CO. April 11, 2016.

Nazi Propaganda Maps. Red Rocks Community College Holocaust Awareness Conference. Lakewood, CO. April 7, 2016.

Oh, give me a home where the mastodons roam: Rewilding the West. Jefferson County Public Schools. Shelton Elementary Math and Science Night. Golden, CO. November 4, 2015.

What is Geography? Celestial Navigation using a Homemade Sextant. Jefferson County Public Schools. Shelton Elementary Fourth Grade Experiential Learning Unit. Golden, CO. May 5, 2015.

Slippery Slope: The Slick World of Cheap Oil. Faculty Panel Discussion. Red Rocks Community College, Lakewood, CO. April 23, 2015.

Oh, give me a home where the mastodons roam: Rewilding the West. Geography Awareness Week, Red Rocks Community College. November 6, 2014.

The Crisis in Ukraine. Faculty Panel Discussion. Golden Rotary Club. Rolling Hills Country Club, Golden, CO. May 2014.

The Crisis in Ukraine. Faculty Panel Discussion. Red Rocks Community College, Lakewood, CO. March 2014.

No more chasing smokestacks: Promoting sense of place as an economic development strategy. Keynote address at the Glenwood Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Betterment and Beautification Dinner and Awards Program. Glenwood, IA. March 2005.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

I view my service to any organization as vital. A strong organization is better able to serve the community and stakeholders and fulfill its mission. As a geographer, I also pride myself on being hyper-interdisciplinary, engaging with other departments, assisting across the organization, building relationships and providing support where it is needed.

Geography State Discipline Chair, September 2016 – September 2018

- Contributed to an articulation agreement for the GEO AA degree with statewide CCCS Geography Faculty.
- Collaborated with state-wide CCCS Geography Faculty on revising standards and competencies for GEO 1005, GEO 1006, GEO 1011 and GEO 1012.
- Collaborated with state-wide CCCS Geography Faculty on development of two new Guaranteed Transfer courses: GEO 1060 Global Climate Change, and GEO 2010: Geographies of Social Justice.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Search Committee, Spring 2021

- Interviewed candidates and made recommendations to Leadership Council.

EMS Faculty Hiring Committee, Fall 2020

- Interviewed candidates and made recommendations to Leadership Council.

Department Leadership Taskforce, Spring 2018 – Fall 2019

- Tasked with providing input on new policy and structure for department chairs and program directors, including redistribution of credit releases.

Water Quality Management Director Search Committee, Spring 2017

- Interviewed candidates and made recommendations to Leadership Council.

Water Quality Management Faculty Search Committee, Summer 2015

- Interviewed candidates and made recommendations to Leadership Council.

Claro Awards Panel Member, Spring 2015

- *Claro* is an academic journal published on-campus featuring student creative work.

RRCC Soccer Club Faculty Mentor, Spring 2014 – Spring 2016

- First Place, Men's Competitive and Coed Divisions, Golden Goal Indoor League, December 2015.

Faculty Advising Panel, February 2015

- Provided students help on making transfer decisions, part of RRCC Transfer Week activities.

RRCC Student Recreation Center Design Charrette Participant, February 2015

- Participated in planning and design of new campus facility.

Faculty Computer Replacement Work Group, Fall 2014 – Spring 2015

- Established regular timeline and process for replacing faculty devices.

John Brown, April 2014

- Presentation and costumed performer for Civil War Days, event sponsored by RRCC History Department.

American Geographical Society Geographic Knowledge and Values Survey, Fall 2011 – Spring 2012

- Assisted University of Kansas colleagues leading the project with data collection

Secretary, KU Geography Graduate Student Organization, August 2009 – May 2011

- Served as Secretary May 2011-January 2012
- Assisted with Globe O' Mania Trivia for annual Geography Awareness Week festivities.

Food For Thought: A Dinner Conversation among KU Students and Faculty, September 2010

- Sponsored by KU Department of Student Housing as part of Hawk Days, a series of events intended to acquaint new students with college life.

REFERRED PUBLICATIONS

Mayberry, Blake L. 2020. 'Footprints in the Sand: Cultural Ecology of the Front Range from the Prehistoric to the Postindustrial.' *The Rocky Mountain West: A Compendium of Geographic Perspectives*. Keables, Michael J. ed. Washington, D.C.: Association of American Geographers.

- Mayberry, Blake L. 2013. 'He is a good horse, and we love him': Media and landscape in the Indian Removal Period. *Aether: The Journal of Media Geography*, 11.
- Mayberry, Blake L. 2013. Land of Allium: An exploration into the magic of place. *Journal of Cultural Geography*, 30(3).
- Mayberry, Blake L. 2012. Selected Images and Poems from Fieldwork. *Coal City Review*, 30. Daldorff, Brian and Mary Wharff, eds.
- Mayberry, Blake L. 2011. Framing Iowa's 'Fragile Giants.' *Geographical Bulletin*, 52(1): 18-36.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Gervais, B. 2015. *Living Physical Geography*. New York: MacMillan. Reviewed November 2016.
- Pulsipher, L. and Pulsipher, A. *World Regional Geography 7th ed.: Global Patterns, Local Lives*. New York: Freeman. Reviewed various chapters, April 2015-April 2016.
- Hess, D. and McKnight, T. *Physical Geography, 11th ed.*, New York: Pearson. Reviewed April 2015.
- de Blij H.J., Muller, P.O., Burt, J.E. and J.A. Mason. *Physical Geography*, Fifth Edition. New York: Oxford University Press. Reviewed November, 2014.
- de Blij, H. J., Muller, P. O., Burt, J. E., and J. A. Mason. *Physical Geography*, Fourth Edition. New York: Oxford University Press. Reviewed December, 2013.
- Invited Reviewer for the *Journal of Cultural Geography*, November, 2013.
- Domosh, M., Neumann, R. P., Price, P. L., and T. G. Jordan-Bychkov. *The Human Mosaic: A Cultural Approach to Human Geography*. New York: Freeman. Reviewed December, 2010.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSEWORK

Inclusive Teaching Cohort, Red Rocks Community College, January-May 2023

- Grant-funded faculty-oriented coursework on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion.

AWARDS & HONORS

Faculty of the Year, Red Rock Community College, AY 2020-2021

- In recognition of service during the COVID Pandemic.

Red Rocks Faculty Art Show, AY 2020-2021

- Selected to participate in curated gallery show highlighting faculty creative pursuits.

Phi Theta Kappa Excellence in Teaching Award, April 26, 2017

- Student-nominated and voted award from PTK Honor Society.

First Prize Stanley Brunn Student Paper Competition, April 2010

- Communications Geography Specialty Group, AAG Annual Meeting 2010.
- Manuscript title: 'He is a good horse and we love him': Media and landscape in the Indian Removal Period.
- \$100!

Finalist, Snyder Book Collecting Contest, April 2010

- Sponsored by KU Libraries and Oread Books
- Essay and collection title: *Geosophy: Experiencing, interpreting, and representing places through texts*.

KU Graduate Student Art Show, October 2009 – June 2010

- Competitive selection process resulted in my photography being highlighted in Youngberg Hall.

Gamma Theta Upsilon, January 2008

- Geography Student Honor Society

Mills County Chamber of Commerce Photography Contest Winner, September 2006

- Photography featured on Chamber and Mills County Government websites and promotional material.

Honors Commendation, University of Iowa, May 2004

GRANTS

2012. University of Kansas, Department of Geography: Kollmorgen Graduate Research Fellowship \$500
2011. University of Kansas, Department of Geography: conference funding for the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. \$175
2010. University of Kansas, Department of Geography: conference funding for the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. \$175
2007. Iowa Department of Natural Resources Storm Water Improvement Grant. Mills County Engineer and Secondary Roads Facility Parking Lot Project, \$7,500
2006. Iowa West Foundation. Mills County Strategic Planning Initiative, \$15,000
2006. Mills County Endowment Fund. Ann Dashner Memorial Playground Project, \$1,000
2006. Iowa West Foundation. Glenwood Lake Park Campground Project, \$25,000
2005. Schildberg Family Foundation. Glenwood Lake Park Campground Project, \$15,000

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American Association of Geographers, 2003-present
- American Geographical Society, 2009-2010
- American Planning Association, 2004-2006

REFERENCES

- Mike Coste, Dean of History, Humanities, and Social Sciences, RRCC (supervisor from 2014-2022)
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- Linda Comeaux, Vice President of Academic Affairs, RRCC (2015-2020)
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- Chelsea Campbell, Director of Water Quality Management Program, RRCC
Email: Chelsea.Campbell@rrcc.edu Phone: 303-914-6210
- Jean Kelly, Director of Accessibility Services, RRCC
Email: Jean.Kelly@rrcc.edu Phone: 303-914-6731
- Barbra Sobhani, Director of Trefny Honor's Program, Dean of Science, RRCC (former)
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