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Education

Ph.D. Geography, University of Nebraska, August 2007, “When a Prison Comes to Town: Siting, Location, and Perceived Impacts of Correctional Facilities in the Midwest”
M.A. Geography, University of Missouri, August 1996, “Territoriality and the Oglala Lakota”
B.A. Geography, minor in Political Science, University of Missouri, December 1994
B.A. History, University of Missouri, December 1994

Teaching Experience

Northwest Missouri State University:

Economic Geography
Geography of Latin America
Introduction to Geography – Honors Section
People and Cultures of the World
People and Cultures of the World – Honors Section
Senior Seminar in Geography
Urban Geography
Seminar – Directed Readings in Latin American Studies (as Independent Study)
Seminar – Directed Readings in Cultural Geography (as Independent Study)

University of Nebraska:

Economic Geography
Geography of Latin America
Human Geography

University of Missouri:

Regions and Nations of the World I
Regions and Nations of the World II
Regions and Nations of the World II – Honors

Professional Presentations

- “Mapping the News: Illustrating Hinterlands of Urban Areas,” 96th Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education, Portland, Oregon, August 2011.
- “Morbid News: The Demographic and Spatial Dynamics of Fatalities in the Media,” 107th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Seattle, Washington, April 2011.
- “The Geography of Death: Morbidity in American Newspapers,” 106th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington, DC, April 2010.
- “Perceptions of Long-Standing Prisons in Small Towns: Comfort with an Old Neighbor?,” 105th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2009.
- Hurt, Douglas A., Jeff Widener, and Matthew Engel. “Una Paradoja en el Paraíso del Café: Starbucks, Globalization, and the Geography of Latin American Coffee,” Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers, Granada, Nicaragua, January 2009.
- Hurt, Douglas A., Jeff Widener, and Matthew Engel. “Starbucks, Globalization, and the Geography of Latin American Coffee,” poster presented at the Oklahoma Research Day in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, November 2008.
- Hurt, Douglas A., Jeff Widener, and Matthew Engel. “Starbucks, Globalization, and the Geography of Latin American Coffee,” Annual Meeting of the Southwest Division of the Association of American Geographers, San Marcos, Texas, October 2008.
- “Nonmetropolitan Prisons: The View from Next Door,” 104th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2008.
- “Local Perceptions of Prison Impacts,” Annual Meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division of the Association of American Geographers, Denver, Colorado, September 2007.
- “Perceptions of Prison Siting and Impacts in the Midwest,” 103rd Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, California, April 2007.
- “The Social Impacts of Correctional Facilities on Small Towns in the Midwest,” 102nd Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, Illinois, March 2006.
- “Prisons in the Midwest: No Longer Part of the NIMBY Phenomenon,” 101st Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Denver, Colorado, April 2005.

“When a Prison Comes to Town: The Experiences of Midwest Communities,” 100th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2004.

“Prisons in the Nonmetropolitan Midwest,” 99th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2003.

“The Impact of Prisons on Plains Towns,” Plains Humanities Alliance Seminar, Lincoln, Nebraska, November 2002.

“Christian Perceptions of the Underworld in the Middle Ages,” Annual Meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division of the Association of American Geographers, Omaha, Nebraska, September 2001.

“The Impact of Recent Prison Construction on Small Town America,” 97th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, New York, March 2001.

“Satan’s Domain: The Landscape of Hell,” Annual Meeting of the Southwest Division of the Association of American Geographers, College Station, Texas, November 2000.

“Whiteclay, Nebraska: A Problem Landscape,” 96th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 2000.

“The Great Plains and Middle West in Nebraska,” 95th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Honolulu, Hawaii, April 1999.

“Cowboy Hats vs. Baseball Caps: The Great Plains and Middle West in Nebraska,” Western States Geographic Names Conference, Cody, Wyoming, September 1998.

“Territoriality and the Oglala Lakota,” 94th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts, March 1998.

“The Cultural Landscape of Pine Ridge Reservation,” Missouri Geography Summer Speaker Series, Columbia, Missouri, June 1996.

Publications

2004. “Small Towns,” in *Encyclopedia of the Great Plains*, ed. David J. Wishart, 184-185. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press.

2003. Whiteclay, Nebraska: A Problem Landscape. *The North American Geographer* 5(1-2): 142-146.

2001. Co-authored with Smith, Jeffery S., Douglas A. Hurt, Jeffery E. Roth, and James M. Stevens. La

Cultura de la Acequia Madre: Cleaning a Community Irrigation Ditch. *The North American Geographer* 3(1): 5-28.

1999. Co-authored with Hurt, Douglas A., Todd D. Heibel, and Henry J. Rademacher. Home in North America. *The North American Geographer* 1(1): 1-3.

1999. Cowboy Hats vs. Baseball Caps: The Great Plains and Middle West in Nebraska. *The North American Geographer* 1(1): 53-63.

Book Reviews

2005. El Cerrito, New Mexico: Eight Generations in a Spanish Village by Richard L. Nostrand in *Journal of Material Culture* 37(2): 87.

2004. Homelands: A Geography of Culture and Place Across America edited by Richard L. Nostrand and Lawrence Estaville in *East Texas Historical Journal* 42(1): 62.

2004. Approaches to Landscape by Richard Muir in *Journal of Material Culture* 36(2): 80-81.

2002. Rediscovering the Great Plains by Norman Henderson in *The North American Geographer* 4(1-2): 180-182.

2001. Heritage on Stage: The Invention of Ethnic Place in America's Little Switzerland by Steven D. Hoelscher in *Journal of Cultural Geography* 19(1): 128-130.

2001. On the Rez by Ian Frazier in *Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group Newsletter* 15(1): 5-6.

2001. Under the Devil's Thumb by David Gessner in *The North American Geographer* 3(2): 129-130.

2000. The Burden of History: Colonialism and the Frontier Myth in a Rural Canadian Community by Elizabeth Furniss in *Environment and Planning A* 32(6): 1135-1136.

1999. A Sense of the American West edited by James E. Sherow in *Nebraska History* 80(2): 84.

Invited Lectures

"The Social Impacts of New Correctional Facilities," Department of History and Geography, Geography Awareness Week Lecture, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma. November 2010.

Academic Duties and Service

Institutional Review Board Member. August 2011-present.

Reader, AP Human Geography Exam administered by Educational Testing Service, Cincinnati, Ohio,
June 2011

Judge, Carville Earle Award of the Historical Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Seattle, Washington,
April 2011

Search Committee Member, Hiring for Tenure-Track Human Geographer, Department of
Geology/Geography, Northwest Missouri State University, November 2010-March 2011

Reader, AP Human Geography Exam administered by Educational Testing Service, Cincinnati, Ohio,
June 2010

Judge, Carville Earle Award of the Historical Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington, DC,
April 2010

C-CERT Training, Earned Certificate for Campus Community Emergency Response Team, February
2010

Search Committee Member, Hiring for One-Year Position for Human Geographer, Department of
Geology/Geography, Northwest Missouri State University, December 2009-March 2010

Alternate Senator, Geology/Geography Department representative to the Faculty Senate at Northwest
Missouri State University, August 2009-present

Campus Advisor, Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity, Northwest Missouri State University, August 2009-
present

Student/Faculty Discipline Committee, Northwest Missouri State University, August 2009-August 2011.

Reader, AP Human Geography Exam administered by Educational Testing Service, Lincoln, Nebraska,
June 2009

Judge, Carville Earle Award of the Historical Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas, Nevada,
April 2009

Faculty Advisor, Gamma Theta Upsilon/Geography Student Organization, September 2008-present

Honors Program Advisory Committee, Northwest Missouri State University, August 2008-present

Reader, AP Human Geography Exam administered by Educational Testing Service, Lincoln, Nebraska,
June 2008

Judge, Carville Earle Award of the Historical Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2008

Co-Founder and Contributing Editor, *The North American Geographer*, March 1997-January 2007

Judge, Student Paper and Poster Competitions, Joint Meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division and the West Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers, Lincoln, Nebraska, October 2006

Secretary/Historian, Gamma Theta Upsilon/Geography Student Organization, University of Nebraska, April 2002-April 2003

Reviewer for John Wiley & Sons in the revision process for *Latin America and the Caribbean: A Systematic and Regional Survey* edited by Brian W. Blouet and Olwyn M. Blouet, 4th edition, 2002

Treasurer, Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, May 1999-May 2001

President, Gamma Theta Upsilon/Geography Student Organization, University of Nebraska, January 1999-April 1999

Vice-President, Gamma Theta Upsilon/Geography Student Organization, University of Nebraska, April 1998-December 1998

Secretary/Historian, Gamma Theta Upsilon/Geography Club, University of Missouri, April 1994-April 1996

Awards

Tower Service Award, Northwest Missouri State University, 2011.

Geology/Geography Department Award for Teaching Excellence, Northwest Missouri State University, 2011

Certificate of Recognition for Contributions to Students, UNL Parents Association & UNL Teaching

Council, University of Nebraska, 2006

Graduate Student of the Year, Department of Geography, University of Missouri, 1996

Jesse H. Wheeler Award for Outstanding Undergraduate of the Year, Department of Geography,
University of Missouri, 1994

Professional Memberships

American Historical Association (1997-present)

Association of American Geographers (1996-present)

Gamma Theta Upsilon (1994-present)

National Geographic Society (2010-present)

Nebraska State Historical Society (1998-present)

Organization of American Historians (1998-present)

Pioneer American Society (1999-present)

State Historical Society of Missouri (1997-present)

State Historical Society of North Dakota (2007-present)