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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2009 Ph.D. Geography, Pennsylvania State University

Committee Members: Deryck Holdsworth (Chair), Roger Downs, Melissa Wright, Matthew Restall (History)

Dissertation: *Symbolic Landscapes of Identity: Monumentality, Modernity and Memory on Mexico City's Paseo de la Reforma*

An urban historical geography of the transformation of the iconographic landscape of the elite district of Mexico City that analyzes how memory and identity are reflected and constructed in heritage landscapes. <https://etda.libraries.psu.edu/paper/9385/>

2004 M.S. Geography, Brigham Young University

Committee Members: Chad Emmett (Chair), Richard Jackson, James Davis

Thesis: *Linking Geography with Children's Literature: A Regional Approach to Increasing Geographic Instruction in Elementary Schools.*

A qualitative study designed to strengthen geography in public elementary school curriculum by finding geographic resources that teachers use in the classroom.

2001 B.S. Geography Teaching, with History Teaching minor, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT. Student Teacher, Lakeridge Junior High School, 9th Grade in the public education system, Alpine School District, UT.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND RANKS HELD

2015-present Associate Professor, Political Science Department-Geography Program, Rhode Island College

2013-present Adjunct Professor, Salve Regina University, School of Education

2013-2018 Online Instructor, Elmhurst College, School for Professional Studies

2012–2015 Assistant Professor, Political Science Department-Geography Program, Rhode Island College

2009-2012 Assistant Professor, Joint Appointment in Department of Educational Studies and Geography Program, Rhode Island College

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

BOOK CHAPTERS

Dixon, S., Sigler T., Finn J., and R. Albandoz (2016) “Cities of Middle America and the Caribbean” In S. Brunn, M. Hays-Mitchell, and D. Zeigler, eds. **Cities of the World: World Regional Urban Development**, 6th ed., Boulder, Rowan and Littlefield.

Theobald, R., Dixon, S., Mohan, A., and Moore Z. (2013) “Where is Geography on the Social Studies Map?: Perspectives on Geography Teachers” in Passe J. and Fitchett, P., eds., **The Status of Social Studies: Views from the Field**, pp.183-197. Charlotte, Information Age Publishing.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Dixon, S. (2010) “Making Mexico More ‘Latin’: National Identity, Statuary and Heritage in Mexico City's Monument to Independence”. **Journal of Latin American Geography** 9, 2:119-138.

Dixon, S. (2010) “Mexico City’s *Indios Verdes*: Exploring Cultural Processes Using Public Memorials”. **Journal of Geography** 109, 2:54-60.

Dixon, S. (2009) “Mobile Monumental Landscapes: Shifting Cultural Identities in Mexico City’s ‘*El Caballito*’”. **Historical Geography** 37, 71-91.

TEXTBOOK SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

Fouberg, E, Murphy A., and H. J. de Blij. (2015), **Human Geography: People, Place, and Culture**. 11th ed. Hoboken, John Wiley and Sons Press.

Short, J., (2014) **Human Geography: A Short Introduction**, 1st ed. New York, Oxford University Press.

MAJOR ONLINE PROJECTS

Geography Education. An online archive of digital resources for geography teachers with current articles, videos and other resources that serve as supplementary materials for the classroom. Materials are regionally and thematically organized.
<http://geographyeducation.org> 2012 to present.

Geography Education. A series of social media network profiles designed to widely distribute digital resources to geography teachers; these accounts are regularly

updated to share curated materials with pedagogical strategies for their use.
www.scoop.it/geography-education 2011 to present.

INVITED ACADEMIC LECTURES, WEBINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 *Chief Reader Report for the AP Human Geography Exam*, Advanced Placement Annual Conference, Houston, TX (July 19th)
- 2017 *Mastering Concepts in AP Human Geography*, Keynote Address for APSI at Rice University, Houston, TX (June 29th)
- 2016 *Teaching the Geography of Food*, National Council for Geographic Education Webinar (November 2nd)
- 2015 *Sparking Geographic Curiosity: Asking Spatial Questions*, Keynote Address for Wisconsin Geographic Alliance GeoFest, DePere, WI (November 11th)
- 2015 *Teaching the Geography of Mexico through Art*, Keynote Address for Primary Source Conference, Watertown, MA (May 21st)
- 2014 *Geography Education in the Era of Globalization: Asking Questions that Matter* Choices Program Summer Institute, Brown University, (June 27th)
- 2014 *Integrating the Social Studies through Geographic Analysis*, Keynote Address for Primary Source Conference, Watertown, MA (April 9th)
- 2014 *The Relevance of Geography in the Era of Globalization*, Keynote Address for the Rhode Island Geography Bee, Providence RI, (April 4th)
- 2014 *Strengthening Geographic Content in the Classroom*, Keynote Address for South Carolina's GeoFest 47, Columbia, SC (March 22nd)
- 2013 *Geospatial Education in the 21st Century*, Keynote Address for Northeast Arc Users group, Educators Day, Nashua, NH (September 29th)
- 2013 *What Does Good Geography Teaching Look Like?* Keynote Address for the Choices Program Summer Institute, Brown University, (July 26th)
- 2013 *Practical Strategies for Teaching Geography*, Rhode Island Geography Education Alliance, Rhode Island College (April 12th)
- 2013 *Latin America: Interrelated Physical and Human Geographies*, Massachusetts Geographic Alliance, Bridgewater State University (February 24th)
- 2012 *Social Media for the Geography Classroom*, National Council for Geographic Education Webinar (September 6th)

- 2012 *The Power of Geographic Thinking: Regions, Place and Scale*, Geography Awareness Week, given at various local schools (November)
- 2012 *The Physical and Human Geography of South America*, Massachusetts Geographic Alliance, Clark University (Feb 17th)
- 2011 *The Social Media Classroom: The Globalization of Geography Education*, Texas State University at San Marcos Geography Department (Dec 13th)
- 2011 *The Discursive Appropriation of Symbolic Space and Privately Owned Public Spaces*, RIC Public Forum: Why Occupy Wall Street? (October 13th)
- 2010 *Strategies for success on the AP Human Geography Free Response Questions* Given at various local high schools, (April)

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Conference Papers

- 2013 “Gendered Symbols to Mold a Nation: Cultural Meanings in Mexico City’s Monumental Landscape,” presented at New England Saint Lawrence Valley Geographical Society (NESTVAL) conference in Worcester, MA. (October)
- 2012 “Students Creating Their Own World: Teaching Geography through Socially-Mediated Digital Curation,” presented at National Council for Geographic Education conference in San Marcos, TX. (October)
- 2012 “The Social Media Classroom: Bringing Globalization to Geography Education,” presented at Association of American Geographers, Annual Meeting New York City, NY. (February)
- 2012 “Social Media in the Classroom: Opportunities and Obstacles,” presented at Rhode Island College, Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning. (January)

Conference Panels and Workshops

- 2018 “Geography of Food,” Wisconsin Geographic Alliance GeoFest in DePere, WI. (October)
- 2017 “Geography Skills for the Classroom,” National Council for Geographic Education in Washington D.C. (August)
- 2015 “Teaching APHG with Live Web Maps,” National Council for Geographic Education in Washington D.C. (August)

- 2014 “Alliance Fundraising Task Force: Challenges and Opportunities,” National Council for Geographic Education conference in Memphis, TN. (August)
- 2013 “Communicating the Importance of Geography Education to Diverse Audiences,” National Council for Geographic Education conference in Denver, CO. (August)
- 2013 “Development of a New Online Graduate Certificate Program in AP Human Geography: Professional Development for AP Human Geography Teachers,” National Council for Geographic Education conference in Denver, CO. (August)

RESEARCH GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2017 National Geographic Education Foundation Grant, support for Rhode Island Geography Education Alliance, \$27,500.
- 2016 National Geographic Education Foundation Grant, support for Rhode Island Geography Education Alliance, \$27,500.
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- 2014 National Geographic Education Foundation Grant, support for Rhode Island Geography Education Alliance, \$27,500.
- 2014 The Pollination Project, support for online ‘Geography Education’ sites, \$1000.
- 2013 National Geographic Education Foundation Grant, support for Rhode Island Geography Education Alliance, \$27,500.
- 2012 National Geographic Education Foundation Grant, support for Rhode Island Geography Education Alliance, \$32,000.
- 2007 National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, Alfred P. Sloan Scholar Minority Ph.D. Program,
- 2005 Pennsylvania State University, Bunton-Waller Fellow

MANUSCRIPT AND PROPOSAL REVIEWS

- 2013 Reviewer for *Connections*. (alternately known as *Interconnections*)
Common Core English Language Arts and Geography Connections: An Alignment of Common Core ELA and National Geography Standards
- 2013 Reviewer for the Oxford University Press, Geography textbook division, William Norton’s *Human Geography*, 8th edition.

2012 Reviewer for Kendall Hunt Publishing, John Boyer's *The Plaid Avenger's World: Nuclear Security Edition*, 6th edition.

K-16 TEACHING COLLABORATION

Advanced Placement Human Geography Readings

Chief Reader, 2018-2021. I preside over the nearly 1,000 professors and high school teachers that score the AP Human Geography exam every June and I provide year-round consultation for the program. This is in collaboration with Educational Testing Services and College Board; in this role I serve on the Test Development Committee. This appointment will end in 2021, but I will continue serving in other leadership capacities afterwards.

Chief Reader Designate/Assistant, 2016-2017. These positions served as a two-year apprenticeship into the position of Chief Reader and to learn all the requirements of being the leader of the AP Human Geography exam.

Question Leader, 2013-2015. As one of four question leaders, I supervised over 100 readers, established the scoring guidelines for a portion of the exam and assisted the Chief Reader.

Lead Table Leader, 2011-2012. Under the supervision of a Question Leader, I supervised my table and assisted 5 other table leaders. Also, with the Question Leader and two other LTLs we collaboratively designed the rubric for one of the three Free Response Questions.

Table Leader, 2009-2012. Supervising 8 readers to score the APHG tests.

Reader, 2005-2008, Scored the APHG tests.

Rhode Island Geography Education Alliance Coordinator, 2011-2018. As the Alliance coordinator, I have worked to promote geography education throughout Rhode Island. Some of these responsibilities included the organization of workshops, presentations, conferences and other professional development opportunities for K-12 teachers and educators.

National Geographic Education Author- National Geographic Education has recently recruited me to write for their blog article to make academic geography more accessible for K-12 educations. I will be writing for them monthly and sharing resources for them to post on social media channels.

Maps 101 Author- Maps101.com is the educational wing of Maps.com and has over 3,500 schools and districts receiving a subscription to their educational resources including articles from the Geography News Network. I have co-authored over 50 articles for this service.

North Burial Ground Project- Political Science, History, Public Policy and Geography students at Rhode Island College (with guidance and supervision from faculty members) have collaborated to construct a useful, community-serving inter-disciplinary project.

T3G participant- T3G (Teachers Teaching Teachers GIS) ESRI holds a summer institute for educators and educational trainers on how to use geospatial technologies specifically designed for use in the classroom. June 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND EFFECTIVENESS

COURSES TAUGHT

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

Geography Program

- GEOG 200/400 Regional Geography.
Every semester since Fall 2009
- GEOG 202/350 Geographic Information Systems I
Spring 2011-2018.
- GEOG 201 Mapping Our Changing World.
Fall 2012-2017, Every Semester 2018.
- GEOG 338 Urban Geography.
Spring 2010, 1 section.
- GEOG 101 Intro to Geography.
Spring/Fall 2013-2017, Summer 2010-2013.
- GEOG 350 Historical, Cultural and Social Geography.
Fall 2010 & 2012, 2 sections

Department of Educational Studies

- Practicum and Pedagogy—History/Social Studies (SED 410) Fall 2009.
- Content and Pedagogy—History/Social Studies (SED 411) Spring 2010 & 2011.
- Field Practicum in Secondary Education (SED 412) Spring 2010 & 2011.
- Student Teaching in Secondary Education (SED 421) Fall 2010 & 2011.
- Student Teaching Seminar—History/Social Studies (SED 422) Fall 2010 & 2011.

ELMHURST COLLEGE

Online Faculty, Elmhurst College, Grad

Teaching AP Human Geography (APH 500)-Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2017

SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY

Adjunct Faculty, History Department

Introduction to Geography-Spring 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Student Instructor, Geography Department

World Regional Geography (Geog 040) Spring 2007.

Introduction to Cultural Geography (Geog 124) Summer 2008.

Teaching Assistant, The Pennsylvania State University, Geography Department

Remote Sensing and Image Analysis (Geog 362) Fall 2008

Geospatial Technologies (Geog 160) Spring 2009

UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

Adjunct Faculty, History and Political Science Department
Survey of World Geography (Geog 1300) Fall 2003, Fall 2004
Introduction to Human Geography (Geog 1010) Spring 2005

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Student Instructor, Brigham Young University, Geography Department
Cultural Geography (Geog 130) Summer 2002.
Geography World Affairs (Geog 120) Fall 2002 & Spring 2003.
Physical Geography (Geog 101) Summer 2004.

COURSES DEVELOPED FOR THE CATALOG

Elmhurst College, Teaching AP Human Geography (APH 500)
Rhode Island College, Mapping our Changing World, (GEOG 201)
Rhode Island College, Geographic Information Systems I, (GEOG 202)
Rhode Island College, Geographic Information Systems II, (GEOG 302)

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE AND UNIVERSITY

TO DISCIPLINE

COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

- 2012-2018 Rhode Island Geography Education Alliance (RIGEA), Coordinator.
- 2015-2017 National Council for Geographic Education, Vice President of Publications and Products Committee, Board of Directors
- 2015-2017 National Council for Geographic Education, Board of Directors
- 2014-2016 National Council for Geographic Education, Publications and Products Committee
- 2012 National Network of Geographic Education Alliances Task Force for Advanced Placement Human Geography, 2012, Chair
- 2012-2014 Brigham Young University-Idaho Pathway Program for the Providence, Rhode Island Stake, 2012-2014. ESL and online learning for non-traditional students, Stake High Council Pedagogical Liaison.

Committees and Councils

National Assessment for Educational Progress, Geography Examination Committee, 2014-2016.

Journal of Geography, Executive Committee, 2014-2016.

National Geographic Society, Online Education Division, Special Advisor

National AC Council, Alliance Coordinators Council for the Network of
Geography Education Alliance, 2013-2015.

Rhode Island College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2012-present.

Rhode Island College, Shinn Study Abroad Committee, 2011-2014.

Rhode Island STEM Center, Advisory Board

Review of International Geography Education Online (RIGEO), Editorial Board
Member, 2012

Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) Panel on Civics Education, Social
Studies Standards Expansion, 2012-2014.

Referee for Peer-Reviewed Journals

Peer reviewed articles for the Journal of Geography, 2008, 2012-2018

Peer reviewed an article in Research in Geographic Education, 2012

Peer reviewed an article in Review of International Geographical Education
Online (RIGEO), 2012