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EDUCATION

- Doctoral Candidate (ABD); Anticipated Graduation May 2012
The University of Texas- Austin, Department of Geography and the Environment
Dissertation Title: *Encountering El Tigre: Jaguars and People in the United States, 1800-2010*
- 2010 Graduate Certificate: Portfolio Program in Nonprofit and Philanthropic Studies
Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas
- 2006 Master of Arts, Geography, The University of Texas at Austin
Thesis: *Reconstructing Identity: Representational Strategies in the Garifuna Community of Dangriga, Belize*
- 2001 Bachelor of Arts, Geography, Mary Washington College
Honors Thesis: *The Garifuna of Belize: Strategies of Representation*
Minor in Art History

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND CERTIFICATION

- 2004-2010 Teaching Assistant, University of Texas, Austin, Texas.
Courses: Introduction to Cultural Geography; Contemporary Cultural Geography; Field Techniques; Frontiers in Geography; Cinematic Geography; Sustainable Development; Medical Geography; Weather and Climate; Severe and Unusual Weather.
- 2010 Graduate Student Instructor Program Certificates in Teaching Series, Division of Instructional Innovation and Assessment, University of Texas:
- Certificate in Teaching Research Skills Awarded
 - Certificate in Teaching through Writing, *Certificate in Progress*
 - Certificate in Lecturing, *Certificate in Progress*
 - Certificate in Leading Discussions, *Certificate in Progress*
 - Certificate in Teaching with Technology, *Certificate in Progress*

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS

- 2001- 2004 Senior Program Coordinator, Species Conservation Division, Defenders of Wildlife, Washington, DC.
- 2000 Intern, Department of Acquisitions for American Studies and Anthropology Lists, Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington, DC.

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Edited Collections

2010 *In Press*. "On the Trail of the Devil Cat:" Jaguar Hunting in the U.S. and Mexico. Chapter in *Making Animal Meaning*. G. Montgomery and L. Kalof, eds. Michigan State University Press.

Proposal Accepted; In Progress. Mexican Tigre/ American Jaguar: In Place, Out of Place, and on the Fringe in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands. *Animals in Place*. T. Warkentin, and G. P.L. Watson, eds.

Articles in Refereed Journals

2008 King, B. and S. Wilcox. Peace Parks and Jaguar Trails: Cross Border Conservation in a Globalizing World. *GeoJournal* 71(4): 221-231.

Book Reviews

2008 Review of J. Deger, *Shimmering Screens: Making Media in an Aboriginal Community* (Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 2006). *Journal of Cultural Geography* 25:3.

Non-Refereed Publications

2010 "Garifuna," in *Encyclopedia of the Caribbean*, ed. John Garrigus, Facts on File Publications.

"Price, George Cadle," in *Encyclopedia of the Caribbean*, ed. John Garrigus, Facts on File Publications.

2007 "Belize" in *Encyclopedia of Environment and Society*, ed. Paul Robbins, Sage Publications.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2010 Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, University of Texas. Amount: \$28,000.

Student Research Award, Graduate Student Affinity Group of the Association of American Geographers. Amount: \$500.

"Real" Animals and the Humanities Conference Travel Award. Southwestern University. Amount: Travel Costs.

2009 U.S.-Mexico/Borderlands Research Award, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas. Amount: \$2,000.

Cultural Geography Specialty Group Graduate Student Research Award- Doctoral Level. Amount: \$300.

- Social Science Research Council Travel Award. Amount: \$500.
- 2008 Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship. Amount: \$5,000.
- U.S.-Mexico/Borderlands Research Award, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas. Amount: \$2,000.
- 2007 Robert E. Veselka Endowed Fellowship for Graduate Research Travel. Amount: \$500.
- 2006 Cultural Geography Specialty Group Graduate Student Research Award- Masters Level. Amount: \$500.
- 2005 Encuentro on Border Environment Travel Fellowship. Amount: Travel Costs
- Donald D. Brand Pre-Dissertation Fellowship. Amount: \$500.
- 2005-2010 Graduate Student Professional Development Award, University of Texas. Amount: \$100-\$500 per conference.
- 2004-2010 Tuition Fellowship, University of Texas.
- 2000 Undergraduate Research Grant (Spring), Mary Washington College. Amount: \$500.
- Undergraduate Research Grant (Fall), Mary Washington College. Amount: \$1,500.
- 1997-2000 Partial Tuition Scholarship, Mary Washington College.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2010 Terry Jordan-Bychkov Award, Best Student Paper at the Doctoral Level, for “Spotted in the Wilderness: Hunting for the Jaguar in the United States and Mexico.” Cultural Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.
- Honorable Mention, Student Paper Competition, “Spotted in the Wilderness: Hunting for the Jaguar in the United States and Mexico.” Communication Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.
- Graduate Student Achievement Award for Excellence in Research, Publication, and Institution Building, Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Texas.

- 2007 Departmental Nominee, University of Texas Graduate School Outstanding Thesis Award for “Reconstructing Identity: Representational Strategies in the Garifuna Community of Dangriga, Belize.”
- Graduate Student Leadership Award, Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Texas.
- 2005 Graduate Student Paper Competition, 2nd Place for “The Garifuna Journey: Representing Culture in Documentary Film. Southwestern Division of the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting.
- Gamma Theta Upsilon, International Geographical Honor Society.
- 2001 Graduated Magna Cum Laude with Honors from Mary Washington College.
- Phi Beta Kappa.
- Mary Washington College Student Writing Contest Winner for “Predator Species Reintroduction: The Grizzly Bear and Implications for the American West.”
- Harold Thompson Straw Award for Potential Contribution in Geography.
- 2000 Richard A. Palmieri Award for Achievement in Geography.
- Mary Washington College Student Writing Contest Winner for “Garifuna: Preserving Cultural Identity.”
- Mortar Board, National Honor Society.
- Pi Gamma Mu, International Honor Society in Social Sciences.
- Alpha Phi Sigma, National Honor and Service Society.
- 1998-2001 Student-Athlete Award, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).
- All-Academic Award, Capital Athletic Conference.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Papers

- 2011 *Abstract Submitted.* “The Spots that Divide: Jaguars, People and Negotiation of the Borderlands.” Global Animal: An Animal Studies Conference, University of Wollongong, NSW, Australia.
- 2010 “Mexican *Tigre*/ American Jaguar: Transgressive Wildlife Migration along the U.S.-Mexico Border.” Animal Movements * Moving Animals Conference,

Uppsala University, Sweden.

“Spotted in the Wilderness: Documenting the Jaguar in the United States, 1800-1950.” Annual Meeting of the Association American of Geographers, Washington, DC.

- 2009 "The Overwhelming Indifference of Nature:" Human-Grizzly Relationships in Werner Herzog's *Grizzly Man*. Annual conference for the Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts, Atlanta, Georgia.
- “On the Trail of the Devil Cat:’ Jaguar Hunting in the U.S./Mexico Borderlands.” Animals: Past, Present and Future, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.
- “Grizzly Representations: Animality, Anthropomorphism and Conservation.” Annual Meeting of the Association American of Geographers, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 2008 "Of Bears and Men: Werner Herzog's *Grizzly Man*," with Leo Zonn. Annual Meeting of the Association American of Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts. Presenter.
- 2007 "Encountering El Tigre: Jaguars and People in the U.S./Mexico Borderlands, 1876-1940." Southwestern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Bryan, Texas.
- "Locating the Grizzly Bear in the Nature-Culture Borderlands: Reconsidering Anthropomorphic Strategies." Annual Meeting of the Association American of Geographers, San Francisco, California.
- "Discovering El Tigre: Jaguars, Hunters, and Naturalists in the U.S./Mexico Borderlands." Borderlands: Crossing Disciplines: Gender Symposium in History. University of Texas, Austin, Texas.
- 2006 "Constructing the Bear: Representing the Grizzly in the American Imagination." Carnivores 2006, St. Petersburg, Florida.
- "Garifuna Self, Creole Other: Constructions of Race and Ethnicity in Belize." Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference III, San Marcos, Texas.
- "Narratives of Identity: Representation and Performance in the Gulisi Garifuna Museum of Dangriga, Belize." American Studies Student Conference, Austin, Texas.
- "(Re)Presenting the Bear: Implications for the American Grizzly." American Literatures Group Symposium, Austin, Texas.

"Repackaging Culture: The Gulisi Garifuna Museum in Dangriga, Belize." Annual Meeting of the Association American of Geographers, Chicago, Illinois.

2005 "The Garifuna Journey: Representing Culture in Documentary Film." Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

2001 "The Garifuna of Belize: Strategies of Representation." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Lexington, Kentucky.

Posters

2005 "Neotropical Cat Conservation and Protection in the U.S./Mexico Borderlands." with M. Grigione, K. Menke and R. Thomas. *Encuentro*: 5th Meeting on the Border Environment, Rosarito, Mexico. Presenter.

"Protecting Neotropical Cats in the U.S./Mexico Borderlands." with M. Grigione, K. Menke and R. Thomas. Eight Annual SCGIS Conference, Monterey, California. (Robert Thomas, Presenter.)

"Protecting Neotropical Cats in the U.S./Mexico Borderlands." with M. Grigione, K. Menke and R. Thomas. 25th Annual ESRI International User Conference, San Diego, California. (Robert Thomas, Presenter.)

SESSIONS ORGANIZED, CHAIRED, MODERATED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

2011 *In Development*. Session Organizer and Chair. *Working Title: Animated Representations: Animals, Media and Place*. Annual Meeting of the Association American of Geographers, Seattle, Washington.

2010 Session co-Organizer and Chair. "Animal Geographies: Wildlife and Wild Animals." Annual Meeting of the Association American of Geographers, Washington, DC.

2009 Session Discussant. "Animal Geographies: Urban/Suburban Inclusions and Exclusions." Annual Meeting of the Association American of Geographers, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Session co-Organizer and co-Chair. "Animal Geographies: Perspectives on Wildlife Conservation." Annual Meeting of the Association American of Geographers, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Session co-Organizer and co-Chair. "Borders and Bodies." *Animals: Past, Present and Future*, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

- 2007 Session Chair. "Storytelling: Diverse Perspectives." Annual Meeting of the Association American of Geographers, San Francisco, California.
- 2006 Session Organizer, Chair and Moderator. "Representing the Animal." Carnivores Conference, St. Petersburg, Florida.
- 2003 Assistant Organizer. Bordercats: A Bioregional Strategic Planning Workshop for Sustainable Ecosystems through Neotropical Cat Protection and Recovery, Yulee, Florida.
- 2002 Conference Registration and Exhibits Manager. Carnivores 2002: From the Mountains to the Sea Monterey, California.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND COLLOQUIA

- 2010 "Strategies and Methods for the Graduate Student: An Insider Perspective." Guest speaker for GRG 390L: Graduate Research in Geography, Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2008 "Jaguars of the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands: Preliminary Research." Department of Geography Colloquium, Veselka Scholars. University of Texas at Austin.
- 2006 "The Fate of the Park Bear: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on the Grizzly Bear in Yellowstone National Park." Guest Lecture for GRG 336C: National Parks and Protected Areas, Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2004 "Tourism Studies in Geography: A Case Study in the Garifuna Communities of Belize." Guest Lecture for GRG 374: Frontiers in Geography, Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Texas at Austin.
- "The Geographies of Tourism." Guest Lecture for GRG 336: Contemporary Cultural Geography, Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Texas at Austin.

INVITED MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2010 "Real" Animals and the Humanities Meeting, hosted by Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas.
- 2005 *Encuentro*: 5th Meeting on the Border Environment, Rosarito, Mexico.
- 2003 Bordercats: A Bioregional Strategic Planning Workshop for Sustainable Ecosystems through Neotropical Cat Protection and Recovery. Workshop Sponsored by the Bordercats Working Group, Yulee, Florida.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2010-present Secretary/Treasurer, Executive Board of the Communication Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.

Director, Executive Board of the Cultural Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.

Director, Executive Board of the Qualitative Methods Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.

Director, Executive Board of the Graduate Student Affinity Group of the Association of American Geographers.

2009-present Communications Officer, Executive Board of the Animal Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.

2003-present Presenter, Grant Writer and Workshop Co-organizer, Bordercats Working Group.

2008-2009 Graduate Programs Coordinator, Executive Board of the Cultural Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.

2007-2008 Graduate Student Representative, Executive Board of the Cultural Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.

2007 Judge, Student Research Grant Competition, Cultural Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

2008-2009 Coach, Varsity Equestrian Team, Texas State University.

2006-2008 Vice President, Graduate Association of Geography Students, University of Texas.

2007 Faculty Job Search Committee, Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Texas.

2005-2007 Student Mentor, Intellectual Entrepreneurship Pre-Graduate School Internship Program, Division of Instructional Innovation and Assessment, University of Texas.

2006 Student Representative to Faculty, Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Texas.

2001 Political Geography Faculty Job Search- Student Committee Member, Department of Geography, Mary Washington College.

- 2000 Student Representative to Faculty, Department of Geography, Mary Washington College.
- 2000-2001 Geography Club, Vice President, Department of Geography, Mary Washington College.
- 1999-2001 Student Aide, Department of Geography, Mary Washington College.
- 1999 World Geography Bowl, Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida, 1999.
- 1998-2001 Varsity Equestrian Team, Mary Washington College, (Captain 2000-2001).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Association of American Geographers
 - Animal Geography Specialty Group
 - Cultural Geography Specialty Group
 - Historical Geography Specialty Group
 - Cultural & Political Ecology Specialty Group
 - Qualitative Methods Specialty Group
 - Graduate Student Affinity Group
 - Communication Geography Specialty Group
- Southwestern Division of the Association of American Geographers
- Association for Borderlands Studies
- American Studies Association
- International Society for Anthrozoology
- Society and Animals Forum
- Friends of the Cat Group: The World Conservation Union (IUCN) Cat Specialist Group

References Available Upon Request

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