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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (ABD), Geography

Kent State University. Kent, Ohio USA. Defense scheduled for May 2010

Dissertation: *Putting the "Nature" in Natural Disaster: State Productions and Mitigations of Nature, the Creation of Feasible Capitalist Space and Environmental Injustice as Reflected by Hurricane Katrina's Impact on New Orleans, Louisiana.*

Committee: James A. Tyner (advisor), Shawn M. Banasick, Scott C. Sheridan, Patrick G. Coy

Cognate Field: Sociology

MS, Geography

Ball State University. Muncie, Indiana USA. July 2005.

Thesis: *Tornadoes and Mobile Homes in the Southeastern United States: An Exploratory Study of Common Geofactors.*

Committee: Robert M. Schwartz (advisor), Petra A. Zimmerman and Kevin M. Turcotte

BS, Geography

Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana USA. May 2003.

Major Concentration: Geography Option One - Comprehensive Geography

Minor: Music - Viola Performance

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching Positions:

Associate Lecturer, August 2009 to present

Department of Geography and Planning, The University of Akron

Courses Instructed:

- Introduction to Geography: Fall 09, Spring 10
- Geography of Cultural Diversity: Spring 10

Instructor/Doctoral Assistant, August 2005 to present

Department of Geography, Kent State University

Courses Instructed:

- Introduction to Geography: Fall 05, Spring 06, Summer 06
- Geography of the U.S. & Canada: Fall 06, Summer 07, Fall 07, Summer 08, Fall 08, Spring 09, Summer 09
- Geography of the United States & Canada (online): Fall 09, Spring 10, Summer 10
- World Geography: Spring 07, Spring 08, Summer 08, Spring 09, Fall 09

Regional Campuses, Kent State University

Courses Instructed:

- Introduction to Geography: Summer 06 (Tuscarawas), Spring 10 (Stark)
- World Geography: Spring 07 (Stark) Summer 07 (Tuscarawas)
- Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa: Spring 07 (Stark)
- Seminar in Geography of Natural Disasters: Summer 10 (Stark)

Laboratory Instructor, August 2003 to May 2005

Department of Geography, Ball State University

Course Instructed: Physical Geography (laboratory): Fall 03, Spring 04, Fall 04, Spring 05

Instructor, January 2003 to May 2005

Design Technology Program, Ivy Tech Community College

Courses Instructed:

- Fundamentals of Imaging: Fall 04, Spring 05
- Introduction to Computer Graphics: Spring 03, Spring 04
- Fundamentals of Design: Spring 04, Spring 05
- Digital Production: Spring 03, Spring 05

Other Professional Positions:

AP Human Geography Exam Grader. June 2-8, 2010 (scheduled)

Educational Testing Services, Inc. Cincinnati, Ohio.

Part-Time Freshman Academic Adviser. Summer 2010 (scheduled)

Kent State University. Kent, Ohio.

Temporary Staff Cartographer. Summer 2002

Ball State University. Muncie, Indiana.

Peer Tutor. August 2000 to November 2001.

Ball State University Learning Center. Muncie, Indiana.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & HONORS

- Third Place, Individual Score, World Geography Bowl, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 2009.
- Research Grant, Graduate Student Senate, Kent State University, May 2008. Award: \$400.
- Beck Graduate Student Research Award, Department of Geography, Kent State University, April 2008. Award: \$100.
- Most Valuable Player, World Geography Bowl, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, April 2008.
- Participant Travel Grant for World Geography Bowl, East Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers, April 2008. Award: \$270.
- First Place (tie), Student Paper Competition, Graduate Student Division. Annual Meeting of the East Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers, October 2007. Award: \$75.
- Fourth Place, Individual Score, World Geography Bowl, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, April 2007.
- Participant Travel Grant for World Geography Bowl, East Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers, April 2007. Award: \$300.
- Jeanne X. Kasperon Award for Student Papers, Hazards Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, September 2005. Award: \$130.
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography, Ball State University, April 2005. Award: \$500.
- Recognition of Highest Cumulative Grade Point Average of Master Graduates in Geographic Information Processing and Mapping Emphasis Area, Department of Geography, Ball State University, April 2005.
- Outstanding Masters Graduate in Geographic Information Processing and Mapping Emphasis Area, Department of Geography, Ball State University, April 2005.
- Outstanding Scholarly Achievement, Graduate School, Ball State University, April 2005.
- Member Travel Award, Gamma Theta Upsilon, Iota Omega Chapter, Ball State University, March 2005. Award: \$25.
- Student Travel Award, Office of Academic Research and Sponsored Programs, Ball State University, November 2004. Award: \$100.
- Certificate of Geographic Enrichment, Department of Geography, Ball State University, May 2004.
- Meritorious Achievement in Cartographic Revisions, Department of Geography, Ball State University, May 2003.
- Hurlbut-Leak Memorial Scholarship, Department of Geography, Ball State University, May 2002. Award: \$300.
- Nancy Venkemulder Scholarship for Music, School of Music, Ball State University, August 2000 to May 2002. Award: \$1,200.
- Alumni Legacy Scholarship, Alumni Association, Ball State University, 1999-2000. Award: \$3,000.
- Dean's List, Ball State University. 1999-2000.
- Admission with Distinction, Ball State University. Fall 1999. Award: \$1,500.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Publications

Shears, Andrew and James A. Tyner, 2009. "(De)Constructing the Geography of America's Surge in Iraq." *Antipode* 41(2): 221-225.

Shears, Andrew and Robert M. Schwartz, 2008. "Tornadoes and Mobile Homes: The Geographic Data of a Stereotype." *Journal of Emergency Management* 6(1): 11-22.

Works in Progress

Shears, Andrew. "Killing Puppies in "Public": One Pet Store's Seizure of Capitalist-Enforced Buffers to Silence Protests Against Brutality. To be submitted to *Antipode*.

Shears, Andrew. "The Erasure of Space: May 4 at Kent State." To be submitted to *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*.

Shears, Andrew. "New Orleans and *The Colonial Present*." To be submitted to *Human Geography*.

Shears, Andrew. "The Production of Safe Spaces, and the Safe Spaces of Production: How Government-Sponsored Mitigation Strategies Doomed New Orleans." To be submitted to *Journal of Political Ecology*.

Non-Refereed Publications

Shears, Andrew, 2006. The End of the American Empire: An Ironic Implosion. *Seeds of Change Magazine*. Spring 2006 issue, pp. 7-11. Kent, Ohio.

In: Shears, C.H., 2002. Graphic art and cartography. *Laboratory Exercises in Applied Physical Geography and Earth Science*. Muncie, Indiana: Tichenor Publishing. Used in Physical Geography laboratory sections at Ball State University.

PRESENTATIONS

Manipulating Space and Place Through Language: Militarization, Infrastructure, Creating Social Injustice and Silencing Protest. Invited presentation to Seminar in Geography undergraduate course at Kent State University, instructed by Shawn Banasick. May 6, 2010 (scheduled).

The Abuser Database: Using Community-Sourced GIS to Curb Animal Abuse. *The 25th Annual Graduate Student Senate Colloquium*. Kent State University. Kent, Ohio. April 24, 2010 (scheduled).

Building Levees in Pre-Katrina New Orleans, Discursive Spaces of Safety and Social Injustice. *The Fourth Annual Landscape, Space and Place Graduate Student Conference in Landscape Studies*. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. March 25, 2010 (scheduled).

Erasing Space: Silencing Protest By Re-Programming Spaces of the May 4, 1970 Shootings at Kent State University. *The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*. Las Vegas, Nevada. March 24, 2009.

Killing Puppies in "Public": One Pet Store's Seizure of Capitalist-Enforced Buffers to Silence Protests Against Brutality. *The 2008 Joint Meeting of the East Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers and the Ontario Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers*. St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. October 18, 2008.

Post-Katrina New Orleans and *The Colonial Present*. *The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*. Boston, Massachusetts. April 18, 2008.

Two Case Studies of Produced Space: The Landscapes of May 4, 1970 at Kent State University and Putting the "Nature" in the Natural Disaster Known as Katrina. Invited presentation to Seminar in Geography undergraduate course at Kent State University, instructed by Shawn Banasick. April 4, 2008.

Erasing Space: May 4, 1970 at Kent State University. *The 23rd Annual Graduate Student Senate Colloquium*. Kent State University. Kent, Ohio. March 8, 2008.

Erasing Space: May 4, 1970 at Kent State University. *The 2007 Meeting of the East Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers*. East Lansing, Michigan. October 20, 2007.

Indiana and the War on Terror: An Examination of Scalar Discourse. *The 2007 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*. San Francisco, California. April 19, 2007.

Investigating Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans from a Perspective of Critical Geography. Invited presentation to Seminar in Geography undergraduate course at Kent State University instructed by Shawn Banasick. April 11, 2007.

Indiana and the War on Terror: An Examination of Grassroots Support. *The 21st Annual Graduate Student Senate Colloquium*. Kent State University. Kent, Ohio. April 26, 2006.

Tornadoes and Mobile Homes in the Southeastern United States: The Geographic Data of a Stereotype. *The 2006 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*. Kasperson Paper Competition Special Session, Hazards Specialty Group. Chicago, Illinois. March 8, 2006.

Tornadoes and Mobile Homes in the Southeastern United States: The Geographic Data of a Stereotype. *The 2005 Meeting of the East Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers*. Bowling Green, Ohio. October 21, 2005.

Tornadoes and Trailers: the Geographic Data of a Stereotype. *The 2005 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*. Denver, Colorado. April 7, 2005.

The Geography of Tornadoes and Mobile Homes in the Southeastern United States. *The 2005 Ball State University Graduate Student Symposium*. Muncie, Indiana. March 16, 2005.

UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Graduate Student Representative, Curriculum Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, Kent State University. August 2009 to present.

Treasurer, Parrot Hope Sanctuary, Mantua, Ohio. July 2009 to present.

Organizer, 2009 World Geography Bowl Team, East Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers.

Organizer, 2008 World Geography Bowl Team, East Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers.

Webmaster, Parrot Hope Sanctuary, Mantua, Ohio. January 2008 to October 2009.

Co-Founder, Board Member, Nikita's Wish animal rescue, Kent, Ohio. December 2007 to present.

Leader and Developer, Geography of the American Roadtrip, First Year Experience, Kent State University. August 2007 to December 2007.

Graduate Student Representative to Faculty Meetings, Department of Geography, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. May 2007 to May 2008.

President, Geography Graduate Student Association, Department of Geography, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. May 2007 to May 2008.

Volunteer, Rose's Rescue animal rescue, Rootstown, Ohio. December 2006 to December 2007.

President, Geography Research and Discussion (GRAD) Group, Department of Geography, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. May 2006 to May 2007.

Volunteer Webmaster, Pet Guards Shelter, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. January 2006 to August 2006.

Volunteer, Pet Guards Shelter, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. December 2005 to August 2006.

Judge, Earth Science Division, Regional Science Fair, Ball State University. 2004 to 2005.

Judge, Indiana State Geography Bee, Geography Educators Network of Indiana, Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis. 2001 to 2004.

Secretary, Gamma Theta Upsilon, Iota Omega Chapter, August 2003 to May 2004.

MEMBERSHIPS

Association of American Geographers

Specialty Groups: Cultural and Political Ecology, Hazards Geography, History of Geography, Political Geography, Qualitative Geography, Socialist and Radical Geography

Gamma Theta Upsilon, Iota Omega Chapter, Alumnus

Graduate Student Association, Department of Geography, Kent State University

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Adobe Acrobat CS4

Adobe Dreamweaver CS4

Adobe Fireworks CS4

Adobe Flash CS4

Adobe Illustrator CS4

Adobe Photoshop CS4

Adobe InDesign CS4

Apple Aperture 3.0

Apple iMovie 09

Apple iWeb 09

Apple Keynote 09

Apple Numbers 09

Apple Pages 09

Blackboard Vista 8

Desire2Learn Springboard

EndNote X2

ERDAS Imagine 9.3

Fetch 5.3

ESRI ArcView 9.3

Google Earth 5.1

HTML, PHP, Javascript

Intuit Quickbooks for Mac 2010

Macintosh OSX 10.6

Microsoft Access

Microsoft Excel 2007

Microsoft Excel for Mac 2008

Microsoft Powerpoint 2007

Microsoft Powerpoint for Mac 2008

Microsoft Visual Basic for Applications

Microsoft Windows Vista

Microsoft Word 2007

Microsoft Word for Mac 2008

Movable Type 5.01

NVivo 8.0

SPSS 18.0

Wordpress 2.9

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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