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EDUCATION

PhD in Geography, The Pennsylvania State University
Dissertation: Patriarchal Thinking and Geographic Epistemology
M.A. in Geography, Minor area: Psychology, Florida Atlantic University
Thesis: The Formation of Environmental Schemata
B.A. in Geography, Florida Atlantic University
(Minor area: Psychology)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Cultural Geography, Human Geography, Tourism, History of Tourism, Urbanization,
US Urban History, History of Maps and Mapping

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- . *Associate Professor of Geography: Monmouth University*
2004- Department of History and Anthropology
- . *Assistant Professor of Geography: Monmouth University*
2002- 2004 Department of History and Anthropology
1998-2002 Department of Interdisciplinary Studies
- . *Visiting Assistant Professor of Geography*
1997-98 Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Monmouth
University
1995-97 Department of Political Science, Monmouth University
1988-90 Department of Geography, University of California, Riverside
- . *Adjunct Instructor*
1985 Department of Science, Los Angeles Southwest College

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2019 UCI Scholarship Grant: Beach Behavior and Segregation
- 2014 UCI Scholarship Grant: Community Gardens in NJ
- 2012-2013 One-year Sabbatical
- 2009 Creativity Grant: "Land Development and Newspaper Promotions"
- 2003 Creativity Grant: "Differential Space, Contradictions, and Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park"
- 2002 Completion of Voluntary Professional Development Program
- 1999 \$170,000 software grant from Environmental Systems Research Institute for GIS Program
- 1999 2 week NSF-sponsored Summer Institute on GIS, NY

PUBLICATIONS

- Tourism in a Mobile Society: An Example from Vieques, in Vujnovic, M and Mele, V. (ed.) *Globalizing Cultures. Theories and Paradigms Revisited*, Brill Academic Publishers, 2015
- Sunshine Paradise: A History of Florida Tourism, *Journal of Tourism History*, 2012, 4,1, 113-116
- Scale and Narrative in the Struggle for Vieques, Puerto Rico, in Goodman, M. Boykoff, M., and Evered, K. (ed). *Environmental Contentions*. Ashgate Press, 2008
- Incommensurability, Land Use, and the Right to Space: Community Gardens in New York City, *Urban Geography*, 23 (4), 323-343.
- Landscape, ideology, and religion: a geography of Ocean Grove, New Jersey *Journal of Historical Geography*, 2002, 28, 4, 589-608.
- Interdisciplinarity and the Geography of Tourism, *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*, 2002, 26 (2), 181-195.
- Perceptions of Gender Differences in the Real Estate Profession, *Advancing Women in Leadership*, 2002, 10 (1) (First author; second author: Don Moliver)
- Urban Community Gardens as Contested Space, *Geographical Review*, 1995, 85 (30), 364-381.
- The Abstraction of Schematic Representations from Photographs of Real-World Scenes, *Memory and Cognition*, 1990, 8, 543-554 (second author, with H. Hock)

RECENT and FORTHCOMING PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- “Fans, Cyberspace, Race, and Place,” Fan Studies Conference, Portsmouth, UK, June 28-29, 2019
- Keynote Address, 150th anniversary of the Founding of Ocean Grove, June 20, 2019
- “Ocean Grove, A History of Power and Religion,” Monmouth University Library Faculty Forum, Summer 2016
- “Grassroots Community Gardens and Gentrification in East Harlem,” Community Gardens Association, August 2015
- “Race, Geography, Cyberspace,” Syracuse University Geography Presentation Series, 2015
- Race, Internet, and Celebrity, Faculty Forum, Monmouth University, February 2015
- “Race, Internet, Celebrity, and Sense of Place,” Association of American Geographers Annual Conference, 2011
- “Tourism, Geography, and Power in Vieques, Puerto Rico,” Tourism Conference on Sustainability, March 2009
- “Contested Places and Grassroots Activism in Vieques, Puerto Rico,” Association of American Geographers Convention, 2008
- “Geography and the Study of Tourism,” Association of American Geographers Convention, 2004
- “Ideology, Space, and the Disney Theme Parks,” North East Popular Culture Conference, 2003
- “History of the US Military Occupation in Vieques, Puerto Rico,”
- “GIS as an Interdisciplinary Tool,” GIS in Education Conference, 2002
- “Asbury Park and the Arts in the Struggle for Redevelopment,” Association of American Geographers Convention, 2001
- “Interdisciplinarity and the Geography of Tourism,” National Council for Geographic Education Conference, 2000
- “Land Use Policy and the Conflict of Rights,” Association of American Geographers Conference

- “Civic Associations and Community Development,”
- Rutgers University, Department of Geography Colloquium Series, invited speaker, 1997
- “For Heaven's Sake? The Role of Community Associations in Ocean Grove, NJ,” Association for Research in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Conference, 1996
- “Urban Community Gardens as Contested Space,” Association of American Geographers Convention, 1996
- “Community Associations as Quasi-Private Forms of Government,” Association of American Geographers Convention, 1996
- “Strategies for Integrating Women’s Studies into the Curriculum”
- Shaping the Vision: Women and Education Conference, Institute for Research on Women, Rutgers University, 1995
- “Deconstructing Distance and Relation” Association of American Geographers Convention, 1994

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Program Directorships

- 1998- Director, Geography Minor
- 2003-2005 Co-Director, Gender Studies Program
- 2001-2003 Co-Director, GIS/Crime Mapping Program, with Dr. Peter Liu
- 2001-2003 Director, Graduate GIS Certificate Program
- 1996-1998 Director, Policy Studies Program
- 1996-1997 Interim Director, Women’s Studies Program

Committees

- 2020-2021 Member, Contract Activism Committee, FAMCO
- 2004-2011;2013-2019;2021- School Personnel Committee, SHSS II, Chair and Member
- 2019- Affiliated Member, BADFU
- 2006-2010, 2014- 2015 Member, MU Distinguished Teacher Committee
- 2016 Chair of Hiring Committee, GIS Instructor Position
- 2009-2011 GEOC Committee for ISP
- 2005-2007 Chair, President’s Task Force on Child Care Issues
- 2005-2007 Chair, ICTC (Information Communication Technology Committee)
- 2003-2009 Global Understanding Project Strategic Planning Committee
- 2002-2011 Perspectives and Interdisciplinary Studies Committee
- 2003 Chair of Hiring Committee, GIS Instructor Position
- 2001-2009 MALA Committee
- 2001-2004 Global Understanding Project Conference Committee
- 1999-2003 Faculty Council
- 1999-2000 Library Construction Committee
- 1999-2001 SHSS Task Force on Technology
- 1999-2004 Center for New Jersey History
- 1995- Member, Gender Studies Program, PGIS

Other

- 2018-2019 Developing Monmouth University Tourism Council
- 2018-2019 Developing Certificate in Tourism
- 2018-2019 Ad Hoc committee to reinstate Institute for Global Understanding
- 2017 Ad Hoc committee to develop Digital Studies Minor
- 2003 Participant/Discussant, Two River Film Festival
- 2003 Contribution to *Global Understanding Newsletter*: “Global Issues and Tourism”
- 2001 Designed and received approval from Graduate Studies for Geographic Information Systems Certificate and 7 new courses
- 2001 Co-Founding member of Global Understanding Project
- 2000-2002 Assisted in designing Graduate Certificate and Concentration in Crime Mapping for Department of Criminal Justice
- 2000 Faculty Forum Participant in Panel on Plagiarism
- 2000 Contribution to *Technology in the MU Garden*: “GIS: Location Matters”
- 2000 Participant in Millennium Founder’s Day Panel Discussion on “Computing: Past, Present, and Future
- 2000 21st Century Science Teacher Skills Project, Monmouth University, GIS Instructor and Advisor
- 2000 Designed and received approval from Undergraduate Studies for Certificate in Geographic Information Systems and three new Courses
- 1999 Designed and received approval from Undergraduate Studies for Geography Minor and five new courses
- 1998-2001 Curriculum Development Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Studies
- 1997 Presenter, New Jersey Governor’s School
- 1995-1998 Freshman Advisor
- 1995 Co-organizer, Gender and Diversity Conference
- 1995 Participant, New Jersey Project Summer Residential Program on Inclusive Scholarship, Curriculum, and Teaching
- 1994 Organizer, Environmental Conservation Lecture Series

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of American Geographers
- American Geographical Society
- Geographic Perspectives on Women
- Monmouth County GIS User's Group
- New Jersey Project
- Urban and Regional Information Systems Association
- Urban History Association
- Women in Film

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Reviewer for Professional Geographer
- Reviewer for Geographical Review Journal
- Reviewer for Urban Geography Journal
- Board Member, Geographic Perspectives on Women in Geography

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1986 Assistant Coordinator, Filmex, Los Angeles International Film Festival
- 1985-86 Associate Producer, Group W Television Productions, PM Magazine National Division, Los Angeles, CA
- 1984-85 Production Researcher, Alan Landsburg Film Productions, Los Angeles, CA