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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND and DEGREES

- 1991 Ph.D. in **Geography** at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, focus on Latin American Social Geography. Dissertation: *Nicaraguan Refugee Absorption in Costa Rica, 1980-1990: A Structurationist Perspective.*
- 1986 M.A. Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, **Latin American Studies** with major focus in Geography, minor in History. Thesis: *Population Change in Quintana Roo, Mexico: Pioneer Settlement of Cancun.*
- 1980-81 **Year Abroad** at the Universidad de Las Americas, Cholula, Puebla, Mexico
- 1983 B.A. University of Wisconsin - Green Bay, **Humanistic Studies** - co-majors in **Spanish Language and Literature**, and **History**, minor in **International Studies**

TEACHING POSITIONS and COURSES TAUGHT

- 2003 – 2004 – Fall – 323 - **Geography of Latin America** – Arizona State University, Department of Geography; Spring – 121 – **World Regional Geography**, ASU
- 2002 – May – **China Study Abroad/Service Learning Program**, faculty co-coordinator and group leader, for Mesa Community College/City of Mesa Sister Cities at Kaiping & Jiangmen, Guangdong Province, China
- 2000 – Summer – 599 **Civil Society and Place**, NAU's Masters of Liberal Studies Program; Fall – 602 **Community, Values, and Technology**, NAU's MLS
- 1996 - 2004 - **Adjunct Faculty** in Geography at Mesa Community College, Mesa, Arizona, courses taught: 121 & 122 - **World Regional Geography: Eastern Hemisphere / Western Hemisphere**; 102 – **Human Geography**; 221 – **Geography of Arizona**
- 1996 - 1997 - **Adjunct Faculty** in Spanish at Rio Salado Community College, Tempe, Arizona, courses taught: 115 & 116 - **Conversational Spanish** & 202 - **Spanish Grammar**
- 1995 - **Instructor in English and Life Skills** at Unlimited Potential (program for minority women) Phx, AZ
- 1994-1995 – Fall – **Spanish Language and Culture** (non-credit) at University of Wisconsin Center-Barron County, Rice Lake, Wisconsin
- 1993-1994 - **Visiting Assistant Professor** of Geography at St. Norbert College, DePere, Wisconsin, courses taught: 120 - **Physical Geography**, 140 **World Regional**, and 225 - **Social Geography**
- 1991-1993 – **Temporary Assistant Professor** of Geography at Central Michigan Univ., Mt. Pleasant, MI, courses taught: 120 - **Environmental Geography**, 323 - **Advanced Cultural Geography**, and 373 - **Latin American Geography**
- 1990-1991 - **Instructor** in the Geography Department at CMU, courses taught: 120 - **Environmental Geography**, and 575A - **Refugees: The Geography of Exile**

PUBLICATIONS

- We Are All Related: Service Learning, Civic Engagement, and Connectedness**, editor, publication of *Community College National Center for Community Engagement*, October, 2003
- Global Civic Engagement: Building an Ethic of Commitment to Service through Human Geography**, *Journal for Civic Commitment*, issue #1, 2003
- Through Whose Eyes: Service-Learning and Civic Engagement from Culturally Diverse Perspectives**, editor, publication of *Campus Compact National Center for Community Colleges*, October 2002
- Arizona September 11th Community Conversations: A Resource for Librarians and Teachers**, editor, publication of the *Arizona Humanities Council*, March, 2002
- Scottsdale Meets Citizens Where They Live**, for *The New Public Innovator: The Official Publication for the Alliance for Redesigning Government* (Program of the National Academy of Public Admin.), Spring, '99
- Articles on “**Voices from Communities in Transition**,” in *Arizona Insight*, quarterly newsletter of the Arizona Humanities Council, 1995-1997.
- Through the Eyes of the Media: Perceptions of Nicaraguan Refugees in Costa Rica in the 1980s**, Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers' *CLAG Yearbook*, 1995.
- Nicaraguan Refugees in Costa Rica from 1980-1990**, Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers *CLAG Yearbook*, 1993.
- Costa Rican Government Policy Modifications Regarding Refugee Employment and Integration, 1980-1990**, *International Journal of Refugee Law*, Fall, 1992.
- XVI Century Perceptions of Latin America: Civil or Savage?** A curriculum video produced by the Center for Latin America, UW-Milwaukee, July 1988.

GRANTS and AWARDS

- 2002 – October – 12th Annual *Distinguished Public Scholar Award* from the Arizona Humanities Council
- 2002 – May – *Outstanding Adjunct Faculty of the Year* at Mesa Community College
- 1998 – August – *3CMA (Connect, Communicate, Celebrate Marketing Association) Savvy Communications Award of Excellence* for “Scottsdale Voices: Community Visioning Process.”
- 1998 – June – City Hall Communications Award of Merit for “Scottsdale Voices: Strengthening the Quality of Community Dialogue.”
- 1997 - September - *Helen and Martin Schwartz Prize for Excellence in Public Programming*, awarded annually by the NEH, for “Voices from Communities in Transition,” conducted by the Arizona Humanities Council, through a grant funded by the NEH.
- 1993 - January - *CMU's Faculty Research and Creative Endeavors (FRCE) Award for Premier Display* at the AAG Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia for paper: "Absence of Place: Identity, Values, Readjustment, and Integration of Nicaraguan Refugees in Costa Rica."
- 1993 - January - *CMU's Faculty Research and Creative Endeavors (FRCE) Award for Research* on “Nations within Us: Perceptions of Homeland among Exiled Latinas”
- 1992 - October - *CMU's Faculty Teaching and Program Development Award for Premier Display (FTPD)* in Atlanta, Georgia for the Southern Historical Association meeting, for "Some Things Never Change: Perception, Reality, and 500 Years of the Encounter”
- 1991 - November - *CMU's Faculty Research and Creative Endeavors award for Premier Display (FRCE)* at the AAG conference in San Diego, California for paper: "Nations within Us: Perceptions of Homeland among Exiled Latinas”

- 1991 - September – Grant for "*Geography, Ecology and Economic Development in the Dominican Republic*," Partners of the Americas and the Michigan Geographic Alliance (co-authored with Michael Libbee and Virginia Wazny)
- 1985 - *Organizational Relief Fund Foreign Country Travel Grant*, Louisiana State University (LSU)
- 1985 - *Latin American Studies Travel Grant*, Louisiana State University (LSU)

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- 2003 – August – January, 2004 – **Interim Program Director** for the Arizona Humanities Council
- 2002 – Summer – **Interim Program Director**, Campus Compact National Center for Community Colleges
- 1997 - 2000 - **Program Director** for “Scottsdale Voices,” City of Scottsdale, Scottsdale, Arizona (civic engagement/public participation/community programming project)
- 1995 - 1997 - **Project Coordinator** for “Voices from Communities in Transition,” Arizona Humanities Council, Phoenix, Arizona
- 1991 - 1992 - **Director of International Programs**, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

CONSULTANT WORK

- 2004 – Editor, *Arizona Insights*, Newsletter for the Arizona Humanities Council
- 2003 – Present, Executive Editor, *Journal for Civic Commitment*, published on-line by the Community College National Center for Community Engagement
- 2003 – Created a *Humanities Reader* for *Coming of Age in Arizona* Forums, funded by the Arizona Community College Associations and the Kettering Foundation’s National Issues Forums
- 2002 – Arizona Department of Education *Social Studies and Language Arts correlations* for the Arizona Bar Association’s Law-Related Education program – We the People, the Citizen and the Constitution, and Project Citizen.
- 2001– *Arizona September 11th Community Conversations*, On-line Toolkit, for the Arizona Humanities Council, compiler
- 2001 – *Participacion Ciudadana: El Motor del Desarrollo Local* (Citizen Participation: Motor of Local Development) for the International City Managers Association (ICMA-Mexico City), July-November
- 2001 – *Exploring Diversity through the Humanities and the Social Sciences*, Tavan Elementary, Scottsdale Unified School District, April/May
- 2000 - Conceptualized and facilitated a *Design Charette* for the City of Sedona, Arizona, March
- 2000 - *Training in Deliberation* for Fountain Hills Civic Association, Feb/March
- 2000 - Conducted *dialogues in Spanish*, analyzed input, and wrote report (in English) for City of Scottsdale's General Plan Update, Future in Focus
- 1999 – *Training in Citizen Participation* in Zapotlanejo, Mexico, as a part of a Sister City exchange between Scottsdale, Arizona, Zapotlanejo, Mexico, & International City & County Managers Association (ICMA), September.
- 1995 - 1996 - *Outside Evaluator* for Bilingual and ESL Program at Dysart Unified School District, El Mirage, Arizona

WORKSHOPS and FACILITATED DIALOGUES

- Workshop Facilitator** -- *Service Learning*, conducted in the U.S. Virgin Islands, St. Thomas and St. Croix, and in Puerto Rico (Spanish) for the Community College National Center for Community Engagement

- Moderator** on International Students Perspectives on Terrorism after 9-11, sponsored by International Programs at Mesa Community College, November 2001
- Dialogue Circle** on *Bullying* for the Mesa Youth Summit, February 2000.
- Large-group discussion** for the Federation of State Humanities Councils for the *Tocqueville Seminars in Civic Leadership*, March 2000.
- Book-discussion series** "Building Community in the New Millennium," a four-book series, for Scottsdale residents and City staff, Fall 1999.
- National Issues Forum** "*Our Nations Kids, Is Something Wrong,*" City of Scottsdale, April 1999

PAPERS, PANELS, TALKS at ACADEMIC MEETINGS

- November, 1996, National Council on Geographic Education (NCGE), Santa Barbara, CA, invited paper: "*Voices from Communities in Transition*"
- May, 1996, Presenter on "*Sun City: Community in Transition or People in Transition?*" at Governor's Council on Aging, Mesa Conference Center
- March, 1994, Panel Organizer on Latin American Exiled Women, Latin American Studies Association Congress (LASA), Atlanta, Georgia
- April, 1993, Association of American Geographers, Atlanta, Georgia, invited paper: "*Absence of Place: Identity, Values, Readjustment, and Integration of Nicaraguan Refugees in Costa Rica*"
- November, 1992, Southern Historical Society, Atlanta, Georgia, invited paper: "*Some Things Never Change: Perception, Reality, and 500 Years of the Encounter*"
- October, 1992, East Lakes Division Association of American Geographers (AAG), Mt. Pleasant, MI, "*Parallels in the "Conquests" in XVI and XX Century Latin America*"
- September, 1992, Quincentennial Encounter Conference at UW-Stevens Point, invited paper: "*Some Things Never Change: Perception, Reality, and 500 Years of the Encounter*"
- April, 1992, Association of American Geographers (AAG), San Diego, California, invited paper: "*Nations within Us: Perceptions of Homeland among Exiled Latinas*"
- April, 1990, Association of American Geographers (AAG), Toronto, Canada, "*Nicaraguan Refugee Absorption into the Costa Rican Economy.*"
- April, 1988, Latin American Studies Association (LASA), presented video: "*XVI Century Perceptions of Latin America: Civil or Savage?*"
- January, 1987, Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers, Merida, Yucatan, "*The Internal Structure of the Three Cancuns: Aspects of Isla Cancun, Ciudad Cancun, and Colonia Puerto Juarez.*"
- October, 1986, West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), UW-Green Bay, WI, "*Establishment and Development of Cancun as a Major Tourism and Economic Center.*"

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, SYMPOSIA and WORKSHOPS

- November, 2001, *Participacion Ciudadana: El Motor del Desarrollo Local* (Citizen Participation: Motor of Local Development) for the International City Managers Association (ICMA-Mexico City), November, 2001, Mexico City, Mexico.
- December, 1999, *Communities in Transition or Transitioning into Community?*, for the Seniors Industries Conference, Mesa, Arizona.
- May, 1999, "Scottsdale Voices as a Model for Active Citizen Participation," at the National Conference on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution, Phoenix, Arizona.
- October, 1998, Presenter on "*Scottsdale Voices and Public Engagement,*" for IAP2 (International Association of Public Participation Practitioners) Western Division Conference, Tempe, AZ

- July, 1998, Presenter on *Kettering Foundation's 'National Issues Forums' and 'Governing America'* for ACMA's (Arizona City/County Management Association) Summer Workshop, "Governance Issues in the New Century."
- May, 1998, Presenter on "*Scottsdale Voices: Public Dialogue Program*," for "The Grass IS Greener – Successful Grassroots Campaigns" for the PRSA - (Public Relations Society of America) Western District Conference, Tempe, AZ
- October, 1996 –Arizona Council for the Social Studies, Tempe, Arizona, presented "*Identity and Values in the School Community*."
- April, 1994 – Renaissance Outreach Alliance for the Detroit Area Schools (ROADS) Reunion Meeting for Michigan Humanities Council, Macomb Community College, Detroit, Michigan - presented "*Keepers of the Forest*" video and lesson plans.
- April, 1993 – Coordinator/Facilitator for Central Michigan University (CMU) Centennial Symposium "*Mainstreaming Gender into the Classroom*," group coordinator for the Natural Sciences, March 1993.
- December, 1992, Presenter for Michigan Humanities Council (ROADS) symposium on Geography across the Curriculum - Toward the 21st Century: Africa, Latin America and the Middle East in the 1990s - presented: "*Latin America in the 1990s*"
- October, 1992 - Presenter for Michigan Geographic Alliance, Teacher Consultant Retreat, Lansing, Michigan, presented follow-up from Dominican Republic Workshop.
- September, 1992 – Presenter for National Council on Geographic Education (NCGE), Dominican Republic, presented: "*Geography, Ecology, and Economic Development in the Dominican Republic*."
- June, 1992 – Michigan Geographic Alliance Summer Institute, '92 at Northern Michigan University (NMU), Marquette, - presented: "*Cultural and Population Geography of Latin America*."
- November, 1991 – Michigan Humanities Council, (ROADS) symposium on Geography Across the Curriculum - presented: "*Conquistadors, Colonists, Peasants and Refugees: Social Geography of Latin America*."
- September, 1989 – Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Miami, Florida, invited presenter for the Consortium for Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP) - presented: "*Latin American Geography and Literature: A Novel Approach - Jorge Amado's Bahia*." (in absentia)
- June, 1989 – Teachers' Workshop - Latin America: Continuing Encounters - coordinated by the Center for Latin America at UW-Milwaukee, and the Social Science Division of the Madison Metropolitan School District - presented: "*Central American Refugees*."

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Talks** on *Afghanistan*, and *A Westerner's Perspective of the Geography of China*, at Wu Yi University, Jiangmen, Guangdong, China, May, 2002
- Facilitator** for One Book Arizona, sponsored by the Maricopa County Library Council, the Arizona Humanities Council, Arizona State Library; Perennial Books, and the Arizona Republic. Lead two book discussions in Guadalupe and Mesa around the book *Animal Dreams*, by Barbara Kingsolver, April, 2002.
- Humanities Scholar** for *Cultural Geography of Afghanistan*, and *American-Arabs in the Aftermath of September 11th*, for the *Arizona September 11th Community Conversations*, for the Arizona Humanities Council, November, 01 – March, 02; delivered 9 talks throughout Arizona between November, 2001 and March, 2002 on Afghanistan, and on Arab-Americans.
- Talk** on *Afghanistan: Geography and Humanitarian Situation*, with Steve Bass and Lara Merriam, Mesa Community College, October 11, 2001

- Presentation** on *Afghanistan: Geography, Politics and Humanitarian Situation*, with Steve Bass, Lara Merriam, and Brian Dille, Mesa Unified School District, November, 2001
- Scholar/Speaker** for “*The Role of the Citizen in American Democracy*,” Teacher-Training Summer Institute sponsored by the Center for Civic Education and the Arizona Bar Foundation’s Law-Related Education, Flagstaff, AZ, July, 2001
- Humanities Scholar** for, *Stories of Love, Life, and Work: A Bilingual Book Discussion Series*, funded by Human Pursuits: The Western Humanities Division, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, Desert Sage Public Library, Phoenix, AZ. March-July, 2001
- District Coordinator** (AZ-CD5) for *We the People...the Citizen and the Constitution* funded by the Arizona Bar Foundation and the Center for Civic Education 2000 – May, 2002.
- Judge**, for *We the People...the Citizen and the Constitution*, National High School Competition, Washington, D.C., May, 2000
- Judge**, for *Project Citizen*, Middle School Competition, sponsored by the Arizona Bar Foundation and the Center for Civic Education, April, 2000
- Speaker**, for Phoenix Public Library Luncheon Series, on *Healing Choices*, March 2000
- Speaker** on *Diversity* for ASU’s School of Business, Diversity in the Workplace 2000, conference, Feb. 2000
- Moderator** for *Panel Discussion on Diversity* for Volunteers Plus, Inc. of Scottsdale, Arizona, February 2000
- Judge** for “*We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* State-level high school student competition sponsored by the Arizona Bar Association, January 2000
- Humanities Scholar**, for “Building Civil Society through Deliberative Dialogue,” Showlow City Hall, Showlow, Arizona, July 1999
- Scholar/Speaker** for “*We the People...the Citizen and the Constitution*,” teacher-training Summer Institute sponsored by the Arizona Bar Foundation and the Arizona Humanities Council, July, 1999
- Speaker** on *Leadership* for the Arizona Asian American Association, April 1999
- Speaker** on *Trusting Across Barriers* (cross-cultural communication) for Scottsdale Healthcare’s Nurses Training, March 1999
- Humanities Scholar** for “*Following Their Own Pathways: A Celebration of Arizona People and Places*,” presented: “*Arizona Communities in Transition*,” grant funded by the Arizona Humanities Council, April, 1997.
- Book Discussion Leader and Study Guide Author** for “*Voices from Communities in Transition*,” for the Arizona Humanities Council. Books include R. Bellah’s *Habits of the Heart*, J. Schor’s *The Overworked American*, B. Barber’s *An Aristocracy of Everyone*, D. Kemmis’ *Community and the Politics of Place*, and S. Sanders’ *Staying Put: Making Home in a Restless World*, Jan.-Oct., 1996
- Judge** for “*We the People...the Citizen and the Constitution*, State-level High School competition sponsored by the Arizona Bar Association, January 1997
- Humanities Scholar** for “*The Nation That Works*,” a five-session Reading-and-Discussion series sponsored by the American Library Association and funded by the NEH, Fall, ‘96.
- Guest Speaker** on *Fieldwork Methods* at Thunderbird School of International Business and Management, Glendale, Arizona, April, 1996
- Docent** at Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix, Arizona, from May, 1995
- Guest Speaker** on *Central American Women Refugees* at Thunderbird School of International Business and Management, Glendale, Arizona, April, 1995

- Reviewer** for a college-level geography textbook on **Latin America**, William C. Brown Publishing Company, November, 1994
- Presenter** for **Humanities Day** at University of Wisconsin Center-Barron County, on **“Wandering Humanity: Global Refugees in the 1990s,”** October, 1994
- Presenter** for Fox Valley Interfaith Task Force on Central America, on **“Refugee Women in Central America,”** April, 1994.
- Reviewer** for text book, **Environmental Science, 5th edition** by Nebel and Wright, Prentice Hall.
- Presenter** for Soup for Substance at St. Norbert College, on **“El Salvadoran Elections, 1994,”** April, 1994
- Guest Speaker** at St. Mary's University Parish, Mt. Pleasant, MI, on the **“World Refugees,”** Feb., 1993
- Presenter** for "ROADS Across Michigan **Speakers Bureau,**" 1994-1995, sponsored by the Michigan Humanities Council
- Specialist** on the Hispanic section of a curriculum development project - **Culture Kit** - funded by the Michigan Humanities Council, 1993-94
- Guest Speaker** at the High Twelve meeting at the Michigan Masonic Home, Alma, Michigan, on **“Daily Life in the Dominican Republic,”** April, 1993.
- Guest Speaker** for the CMU Geography Department's Speaker Series, Spring 1993, on **“Haitian Refugees in the United States and the Dominican Republic,”** January, 1993
- Guest Speaker** on **“Global Refugees”** at the Mt. Pleasant Public Library, May, 1992.
- Interviewed** by the *Listin Diario* (daily newspaper), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, August 24, 1992, on introducing **Geographic Education** into curricula in the D.R.
- Guest Speaker** to Business Students Advisory Council at Central Michigan University on **“Business Students' Opportunities in Study Abroad,”** October, 1991.
- Interviewed** by WXOW, Channel 19, La Crosse, Wisconsin, on the situation of the **“Nicaraguan Refugees in Costa Rica,”** March, 1990.
- Guest Speaker** on the **“Economic Absorption of Nicaraguan Refugees in Costa Rica,”** for the Department of Geography and Earth Science Lecture Series at UW-La Crosse, March, 1990.
- Reviewed** a Textbook Proposal for an introductory Human Geography course, published by Merrill Publishing Company, June, 1989.
- Presented** video: **“XVI Century Perceptions of Latin America: Civil or Savage?”** UW-Milwaukee Department of Geography, Brown Bag Lecture Series, April, 1988.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS DESIGNED & IMPLEMENTED for the CITY OF SCOTTSDALE:

- **“Cross Cultural Communication Series** - for the City of Scottsdale’s Office of Diversity and Dialogue
- **“Scottsdale Voices Community Conversations,”** a civic engagement / public participation program
- **“Scottsdale Voices Public Dialogues,”** Public Talk & Roundtable Sessions:
 - **“The Role of Citizens: Rights and Responsibilities,”** April 1998
 - **“Scottsdale’s Sense of Place: Building a ‘Knowable’ City,”** October, 1998
- **“Traffic Talks,”** with the Transportation Department and the Transportation Commission for the City of Scottsdale, Fall, 1998.
- **“Character Area Conversations,”** with the City of Scottsdale’s Community Planning Department, Winter, 1998.

LANGUAGES

Spanish: fluent in reading, writing, speaking

TRANSLATIONS

1995 - Litton Electronic Devices, *Cuarto limpio - reglas y regulaciones* (Clean Room Rules and Regulations)

1995 - California Angels, El “Dugout,” “On Deck Circle,” “Batter’s Box”... *Pensamientos para la primera base, segunda base, y tercera base...* (The Dugout, On Deck Circle, Batter’s Box... thoughts for first base, second base, third base)

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Cultural Geography

Diversity

Civic Engagement

Study Abroad

Service Learning

OVERSEAS RESEARCH, TRAVEL, and WORK EXPERIENCE

2004, **U.S. Virgin Islands**, St. Thomas and St. Croix; **Puerto Rico**, for Community College National Center for Community Engagement, Service Learning Workshops

2003, **Peru**, South America

2002, **China & Hong Kong** for Mesa Community College & City of Mesa, Service Learning and Study Abroad Programs

2001, **Mexico City** for the IMMAC Conference for Mexican Mayors on behalf of the International City Managers Association (ICMA), consultant/speaker

1999, September, Zapotlanejo, **Mexico** with International City Managers Association / City of Scottsdale Partnership to train Zapotlanejo city staff in citizen participation methods

1994, March, election monitor in **El Salvador**

1993, Summer, field research in **Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Chiapas, Mexico**, interviews conducted with refugee and repatriated women

1992, September, fieldtrip and workshop for Geographic Alliance K-12 teachers in the **Dominican Republic**

1992, August, planning for teacher fieldtrip during National Council on Geographic Education (NCGE) Conference in the **Dominican Republic**

1992, March, site visit to language institute in Merida, **Venezuela**

1991, summer, site visits to cooperating institutions (Study Abroad) in **England and Scotland**

1990, summer, field research in **Costa Rica**

1989, summer-fall, Dissertation field research in **Costa Rica**

1986, January, research in **Honduras**, research on dooryard gardens in Masca, a Garifuna village

1984-85, December-January, research in **Quintana Roo, Mexico** for M.A. thesis on population change

1982, January, research trip to the **Dominican Republic**, research on the rural poor women of that country

1980-81, Academic year in **Cholula, Puebla, Mexico**

1980, January, University of Wisconsin - Green Bay study program in the **Yucatan, Mexico**