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CURRICULUM VITAE

Education

Ph.D. August 1996
University of Texas at Austin (Anthropology)
Dissertation: A Toyota in Huautla! An Analysis of Metacultural Discourse in the Sierra Mazateca of Oaxaca, Mexico.

M.A. May 1991
University of Texas at Austin (Anthropology)
Report: ¡Es Mágico, Es México! 120 Years of Disputed Identity in the Chiapas Highlands.

B.A. May 1987
University of Michigan at Ann Arbor (History)

Recent Honors and Fellowships

2016 Commendation for Accomplishments in Service to the College, Warren Wilson College.

2013 Ping Fellowship to attend IFDS-CIEE seminar on Community Engagement and Development in Rio de Janeiro.

2010 Sabbatical, Warren Wilson College.

2009 Fellow, Mellon Fellows Community Initiative, Salzburg Global Seminar. Salzburg, Austria, January.

2008 Warren Wilson College Travel Grant for Research in Mexico, June.

2007 Visiting Scholar, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute,

“Oaxaca: Crossroads of a Continent.” July, 2007. Presented half-day seminars on “The Devil’s Book of Culture” and “In the Matter of María Sabina.”

2004 Invited Participant, Mongolia Access, June.

2003 Sabbatical, Warren Wilson College, Fall. Used for writing and research in Oaxaca, Mexico.

1999, 2000, 2001, 2002. 2007 Nominated, Outstanding Teacher Award, Warren Wilson College.

2000 Participant, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, "The Maya World.”.

1996-97 Dissertation nominated for Best Dissertation Award by Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin.

1993 Institute for International Education Fulbright-García Robles Scholarship.

1993 University of Texas, Institute of Latin American Studies Tinker Award.

1991-92 University Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin.

1989-90 University Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin.

Teaching Experience

Professor of Anthropology, Warren Wilson College, Asheville, NC, 1997-present. *Courses include:*

Introduction to Anthropology;

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology;

Native Peoples of Mexico;

American Subculture;

Identity and Community;

Introduction to Latin America;

Introduction to Sociology;

Sociology/Anthropology Research Craft;

Social Theory;

Directed Research in Sociology/Anthropology;

Language and Culture;

Politics of Indigenous Identity in Latin America;

Gender Identity in Latin America;

Scandal and Controversy In Latin American Anthropology;

Mayan Ethnohistory;

Anthropology, Philosophy, and Psychology of Language (team taught course);

Men and Masculinities in Latin America;

Native Peoples of Oaxaca;

The Mexican Drug War and New Media;

The Anthropology of Tourism in Latin America;
First Year Seminar – The Anthropology of Us: Youth Culture, Popular Culture, Unpopular Culture.
First Year Seminar—From Chiapas to Occupy
Warren Wilson Worldwide Travel Course in Oaxaca, Mexico, 1999, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009.

Lecturer, University of Texas at Austin, Department of Anthropology. Course taught: Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology, 1996.

Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin, Department of Anthropology, 1995-1996, 1994-1995, 1992-1993, 1990-1991. Courses include: The Male in African American Society and Culture; African Diaspora in the Americas; Indians of Mexico and Guatemala; Introduction to Social Anthropology; Film: An Anthropological Perspective; Contemporary Mexico.

Social Science Research Associate, Center for the Study of Human Resources, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin. Evaluation of effect of the implementation of electronic imaging for recipients of food stamps and AFDC in Texas, 1997.

Research Assistant, Center for Research in Social Work, University of Texas at Austin. Evaluation of EPSDT program in Houston and Eagle Pass, Texas, Supervised by Dr. Laura Lein and Judy Temple, 1995-1996.

Research Assistant, Center for Research in Social Work, University of Texas at Austin. Evaluation of Implementation of Texas House Bill 7 in Lubbock, Supervised by Dr. Laura Lein, 1993.

Administrative Responsibilities

Chair, Division of Social Sciences, Warren Wilson College, 2008-present.

Program Prioritization Process Committee, 2016.

First-Year Advisor, 2013, 2014.

Transfer Student Registration Coach, 2014, 2015, 2016.

Fulbright Program Advisor, 2010-2012.

Chair, Strategic Planning Implementation Committee, Academic component, 2009-2011

Co-convener, Faculty Body, Warren Wilson College, 2009-2010.

Member, Executive Council, Warren Wilson College, 2008-present.

Chair, Committee on Extended Contracts, Warren Wilson College, 2005-2007.

Chair, Sociology and Anthropology Department, Warren Wilson College, 2004-2008.

Chair, Sociology and Anthropology Program. Warren Wilson College, 2000-2002.

Chair, Student Life Committee, Warren Wilson College, 2000-2003.

Co-convener, Staff Forum, Warren Wilson College, 1998-1999.

Committees: Program Prioritization (2016), Faculty Development and Sabbatical (2015-16), General Education (2014-16), Academic Support Advisory (2013-14), Auspex Advisory Board (2012-14), Fulbright (2010-14), Activism (2011-16), Task Force on College Support for Activism (2009), International Programs (2006-2009), International Programs Advisory Group (1999-2003), Student Life (1997-2003), Triad Evaluation (2003-2005), Dept. Chairs (2002-present), Scholastic Standards (2004-2012, 2016), Extended Contracts (2004-2007)

Search Committees – Social Work (1999), Anthropology (2000), Sociology (2000), Appalachian Studies (2004), Global Studies (2007), Anthropology (2007), Sociology (2007), Admissions (2008), Global Studies (2009), Spanish (2009), Education (2010), Religious Studies (2012), Religious Studies (2013), Religious Studies (2015), Director of Development (2015), Director of Planned Giving (2015), Social Work (2015), Administrative Assistant to the Dean of the College (2015)

Wrote guide to policies and procedures for academic searches at Warren Wilson College, 2010.

Books

2003 *The Devil's Book of Culture: Mushrooms, Caves, and History in the Sierra Mazateca.* Austin: University of Texas Press.

Journal Articles, Book Chapters, Reports

2017 (forthcoming) Are We (Still) the World? Study Abroad, Service Learning, Social Media, and the Weirdness of an Incomplete Cosmopolitanism. In Shepherd, Robert, ed. *Rethinking Cosmopolitanism: Tourism and Tourists in a Post-Hegelian Age.* Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

2015 Maria Sabina. In, Eric Zolov, ed., *Iconic Mexico: An Encyclopedia from Acapulco to Zócalo.* ABC-CLIO.

2011 Mapping the Ancient Trails of the Sierra Mazateca. *Owl and Spade*, Fall. Pp. 12-15.

2009 A Symbol of Wisdom and Love? Contesting María Sabina in Counter-Cultural Tourism in Huautla, Oaxaca. In Baud, Michiel and Annelous Ypiej, eds., *Cultural Tourism in Latin America: The Politics of Space and Imagery.* Amsterdam: Brill.

2007 Sacred Time and the Culture of Denial in Modern America. *Heartstone* 8(1):12-17.

2006 The Promise and Peril of Public Anthropology. *Human Rights & Human Welfare* 6.
<http://www.du.edu/gsis/hrhw/volumes/2006/feinberg-2006.pdf>

2006 'I Was There': Competing Indigenous Imaginaries of the Past and the Future in Oaxaca's Sierra Mazateca. *Journal of Latin American Anthropology* 11(1):109-137.

2004 Rites of Passage. In Frank A. Salamone, ed., *Encyclopedia of Religious Rites, Rituals, and Festivals*. Berkshire Publishing.

2003 What Students Don't Learn Abroad. In Judith N. Martin and Thomas K. Nakayama, eds., *Intercultural Communication in Contexts* (3rd edition). McGraw-Hill, Pp. 31-32.

2002 What Students Don't Learn Abroad. *Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 3: B20.

2001 Earth Lords and Classic Kings: Contested Forms of Mediation Across the Millennia. *Community College Humanities Review* 22(1):22-48.

1998 Huautla Pilgrims: The Shapeshifting of Tourism over 30 Years. *El Planeta Platica* 5(3).

1997 Three Mazatec Wise Ones and Their Books. *Critique of Anthropology* 17(4): 411-437.

1996 (with Laura Lein and 9 others) EPSDT Marketing Research Project, Phase II, Barriers to Effective Utilization, Final Report.

1995 (with Kenneth Broad) Perceptions of Ganja and Cocaine in Urban Jamaica. *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs* 27(3):261-276.

Reviews

2016 (forthcoming) Review of *Anthropologists and Their Traditions across National Borders*, edited by Regna Darnell and Frederic W. Gleach. *Ethnohistory*.

2014 Review of *Singing for the Dead. The Politics of Indigenous Revival in Mexico*, by Paja Faudree. *Anthropos* 109:276.

2009 Review of *Extraordinary Anthropology: Transformations in the Field*, edited by Jean-Guy A. Goulet and Bruce Granville Miller. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 5(2).

2007 Film Review of *Carlos Castaneda: Enigma of a Sorcerer*. *Journal of Latin American Anthropology* 12(1):325-326.

2007 Extensive review for publisher of *Social Theory: Continuity and Confrontation: A Reader* edited by Roberta Garner. Broadview Press.

2006 Review of *María Sabina: Selections* edited by Jerome Rothenberg. *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Inter-American Cultural History* 62(3):455-456.

2006 Extensive review for publisher of *Anthropological Theory: An Introductory History*, 3rd edition edited by R. Jon McGee and Richard L. Warms. McGraw-Hill.

2004 Review of *Náyari History, Politics, and Violence: From Flowers to Ash* by Philip E. Coyle, *Mesoamérica* 46:249-253.

Fiction Publications

2002 Miguel Alemán and His Dam. In, Ron Emoff and David Henderson, eds., *Mementos, Artifacts, and Hallucinations from the Ethnographer's Tent*. New York: Routledge.

1999 Venerating the Flag. *AZ* 1(1):24-33.

Magazine, Newspaper, and Website Articles

2008 Reaction to Colombian Attack is Telling. *Asheville Citizen-Times*, March 11.

2004 Twisted Religious Philosophy of Bush and his Followers Leads Us Astray in Iraq. *Asheville Citizen Times*, June 21, A7.

2004 Bush's Marriage "Truths" Don't Hold Up on Examination. *Asheville Citizen Times*, March 7, A9-A10.

2003 Remembering the War in the Gulf on TV. *Counterpunch.org*. February 7.

2003 Torture, Moral Clarity, and Democracy. *Counterpunch.org*. March 19.

Conference Papers and Chaired Sessions and Certificates

2015 Are We (Still) the World? Service Learning, Social Media, Cosmopolitanism, and Study Away, Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, November.

2013 Drop a Match: Online Media and Anonymous Commentary on the Drug War on Both Sides of the Border, Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (SLACA), Merida, Mexico. March.

2013 Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (SLACA), March 22. Chaired session on "Post-National Politics, Policies, and the State."

2012 Completed Workshop on "Designing Courses for Significant Learning," Chicago, June.

2007 Sacred Time and the Culture of Denial in Modern America. Round Table discussion of the Culture of Denial. Asheville, NC. November.

2006 Che's Consort: María Sabina and Indigenous Identity in Oaxaca. Presented at the meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA. November.

2003 Creating and Overcoming Distance in Student Narratives of International Education.

Presented at the meetings of the Vernacular Conference, Puebla, Mexico, October.

2003 Huautla Pilgrims: Tourism and Responses to Tourism in the Sierra Mazateca. Planeta series. Oaxaca, Mexico, August.

2003 Discussant and Chair, Panel on "Politics, 'Indians,' and Technology." Meeting of the Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies, Chapel Hill, NC, March.

2003 Ethnic Revitalization, the Devil, and the Indigenous Elite in Oaxaca. Meeting of the Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies, Chapel Hill, NC, March.

2002 Latin American Lessons for the "War Against Terrorism." One Year Later: Reflections on September 11. A Forum at Warren Wilson College, Asheville, NC, September.

2002 Extreme Consumption: Globalization and Youth's Tales of International Travel. Global Justice Conference, Asheville, NC, March.

2001 Are We the World? Globalization and American Students' Narratives of International Travel. Presented at the meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, November.

2001 Huautla In the Time of Hippies: Mazatec Nostalgia for the Sixties. Presented at the meetings of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Tucson, AZ, October.

2000 A Toyota in Huautla: Performing Elite and Marginal Mobility. Presented at the meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA, November.

2000 Mazatec Caves and Middlemen. Presented during the NEH Summer Institute on The Maya World, Flores, Guatemala, July.

1998 ¿Quiere Hongos? ¿Quiere Hierba? Mushrooms, Power, and Defacement. Presented at the meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA, December.

1996 Secret Pasts and Secret Books of Power in the Sierra Mazateca of Mexico. Presented at the meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA, November.

1995 The Three Voices of Cops on TV. Presented at the meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, November.

1995 From El Chato to Guillermo Piedra: Representations of Caves, Power, and Borders in the Sierra Mazateca of Oaxaca. Presented at the meeting of the American Ethnological Society, Austin, TX, April.

Invited Talks

2007 Counter-Cultural Tourism in the Sierra Mazateca. CEDLA conference on Cultural Tourism in Latin America. Amsterdam, June 14.

2006 Huautla in the Time of the Jipis: Remembering the Sixties in a Mexican Indigenous Psychedelic Tourist Town. Classics and Archaeology lecture series. University of North Carolina at Asheville.

2003 Indigenous Syncretic Religious Traditions in Oaxaca, Oaxaca, Mexico, July.

2003 Day of the Dead in Oaxaca, Oaxaca, Mexico, October.

Consulting

2008 Outside Evaluator, School for International Training program in Quito, Ecuador.

Memberships

2004-2006 Editorial Board, Human Rights & Human Welfare.

American Anthropological Association

Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology