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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION:

1999	Ph.D.	University of Texas at Austin, Department of Geography and the Environment
1993	M.A.	Ohio University at Athens, Department of Political Science
1991	M.A.	Ohio University at Athens, Latin American Studies
1985	B.A.	University of California at Santa Cruz

EMPLOYMENT:

Oberlin College, Environmental Studies Program:	Chair (2019-present) Professor (2017-present) Associate Professor (2015-2017)
University of Oklahoma, Department of History:	Adjunct Professor (2005-2015)
University of Oklahoma, Department of Geography:	Associate Professor (2006-2015) Assistant Professor (2000-2006)
University of Texas at Austin, Department of Geography:	Lecturer (1999-2000)
University of Texas at San Antonio, Div. of Social Science:	Lecturer (1998-1999)
Central America & Caribbean Research Council, Nicaragua:	Mapping Coordinator (1997)
Centro de Investigación y Documentación, Nicaragua:	Research Associate (1995-1996)
Department of Geography, University of Texas, Austin:	Teaching Assistant (1993-1995)
Ministry of Natural Resources, Managua, Nicaragua:	Research Associate (1991-1992)
Sa-Lantic Health Services, New Jersey:	Migrant Outreach Worker (1989)
U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer, Sierra Leone, West Africa:	Science Teacher (1986-1987)

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

2021-2022	Oberlin College, Research Status appointment
2016-2021	Oberlin College, Blank Family Student Research Assistantships (several)
2018-2019	Oberlin College, Student Research Assistantship Award
2017, 2020	Oberlin College, H. H. Powers Travel Grant, Summer Travel Research
2014	J. B. Harley-Delmas Research Fellowship in the History of Cartography, London
2012	University of Oklahoma, Dean's Award, Excellence in Research and Scholarship
2010	University of Oklahoma, Presidential International Travel Fellowship, Colombia
2009	National Endowment for the Humanities, John Carter Brown Library, Research Fellow
2008	University of Oklahoma, Vice President for Research, Subvention grant
2007	University of Oklahoma, Research Council Grant
2006	American Geographical Society, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Helen and John S. Best Library Fellowship
2005	University of Oklahoma, Faculty Travel Grant, Puerto Rico

- 2004 U.S. Fulbright Faculty Teaching and Research Award, Universidad de Los Andés and Universidad Nacional, Bogotá, Colombia
- 2004 University of Oklahoma, Research Council Grant
- 2003 J. B. Harley Research Fellowship in the History of Cartography, London
- 2003 University of Oklahoma, Research Council Grant
- 2002 University of Oklahoma, Presidential International Travel Fellowship, Chile
- 2001 University of Oklahoma, Junior Faculty Research Program Grant
- 1995-1996 U. S. Fulbright (IIE) Dissertation Fellowship, Nicaragua

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

- Karl Offen and Terry Rugeley, eds., [*The Awakening Coast: An Anthology of Moravian Writings from Mosquitia and Eastern Nicaragua, 1849-1899*](#) (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2014).
- Jordana Dym and Karl Offen, eds., [*Mapping Latin America: A Cartographic Reader*](#) (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011).

Journal Guest Editor

- "Mapping Latin American Geographies," [*Journal of Latin American Geography* 14, no. 3](#) (2015). [10 articles in Spanish and English]
- "Los mapas en la historia centroamericana (Maps in Central American History)," [*Boletín de la Asociación para el Fomento de los Estudios Históricos en Centroamérica* 48](#) (2011). [5 articles in Spanish]
- "Historical Political Ecology," [*Historical Geography* 32](#) (2004) [5 articles in English]

Journal Articles

- "English Designs on Central America: Geographic Knowledge and Imaginative Geographies in the Seventeenth Century," [*Early American Studies* 18, no. 4](#) (2020): 399-460.
- "Subsidy from Nature: Green Sea Turtles in the Colonial Caribbean," [*Journal of Latin American Geography* 19, no. 1](#) (2020): 82-92. [Translated and republished with modifications as "Subsidio de la naturaleza: Las tortugas verdes en el gran caribe colonial," *Mesoamérica* 59/60 (forthcoming 2021).]
- "Mapping Amerindian captivity in colonial Mosquitia," [*Journal of Latin American Geography* 14, no. 3](#) (2015): 35-65.
- "Historical Geography III: Climate Matters," [*Progress in Human Geography* 38, no. 3](#) (2014): 476-89.
- "Historical Geography II: Digital Imaginations," [*Progress in Human Geography* 37, no. 4](#) (2013): 562-74.
- "Historical Geography I: Vital Traditions," [*Progress in Human Geography* 36, no. 4](#) (2012): 527-40.
- (with Jordana Dym), "Maps and the Teaching of Latin American History," [*Hispanic American Historical Review* 92, no. 2](#) (2012): 213-44.
- "Puritan Bioprospecting in Central America and the West Indies," [*Itinerario: International Journal on the History of European Expansion and Global Interaction* 35, no. 1](#) (2011): 15-47.
- (with Mary Finley-Brook), "Bounding the Commons: Land Demarcation in Northeastern Nicaragua," [*Bulletin of Latin American Research* 28, no. 3](#) (2009): 343-63.
- "Creating Mosquitia: Mapping Amerindian Spatial Practices in Eastern Central America, 1629-1779," [*Journal of Historical Geography* 33, no. 2](#) (2007): 254-82. [Translated and republished with modifications as "El mapeo de la mosquitia colonial y las practicas espaciales de los pueblos mosquitos," *Mesoamérica* 50 (2008): 1-36.]

- “Historical Political Ecology: An Introduction,” [*Historical Geography* 32](#) (2004): 19-42.
- “The Territorial Turn: Making Black Territories in Pacific Colombia,” [*Journal of Latin American Geography* 2, no. 1](#) (2003): 43-73.
- “Narrating Place and Identity, or Mapping Miskitu Land Claims in Northeastern Nicaragua,” [*Human Organization* 62, no. 4](#) (2003): 382-92.
- “The Sambo and Tawira Miskitu. The Colonial Origins and Geography of Miskitu Differentiation, Eastern Nicaragua and Honduras,” [*Ethnohistory* 49, no. 2](#) (2002): 319-72. [Translated and republished as “Los Zambo y Tawira Miskitu: Los Orígenes Coloniales y la Geografía de la Diferenciación Intra-Miskitu en el Oriente de Nicaragua y Honduras,” Translated by Blanca Estrada Cousin, [*Revista de Temas Nicaragüenses*, no. 21](#) (2010): 39-82.]
- “British Logwood Extraction from the Mosquitia: The Origin of a Myth,” [*Hispanic American Historical Review* 80, no. 1](#) (2000): 113-35.
- “An Historical Geography of Chicle and Tunu Gum Production in Northeastern Nicaragua,” [*Yearbook, Conference of Latin American Geographers* 24](#) (1998): 57-74.

Book Chapters

- “Environment, Space and Place: Cultural Geographies of Colonial Afro-Latin America,” [*Afro-Latin American Studies: An Introduction*](#), edited by Alejandro de la Fuente and George Reid Andrews (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018): 486-533. [Open source [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#) editions published in 2019]
- (with Robert Rundstrom), “Indigenous Peoples and Western Cartography,” in [*Cartography in the Twentieth Century, vol. 6: History of Cartography*](#), edited by Mark Monmonier (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015): 640-44.
- “Introduction,” in *The Awakening Coast: An Anthology of Moravian Writings from Mosquitia and Eastern Nicaragua, 1849-1899* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2014): 1-40.
- “Edge of Empire;” “Minerals and War;” and “Making Black Territories,” in *Mapping Latin America: A Cartographic Reader*, edited by Jordana Dym and Karl Offen (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011): 88-92, 139-43, 288-92.
- (with Jordana Dym), “Introduction,” in *Mapping Latin America: A Cartographic Reader*, edited by Jordana Dym and Karl Offen (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011): 1-18.
- “Race and Place in Colonial Mosquitia, in [*Blacks and Blackness in Central America: Between Race and Place*](#), edited by Lowell Gudmundson and Justin Wolfe (Durham: Duke University Press, 2010): 92-129. [Translated and reprinted as “La geografía de la raza en la Mosquitia colonial,” in *La negritud en Centroamérica: Entre raza y raíces*, ed. Lowell Gudmundson y Justin Wolfe (San José, CR: Editorial Universidad Estatal a Distancia, 2012): 121-169.]
- “The Geographical Imagination, Resource Economies, and Nicaraguan Incorporation of the Mosquitia, 1838-1909,” in *Territories, Commodities and Knowledges: Latin American Environmental Histories in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*, edited by Christian Brannstrom (London: Institute for the Study of the Americas, 2004): 50-89.

Other Writings

- “Introduction to and annotation of M.W.'s 'The Mosquito Indian and his Golden River' of 1699,” [*Revista Temas Nicaragüense*, no. 58](#) (2013): 4-34.
- “Isthmus Designs,” [*Cartographic Conversations, John Carter Brown Library*](#), June 2012.
- “La cartografía colonial de Centroamérica y el topónimo ‘Mosquito’,” [*Boletín de la AFEHC \(Asociación para el Fomento de los Estudios Históricos en Centroamérica\)* 48](#) (2011).

- "Foreword," *Cartografia social e dinâmicas territoriais: marcos para o debate*, edited by Henri Acselrad. (Rio de Janeiro: IPPUR/UFRJ, 2010).
- "Mapping Land Politics on the Mosquito Shore," [I Found It at the JCB](#), April, 2010.
- "O mapeas o te mapean: Mapeo indígena y negro en América Latina," *Tabula Rasa* 10, no. 1 (2009): 163-89. [Modified reprint of "O mapeas o te mapean: Mapeo indígena y negro en América Latina," In *Región, espacio y territorio*, edited by Luis Carlos Jiménez Reyes (Bogotá: Universidad Nacional de Colombia, 2006): 37-64.]
- "Colombia," "Cultural Ecology," "Nicaragua," "Nietschmann, Bernard Quinn," "Nontimber Forest Products," in *Encyclopedia of Environment and Society*, edited by Paul Robbins (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2007): 299-300; 388-89; 1238-39; 1239-40; 1257-59.
- "La nueva política geográfica indígena y negra en América Latina," *Wani* (Managua, Nicaragua) 43 (2005): 10-27.
- "Raza y lugar en la Mosquitia colonial, 1600-1787," *Wani* (Managua, Nicaragua) 40 (2005): 6-32.
- "Karl W. Butzer: Preston E. James Eminent Latin American Geographer," *Journal of Latin American Geography* 2 (2003): 125-27.
- "The Miskitu Kingdom. Landscape and the Emergence of a Miskitu Ethnic Identity, Northeastern Nicaragua and Honduras, 1600-1800," Ph. D. diss., University of Texas, Austin, 1999. Co-Advisors, Karl Butzer and Gregory Knapp
- "Tierras indígenas en la historia de la Costa Caribe Nicaragüense," in [Diagnóstico General sobre la Tenencia de la Tierra en las Comunidades Indígenas de la Costa Atlántica. Macro General](#), edited by P. Dana, E. Gordon, G. Gurdián and C. Hale, pp. 9-35. Austin: Central American and Caribbean Research Council, 1998.
- "Nontimber Forest Product Extractive Economies, Caribbean Nicaragua. Historical Considerations for Conservation Policy in the Siapaz Buffer Zone." M.A. thesis, Ohio University, Athens, 1993.
- "Ecología cultural miskita en los años 1650-1850," *Wani* (Managua, Nic.) 30 (2002): 42-59.
- "Productos forestales no maderables en el Río San Juan," *Teosintle* (Managua, Nicaragua) No. 7-8 (1992): 25-7.

Book Review Essays

- "A Geography of Maps and Texts," Review article of three books, *Journal of Latin American Geography* 14, no. 3 (2015): 273-280.
- "The visual culture of empire," Review article of four books, [Journal of Historical Geography](#) 45 (2014): 116-119.
- Central Africans, Atlantic Creoles, and the Foundation of the Americas, 1585-1660, by Linda M. Heywood and John K. Thornton, Cambridge University Press, 2007; **and** From Capture to Sale: The Portuguese Slave Trade to Spanish South America in the Early Seventeenth Century, by Linda A. Newson and Susie Minchin, Brill, 2007. [Journal of Historical Geography](#) 35, no. 1 (2009): 205-208.
- Historical Atlas of Central America, by Carolyn Hall and Héctor Pérez Brignolli, with John V. Cotter, University of Oklahoma Press, 2003. *Mesoamérica* 47 (2005): 155-163.
- Central America. A Natural and Cultural History, edited by Anthony G. Coates, foreword by Olga F. Linares, Yale University Press, 1997. *Mesoamérica* 42 (2001): 287-294.

Book Reviews

- Where Caciques and Mapmakers Met: Border Making in Eighteenth-Century South America, by Jeffrey Alan Erbig, Jr. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2020. *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 40, no. 5 (2021).

- On the Backs of Tortoises: Darwin, the Galápagos, and the Fate of an Evolutionary Eden, by Elizabeth Hennessy. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2019. *Journal of Latin American Geography* 20, no. 1 (2021): 283-286.
- An Aqueous Territory: Sailor Geographies and New Granada's Transimperial Greater Caribbean World, by Ernesto Bassi. Durham: Duke University Press, 2016. *Journal of Latin American Geography* 16, no. 3 (2017): 167-169.
- Mapping the Country Regions: The Chorographic Commission of Nineteenth-Century Colombia, by Nancy P. Appelbaum. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2016. *Journal of Latin American Geography* 15, no. 3 (2016): 121-123.
- Governing Indigenous Territories: Enacting Sovereignty in the Ecuadorian Amazon, by Juliet S. Erazo. Durham: Duke University Press, 2013. *Journal of Latin American Geography* 13, no. 1 (2014): 243-245.
- Mahogany: The Costs of Luxury in Early America, by Jennifer L. Anderson. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2012. *Journal of Historical Geography* 42 (2013): 216-217.
- Early American Cartographies, edited by Martin Brückner, Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2011. *Journal of Historical Geography* 38, no. 3 (2012): 353-354.
- Traveling from New Spain to Mexico: Mapping the Nation in Nineteenth-Century Mexico, by Magali M. Carrera. Durham: Duke University Press, 2011. *Journal of Latin American Geography* 11, no. 1 (2012): 175-176.
- Mosquito Empires: Ecology and War in the Greater Caribbean, 1620–1914, by J.R. McNeill. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010. *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* 36 (2011): 290-292.
- In the Shadow of Melting Glaciers: Climate Change and Andean Society, by Mark Carey. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010. *Social History* 36, no. 2 (2011): 252-253.
- Historias de la cartografía de Iberoamérica: Nuevos caminos, viejos problemas, edited by Héctor Mendoza Vargas, and Carla Lois. México: Instituto de Geografía de UNAM, 2009. *Hispanic American Historical Review* 91, no. 2 (2011): 343-345.
- Contested Territory: Mapping Peru in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries, by Heidi V. Scott. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2009. *Journal of Historical Geography* 37, no. 1 (2011): 132-133.
- Measuring the New World: Enlightenment Science and South America, by Neil F. Safier. University of Chicago Press, 2008. *Cartographica: The International Journal for Geographic Information and Geovisualization* 44, no. 4 (2009): 309-310.
- Mapping and Imagination in the Great Basin: A Cartographic History, by Richard V. Francaviglia. University of Nevada Press, 2005. *The New Mexico Historical Review* 83 (2008): 248-249.
- In Search of Maya Sea Traders, by Heather McKillop. Texas A&M University Press, 2005. *The Geographical Review* 98 (2008): 135-137.
- Landscapes of Power and Identity: Comparative Histories in the Sonoran Desert and the Forests of Amazonia from Colony to Republic, by Cynthia Radding. Duke University Press, 2005. *Journal of Historical Geography* 33 (2007): 925-927.
- Atlas de Mapas Históricos de Honduras / Honduras, An Atlas of Historical Maps, by William V. Davidson. Fundación Uno, 2006. *The Geographical Review* 97 (2007): 131-133.
- Masters of All They Surveyed. Exploration, Geography, and a British El Dorado, by D. Graham Burnett. University of Chicago Press, 2000. *Journal of Latin American Geography* 1 (2002): 85-87.

- The Green Republic. A Conservation History of Costa Rica, by Sterling Evans. University of Texas Press, 1999. *Journal of Cultural Geography* 20 (2002): 114-117.
- Cartographic Encounters: Perspectives on Native American Mapmaking and Map Use, edited by G. M. Lewis. University of Chicago Press, 1998. *American Studies International* 38 (2000): 120-121.
- Advances in Historical Ecology, edited by William Balée. Columbia University Press, 1998. *Journal of Ethnobiology* 19 (1999): 68-70.
- The Language of Landscape, by Anne Whiston Spirn. Yale University Press, 1998. *Journal of Cultural Geography* 18 (1999): 141-142.
- New Worlds for All: Indians, Europeans, and the Remaking of Early America, by Colin G. Calloway. John Hopkins University Press, 1997. *American Studies International* 35 (1997): 89-90.

INVITED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS:

- (with Paul Lovejoy), "The Interesting Narrative of Intrigue and Deception on the Mosquito Shore, 1773-1781," Múltiples facetas de la Independencia: La emancipación de América Central en retrospectiva. Conmemoraciones por el bicentenario de la Independencia Centroamericana (1821-2021), Vienna, Austria, Oct. 14-16, 2021.
- "Environment, Space, and Place in Colonial Afro-Latin America," Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS), University of Pittsburgh, Oct. 9, 2017.
- "Environment, Space, and Place in Colonial Afro-Latin America," Department of Geography, Kent State University, Sept. 29, 2017.
- "Cambios socioespaciales generados por el mapeo: Una reflexión personal," IV Congreso Internacional de Estudios Socioespaciales, Medellín, Colombia, March 16-18, 2016.
- "Race and indigeneity: the changing constructions of difference on the Mosquito coast," London Group of Historical Geographers, Seminar Programme, Senate House, University of London, May 20, 2014.
- "A Place between Empires: Africans and Afro-Amerindians in Colonial Mosquitia," Omohundro Institute, *Africans in the Americas: Making Lives in a New World, 1675-1825*, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados, March 14-16, 2013.
- "Between Empires: Spanish Reaction to British Maps of Central America, 1783-1803," *Seeing the Nation: Cartography and Politics in Spanish America*, Workshop organized by The Leverhulme Trust, Warwick University (England), and Los Andes University (Colombia), Bogotá, Colombia, August 26-27, 2010.
- "Claves para entrar en la historia: El mapa como fuente primaria," Múltiples Caras de la Geografía: Evento de celebración del primer año de la Maestría en Geografía, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, October 9, 2009.
- "Between Empires: A Spatial History of the Mosquitia, 1600-1779," Conference & Workshop: Social Histories of Space in Latin America. Yale University, October 21-23, 2005.
- "Race and Place in Colonial Mosquitia," An International Conference: Between Race and Place: Blacks and Blackness in Central America and the Mainland Caribbean. Tulane University, November 12-14, 2004.
- "Territorialidad Indígena en América Latina," Conferencia Región, Espacio y Territorio, Universidad Nacional, Bogotá, October 28-29, 2004.
- "La Nueva Política Geográfica Indígena en América Latina," Cátedra Fulbright, Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla, Colombia, August 9-11, 2004.
- "Ethnic Identity and the Mapping Process: Demarcating Indigenous Lands in Latin America,"

- Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University, February 6, 2002.
- “Geography and Nation: Incorporating the Nicaraguan Mosquitia, 1838-1909,” Workshop on Latin American Environmental History, Institute of Latin American Studies, University of London, London, November 2-3, 2001.
- “Miskitu Autonomy in Historical and Ethnogeographical Perspective,” Conference Latin America’s Indigenous Peoples: Cultural Diversity and Globalization, University of Kansas, Lawrence, November 10-11, 2000.
- “Productos Forestales no Maderables y su Manejo Campesinado en la Historia de Nicaragua,” Centro de Investigación y Documentación de la Costa Atlántica (CIDCA), Managua, Nicaragua, June 4, 1992.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- “Subsidy from Nature: Green Sea Turtles in the Colonial Caribbean,” Paper presented at the 36th Conference of Latin American Geographers, Antigua, Guatemala, January 2-4, 2020.
- “‘Infinit numbers’: Green Sea Turtles in the Colonial Caribbean,” Paper presented at the 3rd World Congress of Environmental History, Florianopolis, Brazil, July 22-26, 2019.
- “Robert Hodgson of the Mosquito Shore: Mapping a Trans-Atlantic and Trans-Imperial Life,” Paper presented in the panel *Exploring Mobility in the Eighteenth-Century Trans-Atlantic World*, Omohundro Institute, Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, June 2019.
- “Environment, Space and Place: Cultural Geographies of Colonial Afro-Latin America,” 36 International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Barcelona, Spain, May 23-26, 2018.
- “The Amerindian Slave Trade in Colonial Mosquitia,” 111 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, April 21-26, 2015.
- “Cartographic Sleuthing: The toponym ‘Mosquito’ and maps of Caribbean Central America,” Conference of Latin American Geographers, Panama City, Panamá, January 7-8, 2014.
- moderator/discussant, panel “Race, Gender, and Afro-Diasporic Networks on the Caribbean Coast of Central America,” Transnationalism and Minority Cultures: The Mid-America Conference, University of Oklahoma, Norman, September 26-28, 2013.
- “‘Poison Masters of a Superior Order!’ Miskitu Conversion to Moravian Christianity in Eastern Nicaragua, 1849-1900,” Conference of Latin American Geographers, Mérida, Mexico, Jan. 11-13, 2012.
- “Puritan Bioprospecting in the West Indies and Central America,” 106 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington, DC, April 14-18, 2010.
- “Mapeando las Márgenes,” Session organizer: Mapping Latin America, Conference of Latin American Geographers, Granada, Nicaragua, Jan. 7-9, 2009.
- (with Mary Brook), “Bounding the Commons: The Political Ecology of Land Demarcation in Northeastern Nicaragua,” XXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Montréal, Canada, September 6-8, 2007.
- (with Mary Brook), “Land Demarcation in Northeastern Nicaragua: Three Case Studies,” 103 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA, April 17-21, 2007.
- “Mapping Mosquitia: Mosquito Indian Spatial Practices and European Spatial Constructions in Eastern Central America, 1600-1778,” Session Co-Organizer: Mapping Latin America, XXVI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 15-18, 2006.
- “Between Empires and States: Writing the Social into the Cartographic History of Mosquitia,”

- Conference of Latin American Geographers, Morelia, Mexico, Oct. 26-28, 2005.
- “O Mapeas o te Mapean: La Nueva Territorialidad Indígena en América Latina,” II Ciclo Anual de Conferencias de Geografía Espacio, Región y Territorio, Universidad Nacional, Bogotá, Colombia, October 28-29, 2004.
- “Historias que aún no son historia: Recursos naturales y pueblos indígenas en la mosquitia nicaragüense,” II Simposio de Historia Ambiental Americana, Hacia una historia ambiental de América Latina y el Caribe, Havana, Cuba, October 25-27, 2004.
- “Mapping the Isthmus: The Politics and Geography of Central American Cartography,” 100 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, March 14-19, 2004.
- “The Territorial Turn: Making Black Territories in Pacific Colombia,” Southwest Division of the Association of American Geographers (SWAAG), Stillwater, October 23-25, 2003.
- “Maps, Autonomy, and Indigenous Lands in Eastern Nicaragua,” Conference of Latin American Geographers, Tucson, January 4-8, 2003.
- “Indigenous Autonomy and Nature Conservation in Latin America: A Comparative Perspective,” 98 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, March 19-23, 2002.
- “Moravian Evangelism and Miskitu Identity in Nicaragua,” XXIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Washington, DC, September 6-8, 2001.
- “Indigenous Revitalization Movements and Political Ecology in Latin America,” 97 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, Feb. 27– March 3, 2001.
- “Social Mapping, Identity Politics, and the Cultural Landscape among the Miskitu Indians,” 96 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Pittsburgh, April 4-8, 2000.
- “Maps, Mapping, and Indigenous Peoples in Latin America: Contemporary Issues in Historical Perspective,” Organizer and chair, Round Table Discussion, Conference of Latin American Geographers, Austin, January 6-8, 2000.
- “The Mythical Landscape: Indians, Nature, and Geography in the Historiography of Eastern Nicaragua,” XXI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Chicago, September 24-26, 1998.
- “Miskitu Ethnogenesis and English Colonialist Ambitions in the Western Caribbean, 1700-1786,” 94 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, March 25-29, 1998.
- “Interpreting the Mayangna Past: The View from Wasakin, Northeastern Nicaragua,” 93 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Fort Worth, April 1-5, 1997.
- “Paisajes del Desarrollo y la Conservación en el Discurso Nacional: El Caso de SI-A-PAZ, Nicaragua,” Conference of Latin American Geographers, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, January 4-6, 1996.
- “Non-timber Forest Resource Economies of Eastern Nicaragua,” 90 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, March 29 -April 2, 1994.

TEACHING:

Oberlin College (2015 – 2021)

- Environment and Society (ENVS 101)
- Society and Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean (ENVS 244)
- Political Ecology (ENVS 342)

University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Courses (2000 – 2015)

- World Regional Geography (GEOG 2603)
- Cultural Geographies of the Colonial Caribbean (GEOG 3273)

Cultural Geographies of the Colonial Caribbean - Honors (GEOG 3273H)
Environment and Society (GEOG 3443)
Latin American Geography through Film - Honors (GEOG 4263H)
Latin American Geography (GEOG 4253)
Political Ecology (GEOG 4433)
Proseminar in Geography: Senior Capstone (GEOG 4953)

University of Oklahoma Graduate Courses (2000 – 2015)

Seminar in Human Geography: Historical Geography (GEOG 6220)
Seminar in Human Geography: Nature-Society Relations (GEOG 6220)
Seminar in Human Geography: Environmental History in Latin America (GEOG 6220)
Seminar in Human Geography: The Geographical Imagination (GEOG 6220)
Seminar in Human Geography: Political Ecology (GEOG 6220)
Seminar: Research Methods (GEOG 6953)

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION:

University of Oklahoma (2000-2016)

Supervisor

Paulette Blanchard, M.A. Geography (2015), “‘Our Squirrels will have Elephant Ears’: Indigenous Perspectives on Climate Change in the South Central United States,” **K. Offen, Chair**
Randy Peppler, Ph.D. Geography (2012), “Knowing which way the wind blows: Weather observation, belief and practice in Native Oklahoma,” **K. Offen, Chair**
Doyle Loughren, Ph.D. Geography (2011), “Altamaha: Conservation Memories of a South Atlantic Watershed,” **K. Offen, Chair**
Emily Starke, M.A. Geography (2009), “Natural Resource Management in Belize: A Case Study of Conservation and Oil Exploration in the Sarstoon-Temash National Park,” **K. Offen, Chair**
DaCosta Aboagye, Ph.D. Geography (2008), “Flooding and Differential Vulnerability in the Accra, Ghana,” **K. Offen, Chair**
Tyler Haas, M.A. Geography (2008), [non-thesis], **K. Offen, Chair**
Monica Wilkinson, Ph.D. Geography (2006), “Genetically engineered cotton in northwest Texas: Implications for farmers and rural communities,” **K. Offen, Chair**
Helen Robertson, Ph.D. Geography (2005), “Marketing Food, Making Meaning: Themes in Twentieth-Century American Food Advertising,” **K. Offen, Chair**

Committee Member

Angela M. Person, Ph.D. Geography (2016), “Locating the Agency of Architecture: A Geographic Analysis of the Smithsonian Institution's Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C., U.S.A.,” R. Rundstrom, Chair.
Jeffery Widener, Ph.D. Geography (2015), “Holding True: Agriculture in Colorado’s Upper Grand Valley,” F. Shelley and R. Nostrand, Chairs.
Matthew Huycke, M.A. Geography (2015), “Scripting a Neoliberal Oklahoma City: Urban Morphology, Gentrification, and the Role of Sentiment,” L. Smith, Chair.
Hayden Roberts, Ph.D. Geography (2015), “Place-Identity and the Geographies of Contemporary Country Fairs in Oklahoma,” R. Rundstrom, Chair.
Hannah Powell, M.A. Geography (2014), “An Analysis of the 1870s General Land Office Surveys,” B. Hoagland, Chair
Margaret Holleman, M.A. Geography (2014), “In the Middle: Mediators of Faith-Based Transborder Development in Oaxaca, Mexico,” L. Smith, Chair
Necati Anaz, Ph.D. Geography (2012), “Mapping Geopolitical Imaginations: Turkish Audiences &

Valley of the Wolves-Palestine,” D. Purcell, Chair

Matthew Bahar, Ph.D. History (2012), “‘The Sea of trouble we are Swimming in’: People of the Dawnland and the Enduring Pursuit of a Native Atlantic World,” J. Piker, Chair

Daniel Sambu, Ph.D. Geography (2011), “Water Reforms in Kenya,” A. Tarhule, Chair

Albert Schilthuis, M.A. International and Area Studies (2011), “Disaster Recovery Aid in Honduras and Sri Lanka,” R. Cox, Chair

Michele Stephens, Ph.D. History (2011), “The Huichol Indians and the Mexican State in Jalisco,” T. Rugeley, Chair

Jason Hall, Ph.D. Sociology (2011), “Global Refugee Networks,” G. Abra, Chair

Bodo Kubartz, Ph.D. Geography (2009), “New Economic Geography and the Fragrance Industry,” B. Wallach, Chair

Morgan McKibben, M.A., Geography (2009), “Geography, International Care Giving and Peruvian Children,” L. Smith, Chair

Patrick Bottiger, Ph.D. History (2009), “Race Relations in Prophetstown and Vincennes in Indiana Territory,” J. Piker, Chair

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Istvan Egresi, Ph.D. Geography (2008), “Economic Geography in Romania,” A. Wood, Chair

Joseph Swain, Ph.D. Geography (2008), “Memorials to Conquest in Oklahoma,” R. Rundstrom, Chair

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Rhonda Fair, Ph.D. Anthropology (2007), “Performance among the Caddo and Delaware Nations,” C. Sturm, Chair

Lacy Isom, M.A. Geography (2007), “Dynamics of Short-grass Prairie in NW Oklahoma,” B. Hoagland, Chair

Mark Palmer, Ph.D. Geography (2006), “Creating indigital peripheries: The Bureau of Indian Affairs, geographic information systems, and the digitization of Indian Country,” R. Rundstrom, Chair

Ann Myatt James, M.A. Geography (2006), “Farmer’s Markets in Oklahoma,” A. Wood, Chair

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Heidi Schilawski, M.A. Geography (2005), “Residential Development on Norman’s Urban-rural Fringe,” A. Wood, Chair

Mary M. Brook, Ph.D. Geography, University of Texas at Austin (2005), “Re-scaling the commons: Miskitu Indians, forest commodities, and transnational development networks,” G. Knapp, Chair

SERVICE:

Professional

Manuscript Reviews:

Agriculture, Food, & Human Values; Annals of the Association of American Geographers; Bulletin of Latin American Research; Critical Geopolitics; Cuadernos de la Geografía (Colombia); Cultural Anthropology; Cultural Geographies; Environment and History; Environment and Planning A: Space and Society; Ethnohistory; Geoforum; Geopolitics; Historia Crítica (Colombia); Historical Geography; Journal of Cultural Geography; Journal of Historical Geography; Journal of Latin

American Geography; Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies; Latin American Perspectives; Mesoamérica; Political Geography; Revista Geográfica de América Central (Cost Rica); Revista de Indias (Spain); Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography; The Latin American; The Cartographic Journal.

Book Manuscript Reviews:

Cambridge University Press; Oxford University Press; University of Chicago Press, University of Florida Press; University of Texas Press; University of Wisconsin Press; Prentice Hall.

Editorial Boards:

Journal of Historical Geography, editorial board (2017-present)

Mesoamérica, editorial board (2009-present)

Journal of Historical Geography, Americas book review editor (2012-2015)

Historia Crítica, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, editorial board (2007-2015)

Other forms of Service:

External reviewer, tenure and promotion dossiers (several 2007-2021)

Chair, Conference of Latin American Geography (CLAG), 2014 – 2016.

Advisory board, Nahuatl/Nawat in Central America (NECA) (2015-2017)

NEH Fellowship panelist, Washington, DC (2012)

Fulbright IIE Nominating Committee for Central America/Caribbean, Houston (2011)

The Research Council of Norway, review of proposal Indigenous peoples, natural resources, and everyday political practices (2009)

Contributing research for case presented at the Inter-American Court for Human Rights (OAS) on indigenous land claims in Nicaragua, (2000)

Research Proposal Reviews: NSF (2003, 2004, 2005, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014)

Awards Judge: Canon National Parks Science Scholars Program for the Americas (2002)

Institutional

Oberlin College

Division Advisory Committee, Social Science (2020-present)

Faculty Advisor, Oberlin College Student Organizations: Oberlin Students in Solidarity with Guatemala (2016-2021); Student for Energy Justice (2016-2021); Green Edge Fund (2017-2019)

Curriculum Committee, Latin American Studies program (2016-present)

Curriculum Committee, International Studies program (2016-2018)

Research and Development Committee (2017-2018)

Fellowship Liaison, Environmental Studies program (2015-2019)

University of Oklahoma

Director of Graduate Studies and Chair of Graduate Committee, Dept. of Geography (2007-2010)

Graduate Student Committee (2005-2010, 2013)

Faculty representative for the Association of Geography Graduate Students (2011-2015)

Faculty Senate member (2014-2015)

Advisory Committee, Center for the Americas (2014-2015)

Affiliate faculty member, Women and Gender Studies & Center for Social Justice (2012-2015)
Committee Member, Welsh Chair in the History of Oklahoma and Borderlands (2007)
Organizing Committee Member, SIAS International Symposium on Latin America, “Violence, Memory and Reconciliation in Latin America,” University of Oklahoma (2002-2003), “Citizenship and Identity” (2006-2007), and “Activism that Works” (2012-2013)
Committee Member, University Libraries, University of Oklahoma (2005-2008)
Committee Member, “Knowing Nature” Series, University of Oklahoma (2005-2009)
Committee Member, Latin American Studies Committee, (LASCO), University of Oklahoma (2003-2015)
Associate Member, Film and Video Studies Program, University of Oklahoma (2002-2006)
Affiliate Faculty Member, International Programs Committee (IPC) (2000-2015)
Affiliate Faculty Member, School of International and Areas Studies (2001-2015)
Member, College Academic Programs Committee, Academic Misconduct Board (2000-2002)

ORGANIZATIONS:

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
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Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)
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