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ACADEMIC INTERESTS

- Urban political geography
- Environmental governance, governmentality, and democracy
- The use of information, communication, and geospatial technologies in participatory planning and political activism

EDUCATION

Present. PhD Candidate, Geography, University of Washington

2004. M.A. Geography, University of Washington

Thesis: Stakeholder Involvement and Complex Decision Making: A Case Study into the Design and Implementation of a GIS for Supporting Local Water Resource Management

1997. B.A. Radio Television Film, Northwestern University

Minor in Computing and Information Systems

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2007 - 2008. Lecturer and Fellow, University of Washington, Bothell

Contemporary Political Ideas and Ideologies: Democracy in Theory and Practice (BIS 304)
Institutions and Social Change: Making Environmental Citizens (BIS 304)
Topics in Geography: Community Mapping and GIS (BIS 314 B)

Spring 2004. Teaching Assistant, University of Washington, Seattle

Geographic Information Systems Workshop (GEOG 463)

Spring 1997. Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University

*Interactive Multimedia
3D Computer Animation*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2003 – 2007. Research Assistant and Outreach Coordinator, University of Washington

Dept. of Geography

Project title: *Participatory Geographic Information Systems for Transportation*

Member of an interdisciplinary NSF-funded research effort seeking to develop and evaluate Internet-based GIS tools for supporting public participation in regional transportation improvement decision making. Responsibilities include research design, developing partnerships with local transportation agencies and advocacy organizations, identifying system requirements, conducting and analyzing interviews, managing and moderating a 200+ participant field experiment, and system evaluation.

2003 – 2004. Graduate Student Intern, Idaho Dept. of Water Resources

Member of a small team tasked with the development and implementation of a GIS-based surface water model for use as a participatory planning tool in a region with significant water resource

conflict. Responsibilities included advising and coordinating a public outreach strategy used to inform and involve stakeholders. Conducted field research to evaluate how local stakeholders assess the relevance and credibility of the model. Designed web-based interfaces for providing public access to the model.

2002 – 2003. Research Assistant, University of Washington Dept. of Geography,
Project title: *Collaborative spatial decision making: An empirical study of geographic information technology use in water resource planning*
Member of an NSF-funded research effort investigating the use of GIS tools in collaborative water resource decision situations by stakeholders with diverse backgrounds and expertise.
Responsibilities included coding and analysis of social and behavioral data about collaborative decision making and GIS use.

1998. Research Associate, Interval Research Corporation
Researched and developed automated movie-making technologies for use in consumer, digital-video products. Conducted user testing and analysis. Documented research findings for internal publication.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2001 – 2002. Regional Outings Coordinator, Sierra Club
Created and published a reference manual and integrated website for volunteer outdoor activity leaders. Designed an online resource center and information exchange to facilitate the integration of Sierra Club advocacy work into the outings program.

1998 – 2000. Associate Producer, Online Community, TechTV
Maintained an online community space for amateur digital video artists. Designed a relational database for storing and accessing audience created digital media. Managed website design and development projects.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming. **Ramsey, K. S.** "A Call for Agonism: GIS and the Politics of Collaboration". *Environment and Planning A*.

Forthcoming. **Ramsey, K. S.** "Collaborative GIS and Contentious Environmental Problems: Precautionary Findings from a Case Study in Idaho". *Environmental Management*.

Forthcoming. **Ramsey, K. S., & Wilson, M. W.,** "Rethinking the 'informed' participant: Precautions and recommendations for the design of online deliberation". In T. Davies & B. Noveck (Eds.), *Online Deliberation: Design, Research, and Practice*. Stanford, CA: CSLI Publications.

Forthcoming. Wilson, M.W. and **Ramsey, K.S.** "Integrating online deliberation into transportation investment decision-making: Preliminary reflections on a field experiment" in Proceedings of the Directions and Implications of Advanced Computing; Conference on Online Deliberation (DIAC-2008/OD2008), Berkeley CA.

2006. Nyerges, T., **Ramsey, K. S.**, & Wilson, M. W., “Design considerations for an internet portal to support public participation in transportation improvement decision making”. In S. Dragicevic & S. Balram (Eds.), *Collaborative GIS*. Hershey, PA: Idea Group, Inc.
2006. Nyerges, T., Jankowski, P., Tuthill, D., & **Ramsey, K. S.**, “Collaborative water resource decision support: results of a field experiment”. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 4: 699.
2006. Jankowski, P., Robischon, S., Nyerges, T., Tuthill, D., & **Ramsey, K. S.**, “Design Considerations and Evaluation of a Collaborative, Spatio-Temporal Decision Support System”. *Transactions in GIS* 10(3): 335-354.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

2008. “The Cultural Politics of Producing Urban Environmental Subjects: Highway Removal and New Urbanism in Seattle” paper presented at the 2008 American Association of Geographers (AAG) Conference in Boston, MA.
2008. “The Status of ‘Democracy’ In Geographic Research” panel session organizer and chair, 2008 AAG Conference in Boston, MA.
2008. “Neoliberal urban-environmental reconfigurations, I-III” paper session co-organizer and chair, 2008 AAG Conference in Boston, MA.
2008. “Governing Technologies I: Representation, Participation, and Governance in the ‘Digital Age”” paper session co-organizer and chair, 2008 AAG Conference in Boston, MA.
2007. “Research design and methodologies for critical GIS research, I-III”, panel and paper session co-organizer/chair, 2007 AAG Conference in San Francisco, CA.
2007. “A Call for Agonism: GIS and the Politics of Collaboration”, paper presented at the 2007 AAG Conference in San Francisco, CA.
2006. “The politics of participatory GIS”, panelist and co-organizer, 2006 AAG Conference in Chicago, IL.
2006. “Conceptualizing the political in Participatory GIS research”, paper presented at the 2006 AAG Conference in Chicago, IL.
2005. “Design considerations for supporting online, analytic-deliberative, public participation”, paper presented at Online Deliberation 2005 / DIAC-2005 in Stanford, CA, May 2005.
2005. “Designing PPGIS for a plural public: A research strategy for informing the design of public participation GIS applications”, paper presented at the 2005 AAG Conference in Denver, CO.

2004. “Identifying ‘the public’: Who should be involved in developing information technology designed to support public participation?”, Birds-of-a-Feather session at dg.o2004 The National Conference on Digital Government Research in Seattle, WA, May 2004.
2004. “Design considerations for a participatory GIS used to address water resource management conflict in rural Idaho”, paper presented at the 2004 AAG Conference in Philadelphia, PA.
2003. “Techniques and measures for the evaluation of a participatory GIS: An interaction coding system for collaborative water resource decision making”, paper presented at the 2nd Annual Public Participation GIS Conference in Portland, OR, July 2003.

AWARDS AND GRANTS RECEIVED

2008. Association of American Geographers Qualitative Methods Specialty Group student research grant competition. Awarded: **\$500**. Proposal: “The cultural politics of urban mobility: On democracy and contested visions for the Seattle waterfront”
2008. Association of American Geographers Urban Geography Specialty Group student conference travel award. **\$100**.
- 2007/8. Fellow in the Project for Interdisciplinary Pedagogy, UW Graduate School and UW Bothell Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences Program. Awarded: 1 year funding for teaching 2007-2008.
2007. Nancy Bell Evans Center on Nonprofits & Philanthropy Research Grant. Awarded: **\$1000**. Proposal: “The Cultural Politics of Mobility: How Grassroots Nonprofits are Shaping the Seattle Viaduct Debate”
2006. Fellow of the Simpson Center Institute on the Public Humanities. **\$500**.
2006. UW Student Technology Fee Grant. Awarded: **\$34,326.10**
Proposal: “Equipment for qualitative research”, Serin Houston, **Kevin Ramsey**, and Matthew Wilson
1997. Award for excellence in computer art, Northwestern University Dept. of Radio/Television/Film

SKILLS AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

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| • Social science research design | • ArcGIS |
| • Spatial, quantitative, and qualitative analysis techniques | • Microsoft Access and Office |
| • Project management | • HTML, SQL, JavaScript, VBScript |
| • Cartography | • Video editing and production |
| | • Website design and development |