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FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

political ecology, global commodity chains, rural development, agricultural development, Kenya

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Global Production in a Contested Landscape: The Conflict Surrounding Cut Flower Farming in Kenya

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EDUCATION

Yale University New Haven, CT

Visiting Assistant in Research (VAR), Department of Anthropology

Autumn Semester 2008

University of Cambridge Cambridge, United Kingdom

Pembroke College Fellow

Beginning January 2009

University of Washington Seattle, WA

Environmental Anthropology Ph.D. Program

In Progress, Began September, 2002

Candidate in Philosophy (Ph.C.), Awarded Spring 2005

M.A. Anthropology, Awarded Summer 2006

GPA: 3.98/4.0

Washington University in St. Louis St. Louis, MO

Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude, May 2001

Majors: Anthropology and Environmental Studies (Social Sciences Track) Minor: German

GPA: 3.98/4.0

HONORS

Graduate:

University of Washington Pembroke College Fellowship – Award to support study at Cambridge, 2008-2009.

Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant – Award to support dissertation fieldwork in Kenya, 2007-2008.

University of Washington Recruitment Fellowship – Fellowship for first 3 years of graduate study.

University of Washington Chester Fritz Fellowship – Award to conduct pilot research in Kenya, Fall 2004.

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) – Award to study Swahili during Summer 2003.

Beinecke Scholarship – Graduate school fellowship from the Sperry Fund, awarded 2000.

Undergraduate:

Washington University Lien Scholar – Recipient of four-year full tuition academic scholarship.

John W. Bennett Prize to the Outstanding Graduate in Anthropology – May 2001.

Award for Outstanding Leadership in Anthropology – May 2001.

Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honorary – Member since Spring 2000.

PUBLICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

Norman, K., J. Sepez, H. Lazrus, N. Milne, C. Package, S. Russell, K. Grant, R.P. Lewis, J. Primo, E. Springer, **M. Styles**, B. Tilt, & I. Vaccaro. 2007 *Community Profiles for West Coast and North Pacific Fisheries - Washington, Oregon, California, and Other U.S. States*. U.S. Dept. of Comm., NOAA Tech. Memo. NMFS-NWFSC-85, 602p.

http://www.nwfsc.noaa.gov/assets/25/6718_01082008_153910_CommunityProfilesTM85WebFinalSA.pdf

Global Production in a Contested Local Landscape:

Curbing the Environmental Impacts of Cut Flower Farming on Kenya's Lake Naivasha

Paper delivered at the 2006 Society for Applied Anthropology Conference in Vancouver, B.C.

Abstract available online: <http://students.washington.edu/mastyles/SFAAabstract06.pdf>

A Kenyan 'Culture of Flowers'?: Cultural Aspects of Consumption in a Global Commodity Chain

Paper delivered at the 2006 Breadth in Anthropological Research (BAR) Conference, University of WA Abstract

available online: <http://students.washington.edu/mastyles/BARabstract06.pdf>

TEACHING*Instructor*

University of Washington Anthropology Department Seattle, WA

Anthropology 313: Peoples and Cultures of Africa – [Autumn 2006](#)

Anthropology 210: Introduction to Environmental Anthropology – Summer 2005, Summer 2006, [Summer 2008](#)

Instructor

University of Washington Interdisciplinary Writing Program (IWP) Seattle, WA

English 198C: Writing Link to Reading Ethnography – [Winter 2006](#) & [Winter 2007](#)

English 198C: Writing Link to Principles of Archaeology – [Autumn 2005](#) & [Spring 2006](#)

Teaching Assistant

University of Washington Anthropology Department Seattle, WA

Ethnobiology – Spring 2005

Introduction to Environmental Anthropology – Winter 2005

Reading Ethnography – Spring 2004

Introduction to Anthropology – Winter 2003, Spring 2003, Autumn 2003, Winter 2004

Agroecology – Autumn 2002

Teaching Assistant

Washington University Anthropology and Philosophy Departments St. Louis, MO

World Archaeology – Spring 2000

Introduction to Archaeology – Autumn 1999

Philosophy of the Environment – Spring 1999

AmeriCorps Environmental Educator

CAC AmeriCorps Water Quality Team – Fall 2001 - Summer 2002 Knoxville, TN

Educated junior high and high school students about water quality and stream ecosystems.

Participated in creek cleanups and environmental restoration projects.

Designed and implemented public education programs and organized volunteers for local service projects.

RESEARCH & FIELDWORK

Research Assistant/Qualitative Interviewer

University of Washington Protected Area Social Research Unit – Summer-Autumn 2008 Seattle, WA

Conducting telephone interviews assessing the current and potential effects of cruise ships on visitor experiences in Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve. Composing final report combining qualitative and quantitative data.

Dissertation Research –

Global Production in a Contested Landscape: The Conflict Surrounding Cut Flower Farming in Kenya

Wenner Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant – Spring 2007- Summer 2008 Naivasha, Kenya

Conducted twelve months of ethnographic and archival research in the vicinity of Kenya's Lake Naivasha, with a special focus on the environmental effects of floriculture and eco-politics in the lake area.

Research Assistant/Transcriber for Dr. Ron Krabill

University of Washington (Bothell), Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences Program – Spring 2007 Seattle, WA

Transcribed ethnographic interviews exploring the history and significance of television in South Africa.

Research Assistant/Transcriber for the Academic Pathways Project

University of Washington College of Education – Spring 2006 – Spring 2007 Seattle, WA

Transcribed ethnographic interviews conducted among undergraduate engineering students at universities across the U.S.

Pilot Study – In Pursuit of the Kenyan Rose: Following a Global Commodity from Production to Consumption

University of Washington Chester Fritz Fellowship -- Autumn 2004

Investigated the social and environmental impacts of cut flower production near Lake Naivasha, Kenya.

Traced the cut flower commodity chain to sites of distribution and consumption in the Netherlands.

Research Contractor/ Applied Anthropologist

U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) Fisheries – Summer 2004 - Spring 2005 Seattle, WA

Researched and prepared profiles of communities reliant on U.S. West Coast and North Pacific fisheries.

Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis

Washington University Anthropology Department – Spring 2001 St. Louis, MO

Title: *Flooding in East St. Louis: The Causes and Consequences of an Inequitably Distributed Environmental Risk*

Researched the ecological, political, and socio-economic aspects of flooding in a low-income minority community in IL.

Research Assistant for Dr. Glenn D. Stone

Washington University Anthropology Department – Summer 2001 St. Louis, MO

Investigated the political economy and history of organic farming and organic labeling in the U.S.

Student Legal Consultant

Washington Univ. Interdisciplinary Environmental Law Clinic – Spring 2001 St. Louis, MO

Member of team assigned to case involving point source water pollution generated by two large Missouri hog producers.

Research Assistant for Dr. Fiona Marshall

Washington University Anthropology Department – Summer 2000 St. Louis, MO

Assisted Dr. Marshall in typing and composing a journal article on early pastoralism in Africa.

Exhibits Intern, National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Exhibition

Missouri Historical Society – Spring 2000 St. Louis, MO

Created comprehensive database containing information on plants traditionally utilized by the Nez Perce.

Recommended artifacts that might best represent Nez Perce plant use in the exhibition.

Archaeological Field Technician

Central Mississippi Valley Archaeological Research Institute – Summer 1999 Cahokia, IL

Participated in ongoing archaeological survey work and excavation at two sites near Cahokia Mounds.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

NSF Summer Institute for Research Design in Cultural Anthropology – Summer 2004 Beaufort, NC

UW Interdisciplinary Writing Program Instructor Training – Summer 2005 Seattle, WA

Washington University Summer Study Abroad Program -- Summer 2000 Mombasa, Kenya

Washington University Archaeological Field School – Summer 1999 Cahokia, IL

LANGUAGE

Swahili – intermediate reading ability; intermediate speaking ability

German – advanced reading ability; intermediate speaking ability

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Proficient in the use of **ArcGIS**, **AtlasTI**, & **Anthropac**