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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Geography and American Indian Studies** **August 2014**
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
Dissertation: *Chasing the Raven: Practices of Sovereignty in Non-State Nations*
- M.A. Middle Eastern Studies** **May 2010**
University of Texas-Austin, Austin, TX
Thesis: *Rebels and Scholars: Palestinian Bedouin Women Students in the Naqab/Negev Desert*
- B.A. Geography and Studio Art, Magna Cum Laude** **May 2000**
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
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EXPERIENCE

Human Geography Contractor **January 2018-**
Macmillan Learning, New York City, NY

Develop test questions and supplemental material for *Contemporary Human Geography: Culture, Globalization, Landscape* by M. Domosh, R. Neumann and P.L. Price, 2nd Edition

Pro Bono Consultant **December 2017-**
Native American Advancement Foundation (NAAF)
Gu Vo District, Tohono O'odham Nation

Develop research tools and goals based on Indigenous research methods and Tohono O'odham principles of the *Himdag* (lifeway) for youth-centered foundation in isolated desert geography. Research and write funding proposals and grants for funding in education, health, technology and professional skills programming.

Assistant Professor of Geography and Social Science **August 2016-**
Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX

Teach and develop coursework for undergraduate students in geography and sociology on 4/4 course load. Collaborate on interdisciplinary research and public education initiatives in Big Bend region. Train faculty in experiential pedagogy. Participate in departmental and university faculty committees. Mentor students towards professional and graduate school careers. Research grant opportunities for students, faculty and department. Correspond with state

legislature on funding for border university dedicated to non-traditional and first-generation college students.

**Adjunct Instructor, Geography
Houston Community College, Houston, TX**

February 2016-June 2016

Teach and develop coursework for undergraduate students in physical and human geography. Contribute to departmental program in regional testing and accreditation standards. Mentor students towards transfer to four-year college and/or employment. Facilitate learning and professional opportunities for non-traditional, low-income, urban-based college students.

**Copywriter and Researcher, Geography
Pearson PLC, Upper Saddle River, NJ**

March 2012-August 2016

Write and research for *World Regions in Global Context* by P. Knox, S. Marston, D. Liverman, V. Del Casino and P. Robbins, and *Human Geography* by Knox and Marston. Design multimedia and experiential learning supplements. Write test bank and review copy for other texts. Coordinate author and editor schedules, fact check, and facilitate guest writer features.

**Visiting Professor and Fellow
Hulbert Center for Southwest Studies, Colorado College
Colorado Springs, CO**

August 2015-February 2016

Teach and develop coursework in geography, environmental studies and regional studies of the U.S. Southwest on a block course schedule. Facilitate experiential learning opportunities for undergraduate students in sites across CO, NM, NV, AZ and TX. Organize campus and community special events. Collaborate with colleagues on environmental justice research and campus diversity initiatives. Mentor students towards internship, graduate school and professional opportunities.

**Reader, AP Human Geography
Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ**

January 2015-June 2017

Review AP Human Geography high school essay exams for advanced placement in college. Collaborate with colleagues on grading rubric, terminology and assessment.

**Adjunct Instructor, Geography
School of Geography and Development
University of Arizona (UA), Tucson, AZ**

January 2010-June 2015

Teach and create new course work in geography and American Indian Studies for the School of Geography and Development. Develop collaborative project between geography, law and anthropology on evidentiary issues in Native American sacred geography. Participate on hiring committees; organize special events (50th anniversary of department); and introduce special guest lecturers. Consult on university internal review board (IRB) on Native American research issues. Research and apply for federal and private grants.

Adjunct Instructor, Geography and Political Science August 2012-June 2015
Tohono O'odham Community College (TOCC)
Tohono O'odham Nation/Sells, AZ

Teach and develop undergraduate course work in physical and human geography and political science using western and traditional O'odham (*Himdag*) pedagogy. Teach geospatial (ArcGIS) course work and lead collaborative film interview project between TOCC and UA undergraduate students. Collaborate on faculty grants and co-organize Earth Day festivities on campus. Mentor students towards transfer to four-year college or employment.

Graduate Advisor August 2009-June 2013
Prescott College, Prescott, AZ

Mentor two graduate students in thesis research, writing and defense in Native American geographies. Coordinate committee meetings and field contacts for Masters' student research.

Research Consultant January 2009-January 2010
Manley A. Begay II and Associates, Tucson, AZ

Archival, academic and interview research collection with First Nations University, Canada. Write, fact-check and copyedit historical section, graphics and final copy of report to university board.

Research Analyst January 2007-June 2013
Native Nations Institute (NNI)

Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, UA, Tucson, AZ

Write and research policy in areas of Indigenous sovereignty and governance, U.S.-Mexico border and environmental management in the U.S. Southwest. Copyedit and write policy reports, press releases, website and multi-media materials. Coordinate with university publication and press offices. Edit research and co-write fellow and visiting scholar papers. Develop distance learning materials. Facilitate learning for State Bar of Arizona and diverse Native American Nations on areas of governance, executive education, institutional best practices and border/citizenship rights. Represent NNI at national and regional conferences. Facilitate conflict resolution with decision makers. Train and supervise staff.

Editorial Assistant August 2004-June 2006
Center for Mechanics of Solids, Structures and Materials
Department of Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, University of Texas, Austin, TX

Coordinate submission, review, editing and publication schedules for academic journal. Communicate between publishers based in the Netherlands, editor in Texas and international scholars. Administer submissions database, correspond between writers and reviewers, and copy edit articles for English speaking readers.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles, Books and Case Studies

- 2014 Mapping Intergenerational Memories: Proving the Contemporary Truth of the Indigenous Past (Part I). With R. Hershey and G. E. Newell. *Arizona Legal Studies Discussion Paper No. 14-01*. Social Science Research Network.

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2377486

- 2011 *Native Nations and U.S. Borders: Challenges to Indigenous Culture, Citizenship and Security.* With R.R. Starks and S. Cornell. Tucson, AZ: Arizona Board of Regents.
http://nni.arizona.edu/whatsnew/native_nations_and_us_borders_book2011.php
- 2008 Case Studies on: Menominee Nation, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Navajo Nation, Gwich'in Nation, Winnebago of Nebraska, Santa Fe Indian School, Indigenous Citizenship, Tribal Police, and Indigenous Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs). Native Nations Institute at the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, University of Arizona. Tucson, AZ.

Book Reviews

- 2009 *An Atlas of Radical Cartography.* L. Mogel and A. Bhagat, eds. Los Angeles: Journal of Aesthetics and Protest Press, 2007. For *Antipode*, Vol. 41, No. 3, June 2009. pp. 587-589.
- 2009 *Everyday Corruption and the State: Citizens and Public Officials in Africa.* G. Blundo and Olivier de Sardan, J.P. with Arifari, N.B. and Alou, M.T. Translated by Cox, S. London: Zed Books, 2006. For *Progress and Development Studies*, Vol. 9, Issue 2, April 2009., p. 153.
- 2008 *Mixed Towns, Trapped Communities: Historical Narratives, Spatial Dynamics, Gender Relations and Cultural Encounters in Palestinian-Israeli Towns.* D. Montereescu and D. Rabinowitz, eds. Hampshire, England: Ashgate Publishing Limited, 2007. For *European Spatial Research Policy*, Vol. 15, No. 2, 2008. pp.93-95.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited

- 2017 “Navigating Excellence through Effective Communication” Panel Presentation on Exemplary Research, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX. November 1.
- 2015 “Chasing the Raven: Indigenous Nations and U.S. Borders” Aficionados Speaker Series, Hulbert Center for Southwest Studies, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO. December 9.
- 2015 “Chasing the Raven: Sovereignty and Non-State Indigenous Nations.” Seminar, School of Geographical and Earth Sciences, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, U.K. March 25.
- 2014 “Native Nations and Borders” Instruction with R.R. Starks. Continuing Legal Education. Arizona Bar Association. Tucson, AZ. October 23.

2009 “Geog Girls: A Workshop” Instruction with J. Kariyeva for the Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) Education Program, Tohono O’odham Community College (TOCC), Sells, AZ/TO Nation. May 30.

Conferences

- 2014 “Keeping Wild Alive? The Gwich’in Nation and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge” Paper presentation. Native American Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) Conference, Austin, TX May 29-31.
- 2012 “The Gwich’in Nation and Co-Existing Sovereignties” Paper presentation. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG), New York, February 24-28.
- 2010 “ ‘Flipping the Script’ or Changing legal-spatial discourse in Indigenous court cases” Paper presentation with R. A. Hershey. Native American Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) Conference, Tucson, AZ, May 20- 22.
- 2010 “The ‘Right of Discovery’: Using Spectacle to Map Contests in Federal Indian Law” Paper presentation. Annual Meeting of the AAG. Washington, D.C., April 14-18.
- 2009 “ Jagehnagenon is Online: Cyber Legislature and other Governance Spaces of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation” Paper presentation. Annual Meeting of the AAG, Las Vegas, NV, March 22-27.
- 2009 NNI Representative at National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), Mid-Year Conference, Niagara Falls, NY, June 14-17.
- 2009 NNI Representative at NCAI, Annual Conference, Palm Springs, CA, October 11-16, 2009.
- 2008 NNI Representative at NCAI Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ, October 19-24.
- 2008 NNI Representative at NCAI, Mid-Year Conference, Reno, NV, June 1-4.
- 2007 “Showdown in the desert: mythologies of space in the Sonoran landscape” Paper presentation. Conversation and Management of Landscape in Conflict Regions, International Conference hosted by Birzeit University and University of Life Sciences, Norway. Ramallah, Palestine, November 29-December 1.
- 2007 “Kim kime bagly (Who is bound to whom?): People and Protected Areas in post-Soviet Turkmenistan” Paper presentation with J. Kariyeva. Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, Long Beach, CA.
- 2007 “Rebels and Scholars: Palestinian Bedouin Women Students in the Naqab/Negev Desert” Paper presentation. Annual Meeting of the AAG, San Francisco, CA, April 17-21.
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SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2015-2016 Visiting Fellow, Hulbert Center for Southwest Studies, Colorado College
2011 Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (DDRI), National Science Foundation
2010 Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) Travel Grant, University of Arizona
2010 Association for Women Faculty Travel Grant, University of Arizona
2010 Arctic Institute of North America Grant-in-Aid
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2017 Manuscript Review Workshop for *Divided Nations: Policy, Activism and Indigenous Identities on the U.S.-Mexico Border* by Christina Leza, Ph.D., Colorado College
2016- Honors Committee, Sul Ross State University
2016-2017 Psychology Professor Search Committee, Sul Ross State University
2016 McNair Scholarship Committee, Sul Ross State University
2012 Graduate Student Representative, Head of Department Search Committee, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona
2007-2012 Newsletter Editor, Geographic Perspectives on Women (GPOW), (Association of American Geographers Specialty Group), Association of American Geographers