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Education

PhD **Arizona State University**
Geography, 2010

Dissertation Title: *Neoliberalism, Urban Expansion and Political Change in Oaxaca, Mexico: The Creation of Gendered City Spaces*

MA **Arizona State University**
Geography, 2005

Thesis Title: *Conservation, Conflict, and Social Capital: A Case Study Comparison of the United States and Mexico*

BA **University of Arizona**
Anthropology, 1996

Areas of Research and Specialization

Latin America (specifically Mexico and Colombia), urbanization, urban political ecology, gender, uneven development, political economy of Mexico, food security

Academic and Professional Honors and Awards

2008- Inter-American Foundation Doctoral Field Research Fellowship for Grassroots
2007 Development \$25,000

National fellowship for PhD students conducting research in Latin America.

Foster Latin American Research Fellowship Endowment Award \$2000

Graduate College Award for tuition \$1600

Graduate and Professional Student Association Travel Award \$300

Department of Graduate Studies Travel Award \$300

School of Geographical Sciences Travel Grant \$200

2006- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) - \$14,000

2005 *For the study of Portuguese and Latin America awarded by the U.S.*

Department of Education and Arizona State University

Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Committee Award for best regional geography paper - \$200

Matthew G. Bailey Scholarship for field research - \$1780

The Earl A. and Lenore H. Tripke Professional Travel Award - \$400

University Graduate Scholar Award – \$9000 three year award

Department of Graduate Studies Travel Award \$350
School of Geographical Sciences Travel Grant \$200

- 2004- Graduate College Award for Tuition \$2100
2003 Graduate College Award for Travel \$300
Department of Geography Travel Grant \$200
- 2001 Lucent Certified Technical Expert-Remote Access Technologies
Lucent Technologies Professional Certification
- 1996- Dean's List 1994-1996, University of Arizona
1994

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2008 Judkins G., **Smith M.** and E. Keys. Determinism within Human-Environment Research and the Rediscovery of Environmental Causation. *The Geographical Journal* Volume 174, Number 1, March 2008, pp. 17-29.
- 2007 **Smith, M.** Urban Expansion in Oaxaca: Research on the Fringe. *Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Yearbook* Volume 69: 88-92.
- 2006 Binkley, R. and **M. Smith.** Re-Composing Space: Composition's Rhetorical Geography, in a special issue of the online journal *Composition Forum* entitled Space, Place, and Composition. Volume 15, lead article.
- 2005 **Smith, M.** Conservation, Conflict and Social Capital: A Case Study Comparison of the United States and Mexico. Summary of the Best Student Papers at the Phoenix Annual Meeting. *Pacifica: The Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Newsletter*.
- In preparation **Smith, M.** Gender Gentrification and the Neoliberal City in the United States Sunbelt. 2010, *Journal of Urbanism*.
- Smith, M.** The Effects of Neoliberalism and Democratization on the Urban Form of Oaxaca, Mexico. 2010, *Journal of Latin American Geography*.

Other Publications

- 2007 **Smith M.** and A. Cravey. The People's Guelaguetza Curriculum Guide. Available with the documentary video *The People's Guelaguetza: Oaxacans take it to the streets*. A two quetzal production. Elva E. Bishop and Altha J. Cravey
- 2004 **Smith, M.** 2004. Rapporteur report Session 1: Public Space in the Latin American City – Part 1, pp. 10-12, Jones, G.A. and Ward, P.M. et al., Memoria of the Binational Conference: “The End of Public Space in the Latin American City?”, The Mexican Center of LLILAS, University of Texas at Austin, 4-5 March 2004 (with Paul Peters).
- Smith, M.** 2004. Rapporteur report Session 4: Public Space, New Publics and Democratic Cities – Part II, pp. 36-37, Jones, G.A. and Ward, P.M. et al., Memoria of the Binational Conference: “The End of Public Space in the Latin American City?”, The Mexican Center of LLILAS, University of Texas at Austin, 4-5 March 2004

Research Experience

- 2010-2009 **Socio-Cultural Geospatial Analysis of Food Security in Bogotá, Colombia– GeoDa Center for Geospatial Analysis and Computation– Arizona State University**
Researched and compiled a report examining the socioeconomic, political, and cultural dimensions of food security in Bogotá, Colombia. The report represents one portion of a larger project to construct a web atlas which explores and displays the geospatial dimensions of food security in the metropolitan area.
- Research Assistant – Change is Hard: The Challenges of Path Dependence – School of Human Evolution and Social Change – Arizona State University**
Researching the historical geography (1890-present) of South Phoenix to uncover the political, social, spatial and economic creation of this marginalized areas. This project is one within the Late Lessons from Early History grant from the Intellectual Fusion Investment Fund. The initiative focuses on multidisciplinary research combining different perspectives of the past, present and future of humanity.
- 2008-2007 **Oaxaca, Mexico**
A year of field research focused on urban expansion and those living on the social and physical margins of the city funded by the Inter-American Foundation Fellowship for Grassroots Development.

- 2006 **Oaxaca, Mexico**
Two months of field research and development studies with the Universidad de la Tierra funded by Matthew G. Bailey Scholarship for field research and the Earl A. and Lenore H. Tripke Professional Travel Award.
- 2005 **Research Assistant Calakmul Biosphere Reserve, Campeche, Mexico**
Two weeks as a paid research assistant investigating the promises and pitfalls of ecotourism as a sustainable income alternative for small-holder farmers.
- Guanajuato, Mexico**
One month of field research investigating conflict and conservation in the town of La Concepción and the neighboring nature reserve, Cuenca de la Esperanza.
- Cascabel, Arizona**
Repeated field visits to this southern Arizona community investigating rancher reaction to conservation efforts by the Nature Conservancy.

Teaching Experience

- 2005- **Instructor/Faculty Associate – Full Course Responsibility**
Present *Responsible for development of all lectures, Power Points and classroom materials.*
 GPH 314 Global Change, Arizona State University. (3 times)
 GCU 102 Human Geography, Arizona State University.
 GCU 121 World Geography, Scottsdale Community College.
 GPH 111 Physical Geography (lab), Arizona State University. (4 times)
- 2003- **Graduate Teaching Associate**
2007 GCU 344 Geography of Hispanic Americans
 GCU 323 Latin American Geography
 GCU 361 Urban Geography
 GCU 350 World Crises
 GCU 121 World Geography
 GCU 102 Human Geography

Arizona State University Student Course Evaluations						
Course/ Semester	Scores (1=strongly agree, 5=strongly disagree) Mean/StDev/Median					N
	Instructor taught course effectively	Competent in subject matter	Respect for students	Would take another course from instructor	Good use of examples and illustrations	
GPH 314 (WIN 09)	1.29/.55/1.0	1.29/.55/1.0	1.21/.51/1.0	1.17/.38/1.0	1.29/.46/1.0	24
GPH 314 (SUM 09)	1.35/.59/1.0	1.45/.69/1.0	1.25/.44/1.0	1.60/.99/1.0	1.40/.75/1.0	20
GPH 111 (SP 09)	1.09/.30/1.0	1.13/.34/1.0	1.03/0.18/1.0	1.28/0.63/1.0	1.19/.47/1.0	32
GPH 111 (SP 09)	1.23/.43/1.0	1.30/.47/1.0	1.30/.47/1.0	1.43/.73/1.0	1.23/.57/1.0	30
GPH 111 (FA 08)	1.32/.48/1.0	1.19/.40/1.0	1.16/.37/1.0	1.32/.60/1.0	1.39/.56/1.0	31
GPH 111 (FA 08)	1.68/1.0/1.0	1.44/.82/1.0	1.29/.80/1.0	1.47/.93/1.0	1.71/1.0/1.0	34
GCU 102 (SUM 07)	1.17/.41/1.0	1.0/0.0/1.0	1.17/.41/1.0	1.83/1.60/1.0	1.17/.41/1.0	6
GPH 314 (FA 06)	1.53/.77/1.0	1.39/.71/1.0	1.35/.70/1.0	1.49/.95/1.0	1.39/.75/1.0	77

Invited Presentations

2008 *Diversity, Complexity and Community in Oaxaca*. Presentation to Portland State University Campus Community Partnership Organization at the Welte Institute of Oaxacan Studies. July 18.

Métodos. Presentation to Social Anthropology Masters students at the Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS). Oaxaca, Mexico. May 30.

Urbanization and Poverty in Oaxaca. ProMexico division of ProWorld. Oaxaca, Mexico. May 23.

2007 *Urban Expansion in Oaxaca: Research on the Fringe* – School of Geographical Sciences Annual Awards Banquet

2006 *Oaxaca* - ASU Department of Geography Brown Bag Series, November

2005 *Giving Professional Presentations* - ASU Department of Geography Brown Bag Series, February

Conference Presentations

- 2009 *A Sociospatial Analysis of Food Security in Bogota, Colombia*, paper presented at the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers conference, San Diego, CA, October 2nd.
- Study Abroad Programs in APCG Institutions: Problems and Prospects*, panelist at the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers conference, San Diego, CA, October 2nd.
- Life on the Margins: Gendered City Spaces in Oaxaca, Mexico*, paper presented at the Association of American Geographers Conference, Las Vegas, NV, March 26.
- 2008 *Neoliberalism, Urban Expansion and Political Change in Oaxaca, Mexico: The Creation of Gendered City Spaces*, paper presented at the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Conference, Fairbanks, AK, October 10.
- The Triqui in Oaxaca: Living on the Social and Physical Margins of Development*, paper presented at the Inter-American Foundation Mid-year Conference, Cartagena, Colombia, February 6.
- 2007 *Urban Expansion in Mexico: Research on the Fringe*, paper presented at the Association of American Geographers Conference, San Francisco, CA, April.
- 2005 *Conservation, Conflict and Social Capital: A Case Study Comparison of the United States and Mexico*, paper presented at the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Conference, Phoenix, AZ, October.
- The Social Capital Response to Environmental Conflict in the Lower San Pedro River Valley*, paper presented at the Association of American Geographers Conference, Denver, CO, April.
- 2004 *The Evolution of Social Capital during Environmental Conflict in the Lower San Pedro River Valley*, paper presented at the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Conference, San Luis Obispo, CA, September.

Journal Reviewing

2009 Papers of the Applied Geography Conferences

Foreign Language Proficiency

Advanced Spanish

Beginner/Intermediate ability in Portuguese

Travel

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, April 2001.

Conducted a training session in remote access technologies at Embratel, a Brazilian telecommunications company.

Spain, Cuba, Argentina, Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, Greece, Italy, France, United Kingdom, Australia

Volunteer/Service

- 2010-2009 President – Supporting Women in Geography (SWIG) ASU chapter
- Liaison - Graduates in Society and Environment Research (GISER) for the School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning
- Committee member - School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning School launch event
- 2008-2007 Centro de Esperanza Infantil and Oaxaca Street Children Grassroots
- 2004 Arizona Geographic Alliance outreach
- 2003 Earth Sciences Day, Arizona State University
- 2000-1998 Hands On San Francisco, San Francisco, California
Refugee Transitions, San Francisco, California.

Professional Employment

- 2009 **Spanish Translation – Intelivate**
Translated training materials for the telecommunications industry from English to Spanish.
- 2002-2000 **Instructional Designer-Technical Instructor-Project Manager**, Lucent Technologies, Alameda, CA
Traveled internationally teaching Lucent software and hardware solutions as a certified instructor for Lucent Learning. Created instructor-led curriculum composed of student guides, lab guides, Power Points, instructor guides and classroom network blueprint for Lucent proprietary network management software and hardware programs.

- 2000- **Training Specialist-Course Developer-Project Manager,**
1999 ResourcePhoenix.com, Alameda, California.
Delivered Oracle financial applications training to over 100 internal accountants, controllers, cash management and client services employees. Developed and presented training to external clients for Oracle financial applications.
- 1999- **Training Specialist-Course Developer-Senior Business Analyst,** Mervyn's
1996 Corporate Headquarters, Hayward, California
Delivered systems training to over 500 members of the corporate buying, planning, logistics, and finance and presentation staff of the Mervyn's division of the Dayton Hudson Corporation.

References

Dr. Bob Bolin – Committee chair

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