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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

August 2017 -	Assistant Professor in Residence in Political Ecology History, Philosophy and Social Sciences, Rhode Island School of Design
Jan 2016 – August 2017	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Urban Studies Foundation Human Geography Research Group, University of Glasgow
Fall 2015	Independent Scholar & Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota

EDUCATION

2015	Ph.D. in Geography, University of Minnesota
2005	Master of Architecture, University of California at Berkeley
2000	B.A., Biology & Sociology/Anthropology (double major), Swarthmore College, PA

PUBLICATIONS

Book

In progress Living with Yards: Negotiating Nature through Habits of Home.
McGill Queens University Press

Peer-reviewed Articles and Chapters

In progress “The ‘Extreme Local’: Abstraction and Experience with Urban Green Infrastructure.”
(with Minty Donald).

In progress “Yards as Urban Analytic: Knowing the More Than Human City.”

Under review “Connective Tissues: Everyday Engagements with Urban Yards.”
Practices & Curations Submission (photo essay): June 2017, for *GeoHumanities*.

2015 “Inhabiting Yards, Inhabiting Suburbs”, in J. Archer, P. Sandul and K. Solomonson (eds),
Making Suburbia: New Histories of Everyday America, Univ. of Minnesota Press.

2014 “The Common Life of Yards” *Urban Geography*. 35(6): 852-869.

2014 “Cultivating the Sustainable City: Urban Agriculture Policies and Gardening Projects in Minneapolis, MN,” *Urban Geography*. 35(4): 477-485.

- 2007 (with Jeanne Arnold) "Changing American home life: trends in domestic leisure and storage among middle-class families," *Journal of Family and Econ. Issues*. 28(1): 23-48.
- 2005 "FoodSpace: Forms for Food Production in the City," *Urban Agriculture Magazine*, Resource Centers on Urban Agriculture and Food Security (RUAf). Netherlands. Dec., 37-38.

Book Reviews

- In progress* In *Antipode*: Pandian, M. and S. McLean (eds) *Crumpled Paper Boat: Experiments in Ethnographic Writing*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press (2017).
- 2013 In *Antipode* (July): Harris, D. *Little White Houses: How the Postwar Home Constructed Race in America*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press (2013).
- 2014 In *Journal of Planning Literature*: Young, R. *Stewardship of the Built Environment: Sustainability, Preservation and Reuse*, Washington, DC: Island Press (2012).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – ARCHITECTURE

- 2005 - 2007 Architect, Arkin Tilt Architects - Berkeley, CA (Full time)
Designed and managed public and residential projects at an architecture firm specializing in ecological design, renewable solar and geothermal energy, and sustainable building.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Geographical and Earth Sciences, University of Glasgow

History of Geographical Thought (Tutor)
Masters of Research in Geography, Module: Ethnography and Interviews
Supervisor, Honors Dissertation Projects (4th year undergraduate research projects)

Geography Department, University of Minnesota

Introduction to Human Geography: Our Globalizing World (Instructor)
Global Cities (TA)
Geography of the World Economy (TA)
Urban Geography: Cities, Citizens, and Communities (TA)
Changing Forms of the City (TA)
Population in an Interacting World (TA)
The City in Film (TA)

American Studies / Environmental Studies, University of California at Berkeley

Introduction to American Studies: Food in America (GSI)
The History of American Popular Culture (GSI)
History, Ecology and Representation of the American Forest (GSI)

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING & CURRICULUM EXPERIENCE

Geography, University of Glasgow – Primary Supervisor, Undergraduate Honors Thesis

2016 Samantha Heron: Deprivation, Spatial Difference, and the Quality of Edinburgh Parks

University of Minnesota – Undergraduate Academic Advising

2011 Undergraduate Academic Advisor, Geography and Biology, Society & Environment
2009 – 2010 Graduate Research Assistant, Writing Enriched Curriculum Project

SELECT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016 – 2017 Collaborator, *Living, Playing and Working with Water*.
Led by artists Minty Donald (Theatre Studies, University of Glasgow) and Nick Millar.
Participatory and performance-based project on resident and planning experiences with storm water drainage ponds in three housing developments in Glasgow.
- 2012-2013 Research Assistant, The Great Transformation – University of Minnesota
PIs: Vinay Gidwani, Michael Goldman, Helga Leitner, Eric Sheppard
Coordinated research methods for comparative project on development, livelihoods, and land tenure in Bangalore, New Delhi, and Jakarta.
- 2003, 2004 Research Collaborator, Center for the Everyday Lives of Families, UCLA
Jeanne Arnold, Anthropology/CELF
Analysis of extensive data about domestic life from 60 middle class families in LA.
- 1998, 2000 - Research Assistant, Plant-Insect Ecology, University of Vermont & Rocky Mtn Bio Lab
2001 (FT) Alison K. Brody, Professor of Biology, University of Vermont
Plant-animal interactions, pollination biology & insect ecology, alpine ecosystems.

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2016 “Circulating Commons? Urban Green Space, Plants, and Private Land.” Human Geography Research Group, University of Glasgow, Testing Ground Seminar Series.
- 2015 “Yards as Urban Analytic.” Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota, Fellows Seminar Series.
- 2014 “Home Grounds and the Making of Everyday Urban Natures.” Smith College, Landscape Studies.

Select Paper Presentations

- 2017 “The Value of Storm Water.” Valuing Life: Centre for Place, Culture and Society. Wageningen University, Wageningen, NL. June.
- 2017 “Phenomenal Urban Ecologies.” American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA.
- 2016 “Residential Landscapes as Green Infrastructure: Greening the already green?” Royal Geographical Society, RGS London.
- 2016 “Becoming Attuned to Weather.” Royal Anthropological Society, London.
- 2015 “Beyond gardening: studying everyday yard spaces.” American Association of Geographers, Chicago, IL.

- 2013 “Cultivating Everyday Environments.” Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH), Toronto.
- 2013 “Inhabiting Yards.” Emotional Geographies Conference, Groningen, Netherlands.
- 2012 “Urban Gardening Projects: Rain Gardens and Urban Agriculture in a Sustainable Minneapolis. Applied Geography Conference, Minneapolis.
- 2012 “The Common Life of Yards.” American Association of Geographers, New York.

Conference Sessions Organized

- 2017 “Cities in Three Dimensions: Geographies of Urban Verticality.” Session Organizer, with Dr. C. Chang, American Association of Geographers, Boston.
- 2014 “Cultivating Bodies: Learning, Feeling, Doing.” Session Organizer, with Dr. R. Sandover, American Association of Geographers, Tampa.
- 2013 “Everyday Urbanism: Seeing and Making the City.” Session Organizer, with Prof. M. Crawford, Society for American City and Regional Planning History, Toronto.
- 2012 “Affective Attachments of Environmentalism.” Session Organizer, with Dr. K. Pratt, American Association of Geographers, New York.

WORKSHOPS & SPECIAL COURSES

- 2016 Summer Institute in Urban Studies, University of Manchester
Intensive weeklong seminar including emerging research in urban studies, research strategies, and early career development.
- 2014 Rethinking Environmental Consciousness. Mid Sweden University
International research symposium of environmental humanities approaches to the Anthropocene, material ecocriticism, and transnational environmental movements.
Presentation: “Everyday Environmentalisms.”
- 2014 Environmental Change and Memory in Medieval Iceland. NIES/NABO/Svartarkot
Interdisciplinary field course in northern Iceland, on landscape, saga literature, and environmental humanities.
- 2012 Critical Participatory Action Research Workshop. Graduate Center at CUNY
Intensive workshop with Michelle Fine and Maria Torre, Public Science Project.
- 2010 Preparing Future Faculty: Teaching in Higher Education. University of Minnesota
Semester course on pedagogy, course design, and professional development.
- 2009 Person, Planet, Cosmos: Imagining Ourselves in Nature. Split Rock Arts Program,
University of Minnesota, Cloquet Forestry Station

Led by author Scott Russell Sanders (Indiana University), a weeklong writing retreat focusing on creative nonfiction and nature writing.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY GROUPS

- 2016 - 2017 Organizer, *Gardening Cultures* Reading Group, University of Glasgow
Interdisciplinary reading group of faculty and graduate students across history, geography, and literature departments.
- 2016 - 2017 Organizer, Create Explore Experiment, University of Glasgow
Study group organized around explorations in research practice, scholarly writing and representation.
- 2009 – 2012 Co-founder and Organizer, Agri-Food Reading Group, University of Minnesota
Interdisciplinary reading group comprised of faculty and graduate students in geography, sociology, history and other fields. One of several founding members and organizers.

SERVICE

Human Geography Seminar Speaker Series, Organizer, University of Glasgow (2016 – 2017)
Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS), Nomination Committee, 2017
Supporting Women in Geography (SWIG), Officer, UMN (2007 – 2015)
TA and Pedagogy Committee, UMN Geography, Co-founder and member (2008 – 2014)
Graduate Student Department Representative, UMN Geography (2008-2009)
Coffee Hour/Brown Day Committee Member, UMN Geography (2010-2012)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Geographers; Royal Geographical Society (UK); Royal Anthropological Institute (UK); Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences; Society of Architectural Historians; Society of Architecture, City and Regional Planning History; Association for the Study of Literature and Environment.

REFERENCES – Available upon request.