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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

University of Tennessee (2011-2015)

Ph.D. Geography, 2015

Advisors: Dr. Joshua Inwood, Dr. Derek Alderman, Dr. Ronald Kalafsky Specializations: Political/Cultural Geography & Geographic Education

Old Dominion University (2009-2011)

M.A. International Studies, 2011

Advisors: Dr. Jonathan Leib, Dr. Thomas Chapman, Dr. Tim Anderson

Specializations: Popular Geopolitics & Globalization

University of Arizona (1999-2004)

B.A. Education & History, 2004

Advisors: Dr. Paul Beezley, Mr. Eric Moore (Catalina HS) Specializations: Colonial America & the American Presidency

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2018 -	Assistant Professor of Geography: California State University, Fresno
	Social Science Education Credential Coordinator, CSU, Fresno (2019 -)

2016 - 2018 Assistant Professor of Geography & Social Science Education:	Delta	State	University	V
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2015 - 2016 *Lecturer*: Department of Geography, University of Tennessee

2011 - 2015 Graduate Teaching Assistant/Associate: Dept. of Geography, University of Tennessee

2004 - 2009 High School Social Studies Teacher: Bayside High School, Virginia Beach, VA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Intersections of Political & Cultural Geography

• Sense of Belonging

-Contested Notions of Identity; Immigration; Multiculturalism; Inclusion/Exclusion; Territoriality

• Geographic Education

-Controversial Topics; Globalization; Citizenship; Religion; Geographic Scale; Virtual Reality

• Popular Geopolitics

-Place Representation; National Narratives; Imagined Communities/Worlds of Fandom; Sports

Publications in Refereed Journals

Conner, N. (2022). Sportscapes in Virtual Reality. Journal of Cultural Geography. 39:3,399-418. https://doi.org/10.1080/08873631.2022.2122127

- Conner, N. (2019). Religion and the social integration of migrants in Dublin, Ireland. Geographical Review. 109:1, 27-46. (https://doi.org/10.1111/gere.12295) Published online: Jan 2018.
- Kalafsky, R. and N. Conner (2015). Examining the Geographies of Supply Chains in Introductory Coursework. *Journal of Geography*, 114:3, 83-93, (http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00221341.2014.938685) **Paper chosen as the "Best Article for College/University Education for 2016" by NCGE
- Kalafsky, R. and N. Conner (2015). Exploring the Dynamics of Globalization: Supply Chain Vulnerability to Natural Disasters. Journal of Geography in Higher Education, 39:1, 173-181 (http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/03098265.2014.965666)
- Conner, N. (2014). Global cultural flows and the routes of identity: the imagined worlds of Celtic FC. Social & Cultural Geography, 15:5, 525-546. (http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14649365.2014.908233)

Publications in Refereed Books

Conner, N. (2022). "Life in the NBA Bubble: A Space for Social Justice during the COVID-19 Pandemic." In Brunn, Stanley and Donna Gilbreath (eds). COVID-19 and a World of Ad Hoc Geographies. New York: Springer. (https://link.springer.com/book/9783030943493)

Conner, N. (2017). "Sports and the social integration of migrants: Gaelic football, Rugby football, and Association football in South Dublin." In: Koch, Natalie (ed). Critical Geographies of Sport: Space, Power, and Sport in Global Perspective. Rutledge. Chapter 13. (https://www.routledge.com/book.....)

Publications in Refereed Encyclopedias

Conner, N. (2014). Geography of Sports. In Oxford Bibliographies in Geography. Ed. Barney Warf. New York: Oxford University Press. (https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com....)

Book Reviews

Don Mitchell, Koch, N., Gardener, B., Conner, N., Gripshover, M.M., Friedman, M., Huber, M.T. & Ross, R.B. (2018) The Great Baseball Revolt: The Rise and Fall of the 1890 Players League, The AAG Review of Books, 6:2, 141-153. https://doi.org/10.1080/2325548X.2018.1440848

AWARDS

- 2017. Connected Educator Award Nominee, student-nominated, Delta State, technology use in course
- 2016. Connected Educator Award Nominee, student-nominated, Delta State, technology use in course
- 2016. Outstanding Teaching Award, University of Tennessee, Geography Department undergraduates
- 2016. Best Article for College/University Education Award, National Council for Geographic Education
- 2015. K. Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award, Association of American Colleges & Universities
- 2015. New Faculty Teaching Institute Certificate, University of Tennessee
- 2014. Chancellor's Award: Graduate Student Teacher of the Year, University of Tennessee (\$500)
- 2013. Outstanding Teaching Associate, University of Tennessee, Geography Department
- 2013. Special Award for Extraordinary Service, University of Tennessee, Geography Department
- 2013. **Research Award**. University of Tennessee, Geography Department (\$300)
- 2007. Collegiate Professional License, Commonwealth of Virginia
- 2007. Tenure in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools. Bayside High School
- 2005-2009. Outstanding New Teacher, Five-time Teacher of the Month, Bayside High School
- 2004. Secondary Education Certificate (Grades 7-12), Arizona Department of Education
- 2004. **Student-Teacher of the Semester** Nominee, University of Arizona

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & FUNDING

TOTAL: \$55,083.18 (total also includes award prizes – does not include personal travel awards/funding from CSU-F)

- 2022. Grant for Geographic Literacy. National Council for the Social Studies. Submitted 9/13/2022
- 2022-2023. Instructional Related Activities. CSU-F, undergraduate travel, AAG conference (\$12,000)
- 2021-2022. **Instructional Related Activities.** CSU-F, undergraduate travel, AAG conference (\$7,500)
- 2020-2021. Instructional Related Activities. CSU-F, undergraduate travel, AAG conference (\$2,000)
- 2019-2020. Instructional Related Activities. CSU-F, undergraduate travel, AAG conference (\$7,500)
- 2018-2020. Start-up Research Funding. College of Social Sciences, CSU-Fresno (\$4,000)
- 2017-2018. Faculty Development Fund. Delta State University (\$1088.35)
- 2016-2017. **Faculty Development Fund.** Delta State University (\$654.83)
- 2016-2017. Faculty Research Fund. College of Education & Human Sciences, DSU (\$720)
- 2016-2017. **Dulce Fund**. Delta State University (\$500)
- 2016-2017. **Travel Fund**. Division of Social Sciences & History, Delta State University (\$1,070)
- 2013-2015. **Science Alliance Fellowship**. University of Tennessee, Geography Department (\$4,500)
- 2013. W.K. McClure Scholarship. University of Tennessee (\$3,000)
- 2013. Stewart K. McCroskey Memorial Fund, Univ. of Tennessee, Geography Department (\$250)
- 2012-2015. **Department Travel Awards.** University of Tennessee, Geography Department (\$500)
- 2012-2015. **Graduate School Travel Awards**. University of Tennessee (\$4,000)
- 2011. **Seaton Fellowship**. University of Tennessee Graduate School (\$5,000)

MASS MEDIA: ENGAGMENT & RECOGNITION

- -Research and teaching featured and quoted in the 2015 UT Higher Ground Annual Report
- -Research and Teaching acknowledge in UTK Geography Department Newsletter 2014/2015
- -Teaching Awards acknowledged in: "Notes from the Chancellor: February 2015", Univ. of Tennessee
- -Research/teaching featured/quoted in: "The Whole World in His Hands" Tennessee Legacies. S 2014.3.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Sportscapes in Virtual Reality, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, March 2022 (Paper)

Life in the NBA Bubble: A Space for Social Justice, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Virtual, February 2022 (Paper)

Sports and the social integration of migrants in Dublin, Ireland, Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Annual Meeting, Reno, NV, October 2018 (Paper)

Teaching Controversial Topics: promoting effective citizenship and student empathy in secondary schools, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 2018 (paper)

Developing Empathetic Learners, Mid-South Educational Research Association (MSERA) Annual Meeting, Starkville, MS, November 2017 (Paper)

Author Meets Critics: Mary Gilmartin's "Ireland and migration in the twenty-first century" American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, April 2017 (Panelist)

Author Meets Critics: Robert Ross's "The Great Baseball Revolt: The Rise and Fall of the 1890 Players League" American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, April 2017 (Panelist)

Sports and the social integration of migrants: Gaelic football, Rugby football, and Association football in South Dublin, SEDAAG Annual Meeting, Columbia, SC November 2016 (Paper)

Social Integration and migration: everyday sports in Dublin, Ireland. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2016 (Paper)

Social Integration & the Contested Notions of Irish National Identity SEDAAG Annual Meeting, Pensacola, FL November 2015 (Paper)

Religion & Social Integration in Dublin, Ireland: Bridge or Barrier? American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2015 (Paper)

Sports Geography: Using Sports to Teach Geography, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2015 (Panel)

Faculty of the Future: Voices from the Next Generation, Association of American Colleges & Universities Annual Meeting, Washington DC, January 2015 (Panel)

Social integration & everyday sports in Dublin, Ireland, Race, Ethnicity, and Place (REP) Conference, Ft. Worth, TX, October 2014 (Paper)

Utilizing online case studies in introductory-level geography courses, National Conference on Geography Education (NCGE), Memphis, TN, August 2014 (Paper)

Defending Victory: Religious identity and territoriality in Dublin, Ireland, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL, April 2014 (Paper)

Boundaries of Faith: Religion, identity, and territoriality, SEDAAG Annual Meeting, Roanoke, VA, November 2013 (Paper)

Contested notions of identity & social integration in Dublin, Ireland, McClure Symposium, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, November 2013 (Poster)

'Old Firm' Battle Lines: The territoriality of Celtic FC supporters in Glasgow and Belfast, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, April 2013 (Paper)

The Religious identity & territoriality of Celtic FC supporters in Belfast: An afternoon with the IRA, SEDAAG Annual Meeting, Ashville, NC, November 2012 (Paper)

The Celtic Diaspora: Identity, football and global cultural flows, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York City, NY, February 2012 (Paper)

Sessions Co-Organized:

Identity, Sport, and Race, Co-Organizer with Dr. Derek Alderman, at the Race, Ethnicity, and Place (REP) Meeting, Ft. Worth, TX, October 2014.

Undergraduate student advisee – assisted conference presentations

Daniel Shemwell. The Sacred Sites of Emmett Till and Civil Rights Pilgrimage, Winning the Race Conference (2017), Delta State University. (Poster) **Winner of People's Choice Award **

Ashley Moore. Food and Faith in the Mississippi Delta, Winning the Race Conference (2017), Delta State University. (Poster)

COURSES TAUGHT (# times taught)

California State University, Fresno (2018 – present)

Introduction to Cultural Geography (GEOG 2)

- Undergraduate General Education
- 9 times: F18, Sp19, F19, Sp20, F20, F21, W21, Sp22, F22

World Geography (GEOG 4)

- Undergraduate General Education
- 1 time: Sp22

The American West (GEOG 173)

- Undergraduate General Education
- 14 times: Sp19, Sp19, F19, Sp20, Sp20, F20, F20, Sp21, Sp21, Sum21, F21, Sp22, Sum 22, F22

People and Places: A Global Perspective (GEOG 167)

- Undergraduate General Education
- 1 time: F19

Diversity in the United States (SSCI 180)

- Undergraduate General Education
- 2 times: F18, F18

Social Science Teaching Methods (CI 161) (Graduate – 1)

- Graduate level (Credential Program)
- 2 times: F21, F22

Delta State University (2016 – 2018)

- World Regional Geography (Undergraduate 5)
- Topics in Cultural Geography: Popular Culture & Society (Undergrad/Grad – 1)
- Topics in Cultural Geography: Geography & Films (Undergrad/Grad − 1)
- Topics in Political Geography: Nationalism & Geopolitics (Undergrad/Grad – 1)
- Geography of Africa (Undergrad/Grad 2)
- Geography of Religion (Undergrad/Grad -1)
- Geography of Tourism (Undergrad/Grad -1)
- Methods in Social Science (Undergraduate -2)
- Teaching Social Science (Undergraduate -2)
- Directed Teaching Internship (Field Supervision of Student Teaching) (2 students)
- Current Trends in Soc.Sci. Education (Grad. 1)

University of Tennessee (2012 – 2016)

- World Regional Geography (Undergraduate 9)
- Human Geography (Undergraduate -2)
- Cultural Geography: Core Concepts (Undergraduate – 1)
- Geography of Europe (Undergraduate -1)
- Geography of American Popular Culture (Undergrad/Grad - 2)

Bayside High School (2004 – 2009)

- World Regional Geography (14)
- AP Human Geography (4)
- US & VA Government (7)

SERVICE

To Geography, Department of Geography, College of Social Sciences (COSS), and CSU-Fresno

- 2022 Present: **COSS Honors Program Advisor** for Lindsay Norton
- 2022 Present: **Dissertation Committee Member** for Ashley Penir (Ed.D. Geography Education)
- 2022 Present: Social Science Teacher Pathway Collaboration with Fresno City College, COSS Representative
- 2021 Present: American Geographical Society: Teacher Advisory Board Member
- 2021 Present: CSU-Fresno: Campus Faculty Hearing Panel Member
- 2020 2022: CSU-Fresno: President Commission on Teacher Education, COSS Representative
- 2021 Spring: World Regional Geography Advisory Board Member, macmillan learning
- 2020 Fall: COSS: Graduate School and Credential Program Information Session
- 2019 Fall: Department: Faculty Search Committee Member (search ultimately cancelled)
- 2019 2020: COSS: Task Force on BA Social Science Committee Member
- 2019 Present: COSS: Social Science Education Credential Coordinator (all CSUs coordinator meetings)
- 2019 March: Department: Volunteer Judge at the 2019 National Geographic California Geography Bee
- 2018 Present: Department: Advisor to Gamma Theta Upsilon, Kappa Theta Chapter
- 2018 Present: Department: **Advisor** to Geography Club
- 2018 Present: Department: Research/Scholarship Committee Member
- 2018 Present: Department: Curriculum Committee Member
- 2018 Present: Department: Outreach Committee Member
- 2018 2019: COSS: Collaboration Committee Member
- 2018 Fall: Tenure-Track Faculty Network (TTFN) 2018 Cohort Social Committee Chair
- 2015 Present: Founder and Administrator of the Geography of Sports Facebook Page

To Geography, Division of Social Sciences and History (DSSH) at DSU, and Delta State University

- 2017 2018: Division of Social Science and History Chair Search Committee Member
- 2017 2018: Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Standard Committee Member
- 2017 2018: Graduate Education Programs Council Committee Member
- 2017 2018: Division of Social Sciences & History. Office Organization Committee Member
- 2017 May: Organizational Support: Tennessee Geographic Visionary Award: Randy Boyd & Nissan
- 2017 April: Moderator of Interfaith Dialogue Panel: Faith on College Campuses
- 2016 2018: Thesis committee member for Mr. Boyce Upholt (M.A. Liberal Studies)
- 2016 2018: Thesis committee chair for Mr. Daniel Hudson (M.Ed. Social Studies Education)
- 2016 Present: Safe Space Faculty Member
- 2016 2018: Graduate Coordinator/Advisor for Social Science Education M.Ed. Degree
- 2016 2018: Undergraduate Coordinator/Advisor for Social Science Education B.S. Degree
- 2016 2018: Teacher Education Council Committee Member
- 2016 2018: Assessment Committee Program Coordinator, Education & Human Sciences
- 2016 2018: Proxy Delta State Faculty Senate Representative, DSSH
- 2016 2018: Co-Chair of the Division of Social Sciences and History Social Committee
- 2016 2018: Quality Enhancement Plan (Cultural Competency) Committee Member
- 2016 2018: Social Sciences Portfolio (SSC 101 & 499) Committee Member
- 2016 2018: Library Committee Member
- 2016: Faculty Representative at the Internship Seminar for Student Teachers
- 2016: Discussion Leader at the Geo-Literacy Leadership Institute (GLI), Univ. of South Carolina

To Geography, the Department of Geography at UT, and the University of Tennessee

- 2016: Coordinator of GEOG 101 (World Geography) Assessment for the UT Geography Department
- 2015 2016: Proxy UT Faculty Senate Representative for the UT Geography Department
- 2015 2016: Coordinator of GEOG 101 (World Geography) Textbook Adoption Committee
- 2015 2016: Coordinator of GEOG 101 (World Geography) for UT Geography Department
- 2015 2016: Advisor to Club Geography (undergraduate organization)
 - -Student Programming Allocation. University of Tennessee (\$1,100)
 - -Around the World: Volunteer Teaching, K-12. MUSE Knoxville
 - -Taste the World Event. International House. University of Tennessee
- 2015 2016: Mentor for Graduating Geography Majors (Graduate School applications)
- 2015 2016: Undergraduate Program Committee Member
- 2015 2016: Human Geography Committee Member
- 2015 Present: Founder and Administrator of the "Geography of Sports" Facebook Page
- 2015: Geography Department Representative @ Vol Walk of Life (student recruitment)
- 2015 2016: Geography Department Representative @ Sophomore Step-Up (student recruitment)
- 2013 2015: Graduate Student Representative for Geography Department Awards Committee
- 2013 2014: Geography Student Representative for the Graduate Student Senate, UT
- 2013 2014: Co-Coordinator of GEOG 101 (World Geography) for UT Geography Department
- 2012: Participation in the Geography Bowl @ SEDAAG for UT Geography Department
- 2012 2013: Graduate Student Representative for Gamma Theta Upsilon, Iota Theta Chapter, UT
- 2012 2013: Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty, Department of Geography, UT
- 2012: Representative on the College Awards Committee, Department of Geography, UT
- 2011 2015: Co-Chair of the Geography Social Committee, University of Tennessee
- 2011 2015: Co-Administrator of Social Media (Facebook) for the Geography Department, UT

CREDENTIAL PROGRAM SUPERVISORS

2022 - Present	Dina Siebenaler	2019 – Present	Sandra Person
2019 – Present	Kathy Torosian	2019 – Present	Cynthia Thorburn
2019 – Present	Jim Lloyd	2020 - 2021	Lisa Cope-Rodriguez

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

- 2022 Present: National Council for the Social Studies (previous membership from 2016 2018)
- 2020 Present: National Center for Research in Geographic Education (NCRGE)
- 2020 Present: California Geographical Society
- 2019 Present: California Council for the Social Studies
- 2018 Present: Association of Pacific Coast Geographers
- 2018 Present: California Geographic Alliance
- 2018 Present: California Faculty Association
- 2018 Present: California Teachers Association
- 2018 Present: National Education Association
- 2018 Present: American Association of University Professors
- 2017 Present: American Geographical Society (AGS)
- 2016 2018: Mississippi Geographic Alliance
- 2014 2015: Association of American Colleges & Universities
- 2013 Present: National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE)
- 2012 Present: Gamma Theta Upsilon Honor Society (student and faculty advisor)
- 2011-2016: Tennessee Geographic Alliance
- 2011 2018: South Eastern Division of the AAG
- 2010 Present: American Association of Geographers (AAG)
- 2004-2011: Virginia Geographic Alliance

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Name - 2022

November 2022	AGS Annual Symposium: Geography 2000: The Future of Food. NYC
November 2021	AGS Annual Symposium: Geography 2050: Towards a More Equitable Future. Virtual
March 2021	CCSS Annual Conference: Cultivating Global Citizens. Virtual Experience
November 2020	AGS Annual Symposium: Geography 2050: The Future of the World Ocean. Virtual
June 2020	Introduction to Teaching Online Using QLT
February 2020	CCSS Annual Conference: 2020 Vision for Social Studies. Costa Mesa, California
November 2019	AGS Annual Symposium: Geography 2050: Borders & a Borderless World. NYC

AGS Annual Symposium: Goography 2050: The Euture of Food NVC

MANUSCRIPTS REVIEWED (# of manuscripts reviewed)

Social & Cultural Geography (5)	Europe-New Zealand Research Series (1)		
Journal of Geography in Higher Education (1)	Geographical Review (1)		
Journal of Latin American Geography (1)	Southeastern Geographer (

REFERENCES

(1) Dr. Joshua Inwood

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(5) Dr. Garry Jennings

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FIELD EXPERIENCE

8 weeks: January – March 2017. Cleveland, MS – East Side High School & Bayou High School

4 weeks: June – July 2014. Dublin, Ireland (Ballymount)

6 weeks: June – July 2013. Dublin, Ireland (Tallaght)

3 weeks: June 2012. Dublin, Ireland (Firhouse)

3 weeks: February 2011. Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow, London

STUDY ABROAD

April-September 2010. Argentina April-September 2003. Spain

STUDENT-CENTERED TRAVEL_

June-July 2007. Counselor for People to People Ambassador Programs, Western Canada June-July 2002. Counselor for Rein Teen Tours, Western United States

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADVISOR

Delta State University

2017 – 2018: 26 students 2016 - 2017: 22 students

STUDENT/ADVISEE AWARDS

Delta State University

2018 – Rebecca Hamilton – Jack W. Gunn Award – highest undergraduate award at DSU (1 per year)

2018 – Rebecca Hamilton – Lady Statesmen Emerald Award of Excellence – Delta State University

2018 – Joshua Goff – Ethan Schmidt Scholarship for Social Science Education, Delta State (\$400)