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Curriculum Vitae

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RANK AND AFFILIATION:

Associate Professor (as of August 2007)
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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. (1997) Department of Geography, Syracuse University; Dissertation Title: *E-Mail Use in the Contexts of Place, Social Networks and Empowerment: An Examination of Grassroots Environmentalists in Estonia and Russia*

MA. (1992) Department of Geography, University of Colorado at Boulder;
Thesis Title: *Perestroika In Geographic Perspective: An Examination of Soviet Foreign Trade and Civil Unrest in the 1980s*

BA. (1990) University of Colorado at Boulder, Double Major: Geography and Russian

PUBLICATIONS:

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles (14)

O'Lear, Shannon and Robert Whiting. 2008. "Which Comes First, The Nation or The State? An analysis of the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict in the Caucasus" *National Identities* 10:2, pp. 185-206

O'Lear, Shannon. 2007. "Azerbaijan's Resource Wealth: Political Legitimacy and Public Opinion", *The Geographical Journal* 173(3), pp. 207-223. In print Sept. 2007; available electronically at: <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1475-4959.2007.00242.x>

O'Lear, Shannon and Paul F. Diehl. 2007. "Not Drawn to Scale: Research on Resource and Environmental Conflict" *Geopolitics* 12:1, pp. 166-182 (roundtable discussion centerpiece)

O'Lear, Shannon and Angela Gray. 2006. "Asking the Right Questions: Environmental Conflict in the Case of Azerbaijan". *Area* 38:4, pp. 390-401

O'Lear, Shannon. 2006. "Resource Concerns for Territorial Conflict", *GeoJournal* 64:4 (journal date December 2005; published in August 2006), pp. 297-306 (Shannon O'Lear, Paul F. Diehl, Derrick V. Frazier and Todd L. Allee, guest editors of theme issue on territorial conflict.)

- O'Lear, Shannon. 2004. Resources and Conflict in the Caspian Sea. *Geopolitics* 9:1, pp. 161-186
- O'Lear, Shannon. 2003. Environmental Terrorism: A Critique. *Geopolitics* 8:3, pp. 127-150
- O'Lear, Shannon. 2001. Azerbaijan: Territorial Issues and Internal Challenges In Mid-2001. *Post Soviet Geography and Economics* 42, pp. 305-312
- O'Lear, Shannon. 1999. Armenian Energy: Establishing or Eroding Sovereignty?. *Journal of Central Asian Studies* Volume 3:2 Fall/Winter (in print Summer 2002), pp. 2-13
- O'Lear, Shannon. 1999. Women's Marginalization, Economic Flows, and Environmental Degradation: A Classroom Approach. *Journal of Geography* 98:6 (November-December), pp. 295-301
- O'Lear, Shannon. 1999. Networks of Engagement: Electronic communication and grassroots environmental activism in Kaliningrad. *Geografiska Annaler* 81, pp. 165-178
- S. D. Brunn and S. R. O'Lear. 1999. Research and Communication in the 'Invisible College' of the Human Dimensions of Global Change". *Global Environmental Change* 9, pp. 285-301
- O'Lear, Shannon. 1997. Electronic Communication Environmental Policy in Russia and Estonia. *Geographical Review* 87:2 (April), pp. 275-290 (in print July 1998)
- O'Lear, Shannon R. M. 1996. Using Electronic Mail (E-mail) Surveys for Geographic Research: Lessons from a survey of Russian environmentalists, *The Professional Geographer* 48:2 (May), pp. 213-222

Book (I)

(In progress) O'Lear Shannon. *Environmental Politics: Scale and Power* (working title), under contract with Cambridge University Press; anticipated completion in December 2009. Contact editor: Matt Lloyd.

Book chapters (6)

- O'Lear, Shannon. 2009. "Oil Wealth, Environment and Equity in Azerbaijan", chapter for *Environmental Justice in the Former Soviet Union* (editors: Julian Agyeman and Yelena Ogneva-Himmelberger), Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, pp. 97-118.
- O'Lear, Shannon. 2005. "Resources and Conflict in the Caspian" (journal article reprint) in *The Geopolitics of Resource Wars*, (edited by Philippe LeBillon), London: Frank Cass, pp. 161-186
- Stanley D. Brunn and O'Lear, Shannon, 2004. "Political Geography" in *A Guide For Teachers of Advanced Placement Human Geography* (edited by Robert Bednarz), Jacksonville, AL: National Council for Geographic Education, pp. 19-30.
- O'Lear, Shannon. 2004. "Energy, Territory and Conflict: Research in the Caucasus" chapter in *WorldMinds: 100 Geographic Solutions to Saving Planet Earth* (edited by Barney Warf), Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers, pp. 31-35

O'Lear, Shannon. 2003. "Environmental Terrorism: A Critique" (journal article reprint), in *11 September and Its Aftermath: The Geopolitics of Terror* (edited by Stanley D. Brunn), London: Frank Cass, pp. 127-150

Brunn, Stanley D., Jeffrey A. Jones and Shannon O'Lear. 1999. "Geopolitical Information and Communications in the Twenty-first Century," in *Reordering the World; Geopolitical Perspectives on the 21st Century* (edited by George J. Demko and William B. Wood), Boulder, CO: Westview Press, pp. 292-318

Guest Editing and Special Issues (3)

O'Lear, Shannon and Steven Egbert. 2009. Guest editors for a theme issue of *Space & Polity* on Geography of Genocide, April, 13:1

O'Lear, Shannon, Diehl, Paul F., Frazier Derrick V., and Allee, Todd, L. 2006. "Dimensions of Territorial Conflict and Resolution: Tangible and Intangible Values of Territory", *GeoJournal* 64:4 (journal date December 2005; published in August 2006), pp. 259-261

Paul F. Diehl, Todd Allee, Derrick Frasier and Shannon O'Lear. 2006. "Introduction", *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 23:4, pp. 263-266. (Guest-edited theme issue on territorial conflict)

Book Reviews and non-reviewed publications (+ invited) (8)

(+)O'Lear, Shannon. 2008. "Azerbaijan" In *Nations and Nationalism: A Global Historical Overview* (Guntram Herb and David H. Kaplan, eds) Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, pp. 1713-1721

O'Lear, Shannon. 2006. "Book review: Resources, conflict and approaches to peace," *GeoJournal* 64:4 (journal date December 2005; published in August 2006), pp. 333-337 Shannon O'Lear, Paul F. Diehl, Derrick V. Frazier and Todd L. Allee, guest editors.

(+) O'Lear, Shannon. 2006. Submissions for the *Encyclopedia of Human Geography* (ed. Barney Warf) Thousand Oaks: SAGE Publications (contributed entries for communism (pp. 52-53), democracy (pp. 91-92) and socialism (p. 439)

(+) O'Lear, Shannon. 2003. Book review of Erika Weinthal's *State Making and Environmental Cooperation: Linking Domestic and International Politics in Central Asia* (2002), The MIT Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts and London, England, 274 pages. *Environmental Change and Security Project Report* (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars) Issue 9, pp. 116-118

(+) O'Lear, Shannon. 2002. "Disengagement: The Oil Question" in *Swords and Ploughshares* (comments from War: A Campus Forum on Iraq), The bulletin of the Program in Arms Control, Disarmament, and International Security at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 14:3 (Winter), pp. 6-10

(+) O'Lear, Shannon. 2002. "Armenia, Azerbaijan, and the United States: Power Shift in the Caucasus or Business as Usual?" in *Swords and Ploughshares*, The bulletin of the Program in Arms Control, Disarmament, and International Security at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 14:1 (Summer), pp. 13-16

Brunn, Stanley D. and Shannon O'Lear. 1996. Book review of Joanna Neuman's *Lights, Camera, and War: Is media technology driving international politics?* New York: St. Martin's Press. *Political Geography* 18, pp. 384-387

(+) O'Lear, Shannon. 1996. Migration and the Environment: A review of recent literature. *Social Science Quarterly* 78:2 (June), pp. 606-618

LANGUAGES:

Russian - proficient

Azerbaijani – basic training

GRANT AWARDS:

Center for Russian, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies Course Development Grant in support of “Eurasian Security and Geopolitics” course. Amount: \$2,500

Center for Teaching Excellence grant to participate in the spring 2008 Faculty Seminar; project with Prof. Mariya Omelicheva focused on developing the structure for our co-taught, cross-listed “Eurasian Security and Geopolitics” course offered for the first time in fall 2008. Amount: \$1,000

University of Kansas General Research Fund Award to support summer 2007 manuscript development; project title, “Corridors of Power: Environmental and Security Impacts of Oil Pipeline and Railway Development in Azerbaijan and Georgia”, award amount: \$8,000.00 (awarded 31 August 2006)

University of Kansas General Research Fund Award to support summer 2005 pilot study in Azerbaijan and Georgia titled, “Oil Pipelines in the South Caucasus: A geographic pilot study of multi-dimensional impacts and political stability”; award amount: \$4,438.00

National Science Foundation grant to support a two-year project titled, “Geography of Environmental Conflict: The Case of Azerbaijan” in 2004-2006; Principle Investigator: Shannon O'Lear. Award amount: \$147,142.00. (No-cost extension received through March 2007)

International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) and the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson Center grant to participate in the Caspian Sea Regional Policy Symposium, Washington, D.C. and Shepherdstown, WV, 14-16 March 2002.

Social Science Research Council Fellowship to study the Azerbaijani language in the 2000 Summer Workshop in Slavic, East European and Central Asian Languages (SWEESL) at Indiana University

Research support funding to travel to Bloomington, Indiana to use the library resources of the Inner Asian and Uralic National Research Center, Indiana University, summer 2000

National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council follow-up travel funding for fieldwork in Azerbaijan during summer 2000

National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council Young Investigator Program on Energy Issues in Armenia; grant to support collaborative research in and summer travel to Armenia, summer 1999

Illinois State University Research Grant to support travel to Baku, Azerbaijan; College of Arts and Sciences, Illinois State University, 1999

Roscoe Martin Award, The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 1995

Association of American Geographers Political Geography Specialty Group Dissertation Enhancement Award, 1995

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS:

Awarded a W.T. Kemper Fellowship for teaching, August 2008 (\$5,000)

Faculty Fellow at the Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Kansas, 2007-2008

Faculty Service Award from the Center for Russian, Eastern Europe and Eurasian Studies, University of Kansas, 2006

Fellowship in the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities for the 2002-2003 academic year (included one semester teaching buy-out)

Teaching Initiative Award for junior faculty, Illinois State University, 2000-2001

Research Initiative Award for junior faculty, Illinois State University, 1999-2000

Certificate in University Teaching granted by the Future Professoriate Project of the Graduate School, Syracuse University, 1997

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award from the Graduate School, Syracuse University, 1994

RESEARCH:

Current Research Activities:

I am completing work on an NSF-funded project to examine why resource conflict is not evident in Azerbaijan despite the fact that this country exhibits key features cited in the resource conflict literature. Data from a survey of 1200 citizens on their views of the oil industry, perceptions of environmental quality, and political activity will complement a second dataset derived from in-depth interviews in which people were asked to elaborate on these themes. I am using these data to examine four research questions regarding the apparent lack of conflict in this context. Results from this project suggest that a focus on

resource conflict may not be as useful as investigating human security, investment patterns and trends in public participation as more precise process categories linked to resource conditions.

Research Interests:

Political geography of environmental issues
Environmental security and vulnerability
Political geography of former Soviet republics
Human dimensions of global change

TEACHING:

Teaching Experience (selected):

University of Kansas (Current position since August 2004)

Principles of Human Geography (GEOG 102)
Environmental Policy and Analysis (EVRN 320)
Geopolitics of Russia and Eurasia (GEOG 571/772)
Professional Development in Teaching (GEOG 980)
Geography of Genocide (GEOG 571)
Eurasian Security and Geopolitics (cross-listed, GEOG 571)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Tenure track, August 2001 -- August 2004)

International Conflicts (GEOG 110)
Russia and Eurasia (GEOG 353)
Environmental Policy (GEOG 366)

Illinois State University (Tenure track position August 1998 – May 2001)

World Geography
Human Geography
Conservation
The Former Soviet Union
Russian History, Culture and Ecology (Field study in Vladimir, Russia)

Teaching Development:

Participation in various Essential Teaching Practices workshops at the Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Kansas ("Leading Discussions: Practical Models for Your Classroom", 16 February 2005; "Motivating Students", February 2006)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Teaching Academy and Teaching Mentor Program, academic year 2001-2002

Active Learning Summer Workshop; June 15-19 1998, Department of Geography, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona

Participant in the College Commission on Geography teaching workshop, Hands-On! Developing Active Learning Modules on the Human Dimensions of Global Change, sponsored by the

Association of American Geographers; June 18-21, 1996 at Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts

Graduate Consultant and Geography Department representative for the Future Professoriate Project, sponsored by the PEW Charitable Trust and the United States Department of Education, 1993-1994

Teaching Fellow with the Teaching Assistant Program of the Graduate School, Syracuse University, 1993 and 1994

Served on two panels for the Professional Development seminar sponsored by the Teaching Assistant Program, fall 1993

Participated in the Teaching Assistant Orientation Program, Syracuse University, fall 1992

Teaching Interests:

Geography of International Conflicts
Environmental Security
Geography of Russia, the Caucasus and Central Eurasia
Environmental Issues and Policy
Political Geography and Geopolitics
Human Dimensions of Global Change
Introductory Human Geography

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

Invited panelist at a workshop on Antarctica organized by Centra Technology, Inc.; Arlington, VA, 14 April 2010

Invited presentations on Central Asia and Caspian Basin Energy at the Russia/Eurasia Orientation Course at Hurlburt Field (Air Force Special Operations Command), Fort Walton Beach, FL, 5 February 2010

Invited presentation on Ecological Residue of Soviet Planning at the Russia/Eurasia Orientation Course at Hurlburt Field (Air Force Special Operations Command), Fort Walton Beach, FL, 24 March 2009

Invited panelist at a workshop, "Caspian Energy: Collective Narratives", a conference organized by Centra Technology, Inc.; Presentation title, "Energy in the Caspian Region: Implications for Resource Conflict", Arlington, VA, 24 April 2009

Invited participant at a follow-up workshop, "Generational, Technological, and Environmental Change: Impact on Eurasian Policy", organized by Centra Technology, Inc.; Paper title, "Workshop Scenario I: Protectionist EU with Collapsed Central Asia ", Arlington, VA, 29 October 2008

Invited presentation on Ecological Residue of Soviet Planning at the Russia/Eurasia Orientation Course at Hurlburt Field (Air Force Special Operations Command), Fort Walton Beach, FL, 16 September 2008

Invited panelist at a workshop, "Generational, Technological, and Environmental Change: Impact on Eurasian Policy", a conference organized by Centra Technology, Inc.; Presentation title, "Comments on Environmental Change", Arlington, VA, 9 July 2008

Led, by invitation, a one-day workshop on Central Asia and the Caucasus at Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT, as part of a Department of Education grant, 17 June 2008.

"A View of the 'Resource Curse' From the Ground Up: The case of Baku-Tblisi-Ceyhan in Azerbaijan and Georgia", paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA 14-19 April 2008

Served as a participant on the Political Geography Specialty Group's Current Topic Roundtable titled, "International Security and Climate Change" at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA 14-19 April 2008

Served as a participant on a panel titled, "Iraq: problems and prospects" at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA 14-19 April 2008

Served as a participant on a panel titled, "How to study post-Soviet space II: issues of transition across regions and states" at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA 14-19 April 2008

"Oil Frontiers & Local Perceptions of Export Pipelines: The case of Baku-Tblisi-Ceyhan in Azerbaijan and Georgia", paper presented at the International Political Geography Colloquium, "Spaces of Politics: Concepts and Scales" at the Université de Reims Champagne Ardennes, Campus Croix Rouge, Faculté des Lettres et Sciences Humaines, Reims, France, 2-4 April 2008

Invited presentation titled, "A Post-Soviet Country, A Lot of Oil, A recipe for Conflict? What the resource conflict literature doesn't tell us about the case of Azerbaijan" to the Department of Geosciences at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, 7 March 2008

Invited presentations on 1) Central Asian Energy and Security and 2) Caspian Basin Geopolitics at the South/Central Asia Orientation Course at Ft. Bragg/Ft. Pope North Carolina, 13 December 2007

Invited brownbag presentation titled, "Spatial Patterns of Public Concerns and Political Opinion in Azerbaijan" at the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies at KU, 2 October 2007

Invited presentations on 1) Central Asian Energy and Security and 2) Caspian Basin Geopolitics at the South/Central Asia Orientation Course at Hurlburt Field (Air Force Special Operations Command), Fort Walton Beach, FL, 27 June 2007

“Geography of Genocide: Preliminary Thoughts” presentation at the Political Geography Preconference (Political Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers), Berkeley, CA, 15-17 April 2007 (co-authored with Steve Egbert)

Invited presentation with Steve Egbert, titled, ““Geography of Genocide: Preliminary thoughts”, Department of Geography/Geology at Northwest Missouri State University, for Geography Awareness Week, Maryville, MO, 15 November 2006

Invited panelist at, "Outlook for Azerbaijan: Realities and Drivers for Change", a conference organized by Centra Technology, Inc.; Presentation title, "Public Opinion Trends in Azerbaijan", Arlington, VA, 18 September 2006.

Presentation to the Graduate Teaching Assistance conference, sponsored by the Center for Teaching Excellence (KU); session title: Establishing Credibility (presented twice), 10 August 2006.

Presentation to The Annual Teaching Summit, sponsored by the Center for Teaching Excellence (KU); session title: "Resources for New Faculty on the Lawrence Campus" (co-presented twice with Catharine Weaver) 15 August 2006.

“Resource determinism or human security? Insights from Azerbaijani public opinion data”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Chicago, IL, 7-11 March 2006.

“Resource curse? Public impacts and perceptions in oil-rich Azerbaijan”, presented at the 57th Annual Meeting of the West Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers and the International Geographical Union’s Commission on Geography and Public Policy joint meeting, Iowa City, IA, 3-5 November 2005.

Organized and Chaired a session, “Energy Development and Society”, and presented a paper titled, “Public Perception of Oil, Natural Resources and Political Activity in Azerbaijan” at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Denver, CO, 5-11 April 2005.

Invited Discussant for the Military Geography Specialty Group Plenary Lecture at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Denver, CO, 5-11 April 2005.

Co-organized the Political Geography Specialty Group Current Topics Roundtable session, “The 2004 US Elections as ‘Culture War?’” for the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Denver, CO, 5-11 April 2005.

Invited presentation at the National Council for Geographic Education National Meeting, Session title, “Mentor Session #1 for Dr. Stanley Brunn”; presentation title, “West of Stan: Reflections on fieldwork in Azerbaijan”, Kansas City, MO, 20-23 October 2004.

Invited presentation to the Center for Russian and East European Studies at the University of Michigan; presentation title, “Oil, Environment and Politics in Azerbaijan: A Geographic Perspective on Natural Resource Conflict”, Ann Arbor, MI, 13 October 2004.

Conference co-organizer: Territorial Conflict Management: Approaches and Prescriptions; paper presented: "Resource Concerns for Territorial Conflict", University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL, 1-3 October 2004.

Invited speaker at Communities and Conflicts in Central Asia and the Caucasus, a current affairs forum organized by the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; presentation title, "Public Perception of Oil, Natural Resources and Political Activity in Azerbaijan", Champaign-Urbana, IL, 30 September 2004.

"Which Comes First, the Nation or the State? Armenia, Azerbaijan and Placing Nagorno-Karabakh", Geography Department colloquium presentation with Robert Whiting, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL, 16 April 2004.

"A Geographic Approach to Environmental Conflict: The Case of Azerbaijan", paper presented at the Political Geography Preconference (sponsored by the Political Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers) in Atlantic City, New Jersey 13-14 March 2004.

Co-organized a session, "Environmental Conflict and Resolution", and presented a paper, co-authored by Paul F. Diehl, "Considering Scale in Environmental Conflict: An Initial Framework for Analysis" at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 14-19 March 2004.

"Scale and Environmental Conflict", Geography Department colloquium presentation with Paul F. Diehl, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 5 December 2003.

Workshop participant and presenter at the National Science Foundation-funded International Collaborative Workshop to develop a scholarly network in the southern tier of the post-socialist states, Madison, Wisconsin, 27-30 May 2003.

Co-organized and chaired two sessions, "Environment, Natural Resources and Conflict I and II", and presented a paper, "Oil Wealth, Public Perception and Political Motivation in Azerbaijan" at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, Louisiana, 5-8 March 2003.

Invited guest speaker to The Center for Russia, East, Europe, and Central Asia at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Presentation title, "Armenia, Azerbaijan and the U.S.: Squaring Off, Political Triangles, and Coming Full Circle with Post-Soviet Independence", 11 October 2002.

Panelist: "War? A campus forum on Iraq", organized by the Program in Arms Control, Disarmament, and International Security at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1 October 2002.

Invited guest speaker to the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. Presentation title, "Armenia and Azerbaijan: Conflict, Energy and Sanctions in Russia's Backyard", 11-12 September 2002.

Invited participant, “Water, Climate, and Development Issues in the Amudarya Basin—Informal Planning Meeting”, sponsored by the Environmental and Societal Impacts Groups of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 18-19 June 2002 (See <http://www.esig.ucar.edu/centralasia/summary.html>).

Organized and chaired two sessions, “Post-Soviet Environmental Issues”, and presented a paper, “Abundant Resources, Scarce Security? Human Security Concerns in Oil Rich Azerbaijan” at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, California, 18-23 March 2002.

Invited participant; “Progress Report on Azerbaijan: To What Degree a Liberal Democratic State?”, paper presented at the conference ‘Interrogating the Globalization Project’ organized by the Global Studies Program at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1-4 November 2001.

“What future for the Caucasus? A focus on Armenia and Azerbaijan”, Comments presented to the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council, Iowa City, Iowa, Thursday, 1 November 2001.

“Environmental and Human Security in the Caucasus”, paper presented at the Meeting of the International Geographical Union Stavropol and Kislovodsk (Russia). Conference title: Settlement Systems, Ethno-Cultural Mosaic, Geopolitics and Security Problems of Mountain Regions. 11-16 September 2001.

Organized and chaired two sessions, “Roundtable: Inequality in the Caspian Sea Region – Questions for Stability, Development and Integration” and “Overcoming Inequality in the Caspian Sea Region: Power, Environment and Foreign Relations”, and presented a paper, “State Sovereignty of Azerbaijan: The Role of GUUAM” for the International Studies Association Convention in Chicago, Illinois, 20-24 February 2001.

“Armenian Sovereignty and Energy Security: Territorial Considerations”, paper presented at the Pre-Conference of the Political Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers at West Point, New York, 26-27 February 2001.

Session co-Discussant; session title: “Political Geography III, In Honor of Julian Minghi” at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 18-21 November 2000.

“Caspian Pipelines and Geopolitics: Implications for Armenian Energy and Sovereignty”, Organized a session and presented a paper at the national convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in Denver, Colorado, 9-12 November 2000. Session title: “Energy in the Caucasus and the Former Soviet Union”.

Roundtable presenter at the Summer Workshop in Slavic, East European and Central Asian Languages at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 3 August 2000; session title: “Contemporary Issues in Central Asia and the Caucasus”.

"Environmental Security and Environmental Scarcity in the Caspian: Section 907 and Azerbaijan's Building of Civil Society", Invited keynote presentation at Columbia University's Caspian Project Conference on Seeking Civil Society: Environmental NGOs and the Caspian in New York, New York, 3 May 2000.

"Energy Resources in Armenia: A Consideration of Sovereignty, Borders, and Resource Management"; Organized three sessions on Environmental Politics and presented a paper at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 4-8 April 2000.

"State Identity and Natural Resources in Azerbaijan: Implications for People and Environment", presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention in Los Angeles, California, 14-18 March 2000.

Attended the United States – Azerbaijan Chamber of Commerce Third Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., 25-26 October 1999.

Briefing to the United States Department of State on the Young Investigator's Program of the National Academy of Sciences, "Title VIII Briefing on Energy Security Issues in Armenia", Washington, D.C., 15 October 1999.

"Territorial Assumptions and Environmental Security: A Consideration of The Caspian Sea Region"; Co-organizer of a paper session titled, "Environmental Security: Views from Political and Military Geography" and presented a paper at the National Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Honolulu, Hawaii, 23-27 March 1999.

Co-organizer and presenter of a workshop, "Active Learning in Human Geography", for the Joint Meeting of the West Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers and the Wisconsin Geographical Society in Madison, Wisconsin, 29-31 October 1998.

"Vulnerability: A Political Dimension of Environmental Change", presented at the National Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Boston, Massachusetts, 25-29 March 1998.

Attended the 22nd Annual Hazards Research and Applications Workshop in Denver, Colorado, 13-16 July 1997.

Attended the 1997 Open Meeting of the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Research Community in Laxenburg, Austria, 12-14 June.

"The Gatekeeper Model of Communication and the Internet: A Case Study", presented at the Political Geography Pre-Conference in San Marcos, Texas, 29-31 March 1997.

Pre-Conference workshop leader at the National Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Fort Worth, Texas, 1-5 April 1997; workshop title: "Active Undergraduate Teaching and Learning".

“Political Geography Approaches to Human Dimensions of Global Change: An Introduction “; Organized three sessions and presented a paper at the National Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Fort Worth, Texas, 1-5 April 1997 (session titles: “Political Geography Approaches to Human Dimensions of Global Change I, II and III”).

Attended National Science Foundation-sponsored Workshop on Distributed Heterogeneous Knowledge Networks in Boulder, CO, 8-9 May 1997.

Workshop organizer and presenter at the Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Division of the Association of American Geographers in Greeley, Colorado, 26-28 September 1996; workshop title: "Active Learning Modules in Geography: Human Dimensions of Global Change".

“E-mail Communication and Transboundary Environmental Policy: A Case of Successful Cooperation in the Former Soviet Republics”, presented at the National Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Charlotte, North Carolina, 9-12 April 1996.

“Environmentalism in Russia: Multi-Scale Implications of E-Mail Use for Decision-Making”, presented at the National Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Chicago, Illinois, 14-18 March 1995.

Panel speaker at the Syracuse University Graduate School's Faculty Teaching Mentors Seminar, Minnowbrook Conference Center, 10-12 May 1994; Session titles: "On Mentoring and Being Mentored" and "Teaching Associate Perspectives on the Future Professoriate Project".

“Russian Environmentalism: Technology and a New Kind of Trade”, presented at the National Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in San Francisco, California, 29 March – 2 April 1994.

Invited participant in the Inherit The Earth Intergenerational Symposium on the Environment sponsored by the Walter O. Roberts Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado, 14-17 July 1993.

Presented a paper at the National Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in San Diego, California, 18-21 April 1992.

Attended International Global Union Commission on the World Political Map in Prague, Czechoslovakia, 24-27 August 1991.

Presented a paper at the Regional Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Western States Division, Laramie, Wyoming, 8-11 September 1991.

SERVICE:

Serving on the NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Award Panel for the Geography and Regional Sciences Division, Arlington, VA, first meeting on 8-9 December 2008 (2-year term of service)

Represented the University of Kansas on a Kansas National Guard-sponsored trip to Yerevan, Armenia to foster educational ties between Kansas and Armenia, 23-29 August 2008 (plus briefing meetings in Topeka)

Member, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (KU) International Studies Task Force, Spring 2008

Graduate Studies Committee Member, Department of Geography August 2007 to present

Served on an advisory panel for NSF's Human and Social Dynamics (HSD) competition, Arlington, VA, 9-11 May 2007

Ex-Officio member of the International Research and Scholarly Exchange Committee of the AAG as of June 2007 (2-year term)

Elected President of the Russian, Central & Eastern European and Eurasian Specialty Group of the AAG April 2007 (2-year term)

Chair, Outreach Committee, Department of Geography August 2006 – August 2007.

Co-Coordinator for the Environmental Studies Honors Program as of August 2006.

GeoClub (Geography undergraduate student organization) faculty sponsor as of September 2006.

Elected member of the Executive Committee for the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, September 2006 and September 2007.

Geography Department Ambassador to the Center for Teaching Excellence (KU) October 2005 – September 2007.

Organized the Current Topics Roundtable panel session titled, "Democracy in the Middle East: Prospects, Problems and Promises", sponsored by the Political Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Chicago, IL, 7-11 March 2006.

Elected President of the Political Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, 2005 (2-year term)

Elected Vice-Chair of the Russian, Central And East European Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, 2005 (2-year term)

Appointed Chair of the International Research and Scholarly Exchange Committee of the Association of American Geographers 2005 (2-year term).

Appointed member of the Steering Committee for the Commission on Public Policy, International Geographical Union, 2004.

Elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Human Dimensions of Global Change Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, 2004 (2-year term)

Elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Political Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, 2003-2005

Elected member at large on the board of the Russian, Central And East European Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, 2003-2005

Advisory Board member for *Annual Editions: Environment* 99/00 edition through 2004/2005 edition published by Dushkin/McGraw-Hill

Appointed Executive Board Member of the Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana, August 2002

Appointed member of the International Research and Scholarly Exchange Committee of the Association of American Geographers, July 2002

Guest participant in the Illinois International Career Academy high school paper presentations on the Post-Taliban Economy in Afghanistan, Urbana, Illinois, 23 February 2002

Presentation to the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation in Urbana, Illinois, 10 January 2002. Presentation title: Armenia, Azerbaijan and the U.S.: Squaring Off, Political Triangles and Coming Full Circle With Independence

Student paper award committee member, Political Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, 1999 to 2003

Student paper award committee member, Human Dimensions of Global Change Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, 2001

Director, Environmental Studies Minor (interdisciplinary, undergraduate program) at Illinois State University, spring 2000 to spring 2001

Appointed member of Illinois State University President's Environmental Task Force beginning fall 2000

Member, Peace Studies Advisory Council at Illinois State University beginning fall 2000

Initiator and Co-organizer of the interdisciplinary colloquium series in the Department of Geography-Geology, Illinois State University: "GGGEO: Geography, Geology and Geohydrology Explorations and Observations"

Member of the following committees in the Department of Geography-Geology, Illinois State University: Advancement, Awards, By-Laws and Research, 1999-2001

Volunteer faculty moderator for a first year student learning community, "Connections", at Illinois State University, fall 1999

Elected member of the board of the Political Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, 1998-1999

Chair of the Ad-hoc Committee of the Political Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, 1998-1999

Chair of the Distinguished Geography Speaker Committee, Department of Geography-Geology, Illinois State University, 1998-1999

Reviews for:

Geopolitics, Journal of Geography, Journal of Political Ecology, Political Geography (multiple), Professional Geographer, National Identities, The North American Geographer, Annals of the Association of American Geographers, National Science Foundation (multiple), Pearson/Prentice Hall (book manuscript), Glencoe/McGraw Hill (high school text), Westpoint Military Academy tenure and promotion application

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- Association of American Geographers
- International Studies Association
- International Geographical Union

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

- University of Kansas, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies Program - Current position since August 2004; Promoted to Associate Professor as of August 2007
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Geography - Tenure track position August 2001 -- August 2004
- Illinois State University, Department of Geography-Geology - Tenure track position August 1998 – May 2001
- University of Colorado Continuing Education Program, The Metropolitan State College of Denver and Front Range Community College – various part time teaching assignments 1996 - - 1998

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