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Teaching and Research Interests

Environmental Sociology, Animals and Society, and Social Theory

Academic Positions

Utah Valley University, Professor (2018-present)

Courses: Environmental Sociology, Political Sociology, Animals and Society, Introduction to Sociology, Classical Social Theory, Contemporary Social Theory, and Introduction to Environmental Studies

Utah Valley University, Associate Professor (2011-2018)

University of Alaska Southeast, Associate Professor (2011)

Courses: Social Psychology, Environmental Sociology, Sociology of War, Sociological Theory, Political Sociology, Sociology of Close Relationships, Self, Culture and Society, Reading and Writing in The Social Sciences, First Portfolio Review, Social Problems, and Introduction to Sociology

University of Alaska Southeast, Assistant Professor (2007-2010)

University of Alaska Southeast, Term Assistant Professor (2006-2007)

Utah Valley University, Associate Professor (2005-2006)

Utah Valley University, Assistant Professor (2001-2005)

Casper College, Sociology Instructor (1998-2001)

Education

Simon Fraser University, PhD in Sociology, 2000

Doctoral Dissertation: *Common Ground and Conflict in the Struggle Over the Use of Forests and Labour in British Columbia: The Case of Greenpeace and the Pulp, Paper and Woodworkers of Canada* (Dissertation Supervisor: Ian Angus)

State University of New York at Albany, MA in Sociology, 1991

State University of New York at Albany, BA in Psychology, 1988

Research

Refereed Journal Articles

"Ballot Measures and the Subversion of Direct Democracy: A Case Study of Ballot Measures to Outlaw Aerial Wolf Killing" (Co-authored with Steven Clark), in press with *Society and Animals**

"The Competitive Consumption and Fetishism of Wildlife Trophies," (2017) *Journal of Consumer Culture* Epub ahead of print 1 February DOI: 10.1177/1469540517690571

"Against Trophy Hunting: A Marxian-Leopoldian Critique," (2016) *Monthly Review* 68 (4)

"A Case Study and Historical Analysis of the Reasons Why Many Trophy Hunters Harbor Animosity Toward Wolves and Wolf Advocates," (2013) *Capitalism Nature Socialism* 24 (1)

"The Use of Historic and Contemporary Justifications for Killing Wolves by the Palin Administration," (2009) *Capitalism Nature Socialism* 20 (4)

"Leopold, Pinchot, Marx, and the Ethics of Buffalo Hunting in the 21st Century," (2007) *Teaching Ethics* 7 (2)

"The PPWC and the IWA: A Comparative Historical Analysis of the Different Policies of Two Woodworkers' Unions," (2003) *Organization & Environment* 16 (3)

"Backlash: Corporate Front Groups and the Struggle for Sustainable Forestry in British Columbia," (1998) *Capitalism Nature Socialism* 9 (4)

*Students assisted in data collection

Published Conference Proceedings and Newsletters

"The Adverse Social and Ecological Consequences of Trophy Hunting in Alaska"(2009) *Environment, Technology and Society*, Newsletter of the Section on Environment and Technology of the American Sociological Association

"Wolves as Members of Mixed Communities," (2009) *Proceedings of the Alaska Historical Society's Conference*

"European Anthropocentrism vs. American Ecocentrism: Two Contrasting Views of the Value of Wolves in the Last Frontier," (2008) *Proceedings of the Alaska Historical Society's Conference*

*"Exploring the Potential Ecological and Social Impacts of the Material Aspirations of Undergraduate Students," (co-authored with Steven Clark) in (2004) *Sustainability and Practice*, Proceedings of the Faculty Conference, Utah Valley University, edited by David Keller and Alexander Simon

"One Evil Empire Down, One to Go," in (2003) *What is Postmodernism?*, Proceedings of the Faculty Conference, Utah Valley University, edited by David Keller and Brian Birch

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Conference Papers and Poster Sessions

"The Liberal Concept of Rights is a Barrier to Sustaining Biodiversity and Wolf Recovery Efforts," (2017) American Sociological Association's Annual Conference.

*"Geochemical and Sociological Study of backyard wells in Utah Valley, Utah," Gherasim, J., Roberts, S., Tulley, S., Christensen, B., Bradford, A., Oliverson, C., McNeff, J., Nichols, J., Sorensen, J., Emerman, S., Simon, A. (2016) Geological Society of America's Annual Meeting

"A Leopoldian Critique of Trophy Hunting Organizations," (2016) Society for Applied Anthropology's Annual Conference

*"Materialistic Aspirations of College Students Over Time," (2014) Steven Clark, Mike Olson, Chelsey Hicken, and Alexander Simon. Rocky Mountain Psychological Association's Annual Conference

"The Social Construction and Deconstruction of Wolves as an Invasive Species," (2014) All Things Conference, UC Davis

*"Ballot Measures and the Subversion of Direct Democracy," (2014) American Sociological Association's Annual Conference.

"Trophy Hunters: Practitioners of Ecocentric Ethics Or Reactionaries Suffering From Outgroup Anxiety?," (2013) Utah Valley University's 24th Annual Symposium on Environmental Ethics, "Lessons of Leopold: Ecosystem Ethics and Environmental Policy"

"The State's Use of the Criminal Justice System as a Means of Maintaining Boundaries Between Humans and Wolves," (2012) Pacific Sociological Association's Annual Meeting

"The Shallow vs. The Deep: Euro-American Hunting Cultural Traditions as a Threat to Indigenous Peoples' Cultural Traditions," (2009), Society for Applied Anthropology's Annual Meeting

"The Ecological and Social Impacts of the Culture of Trophy Hunting," (2009), Alaska Anthropological Association's Meeting.

*"Materialistic Individuals are Less Committed to Public Goods and Services," (2004) Poster Session Presented at the American Psychological Association's Meeting (co-authored with Steven Clark, Spencer Baum, Troy Humphries, and Michael Gilchrist)

"Assessing the Success of Corporate Propaganda Among British Columbia's Pulp Mill Workers," (2002), Pacific Sociological Association's Meeting

"Exploring the Possibilities for an Alliance Between Forest Sector Workers and Environmentalists in British Columbia," Marxism 2000 Conference

"The Sierra Legal Defense Fund in Lillooet, British Columbia: A Case Study of the Struggle for Ideological Hegemony in a Timber Dependent Community," (1997), Society for Applied Anthropology Meeting

"The Contradictions of State Environmental Forest Policy Under Global Capitalism,"(1996) Society for Applied Anthropology

*Students were co-authors and/or assisted in data collection

Invited Lectures

"A Case Study and Historical Analysis of the Reasons Why Many Trophy Hunters Are Hostile Toward Wolves and Wolf Advocates," Wolf and Wildlife Conservation and Coexistence Initiative, sponsored by Friends of the Wisconsin Wolf and the Ho-Chunk Nation (Baraboo, Wisconsin, 2015)

"Wolves and Hunters: An Examination of the Reasons Why Juneau's Lone Wolf Was Killed," sponsored by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance (Juneau, Alaska, 2013)

"Wolves and Hunters: An Examination of the Reasons Why Juneau's Lone Wolf Was Killed," sponsored by the University of Alaska Fairbanks Northern Studies Program (2013)

"Wolves and Hunters: An Examination of the Reasons Why Juneau's Lone Wolf Was Killed," sponsored by the University of Alaska Anchorage's Bookstore (2013)

"The Problem with Trophy Hunting," Sponsored by Casper College's Honors Program (2011)

"Wolf Management in Alaska and Utah," sponsored by Utah University's Ethics Center (2010)

Interviews, Opinion Pieces, and Related Publications

"A Western Lesson from Cecil the lion: Trophy seekers aren't hunters," *High Country News*, August 27, 2015

Interviewed by KTOO News (Juneau, Alaska's NPR affiliate) regarding Alaskans' views of wolves (2013)

Interviewed by KTOO News regarding Alaska's wolf killing campaign (2010)

Interviewed by KTOO News regarding Sarah Palin's candidacy for Vice President (2008)

Interviewed by WDELL Radio (Delaware) regarding Sarah Palin's candidacy for Vice President (2008)

Interviewed by KCBS Radio (San Francisco) regarding Sarah Palin's candidacy for Vice President (2008)

Published guest editorial on the reasons for the invasion of Iraq in the *Provo-Orem Daily Herald* (2004)

Interviewed by the *Deseret News* regarding the reasons for the 9-11 terrorist attacks (2001)

Interviewed by the *Bridge River-Lillooet News* regarding the political economy of British Columbia's forest industry (1999)

Interviewed by Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) radio regarding the political economy of British Columbia's forest industry (1999)

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association (member of Environment and Technology; Animals and Society; and Consumerism sections of the ASA)

American Association of University Professors (member of the national organization and the local UVU David R. Keller chapter of the AAUP)

President, UVU Chapter of the American Federation of Teachers

Current and Recent Service

Member of RTP Committee (current)

Member of UVU's Sustainability Committee (current)

USHE Sociology Committee (current)

Ad hoc Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Anthropology (current)

President of UVU's Chapter of the American Federation of Teachers (current)

Ad hoc reviewer for *The Journal of Consumer Culture* (2017)

Ad hoc reviewer for *Teaching Ethics* (2014)

Ad hoc reviewer of Associate Professor Jonathan Clark's scholarship for promotion at Ursinus College (2014)

Alternate on UVU's IRB (2011-15)

Member of United Academics' Representative Assembly (2008-2011)

University of Alaska Southeast Faculty Senate (2009-2011)

Chair of Student Portfolio Committee (2008-2011)

University of Alaska Southeast's Sustainability Committee (2007-2011)

Board Member of Alaska Wildlife Alliance (2009-2011)

University of Alaska Southeast Curriculum Committee (2008-2011)