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TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociocultural anthropology, applied anthropology, ecology, environmental anthropology, film, subsistence economies, space and place, social change, public policy, globalization, indigenous peoples and states, Native North America, Pacific Northwest Coast, Circumpolar North.

EDUCATION

1995	University of Washington, Seattle	Ph.D. in Anthropology
1989	University of Washington, Seattle	M.A. in Anthropology
1986	Swarthmore College	B.A. in Sociology/Anthropology

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2006- Associate Professor of Anthropology, Portland State University.

2003-06 Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Trinity College, Hartford, CT.

2001-03 Associate Professor, Department of Global Studies, Saint Lawrence University, Canton, NY.

2002 Fulbright Lecturer (China), Beijing Normal University, Center for Chinese Folklore and Ancient Writing (spring semester), Beijing, China.

1998-00 Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau.

1996-98 Chair, Social Science Faculty, University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau.

1994-98 Assistant Professor, Anthropology, University of Alaska Southeast.

1995 Visiting Scholar/Foreign Expert, Beijing University, Beijing, Peoples Republic of China.

1992-94 Instructor, University of Alaska Southeast, Anthropology Program.

1989-90 Teaching Assistant, Institute for Environmental Studies and Department of Anthropology, University of Washington.

1986-88 Administrative Faculty, Earlham College, Richmond, IN; Director of Supportive Services/International Student Advisor (1987-88); Learning Center Coordinator (1986-87); Faculty Leader/ Advisor for Water Wilderness Program, summer, 1987.

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS AND GRANTS

- 2005- *Indigenous Institutions and Biocultural Diversity within Modern Nation States and Global Economies*. PI for \$1.5 million international, interdisciplinary proposal recommended for funding under the BOREAS initiative "Histories from the North." of European Science Foundation EUROCORES Program (funding pending).
- 2005- *Alaska Rockfish: Subsistence Harvests and Local Knowledge of Alaska Rockfish*. Cooperative project with Alaska Department of Fish & Game, funded by North Pacific Research Board.
- 2004- *Southeast Alaska Subsistence Fisheries Traditional Ecological Knowledge Database*. Cooperative project on salmon with Sitka Tribe of Alaska (Tlingit) and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, funded by US Fish & Wildlife Service Office of Subsistence Management.
- 2004 *Indigenous Toponyms as Indices of Environmental Knowledge, Biocomplexity, and Change*. PI for project supported by National Science Foundation, Human Dimensions of the Arctic (HARC) invited workshop in Anchorage, AK (2002). Further funding through Faculty Research Grant, Trinity College.
- 2002 *Haa Shagóon, Our Heritage: A multimedia CD-ROM atlas of the Chilkoot Trail* (with student Saurabh Gupta). PI for University Fellows Grant, St. Lawrence University..
- 2001 *Ford Foundation Crossing Borders Project*. Collaborative grant between St. Lawrence University, Trent University, and the University of the West Indies to examine how globalization and diasporization challenge traditional conceptions of nation-states and geographical areas.
- 2001 *S'aawx Shan: Autobiography of a Tlingit Elder*. PI for life history project, funded by St. Lawrence University Large Research Grant.
- 2000 *Rockefeller Brothers Foundation Grant for the Development of GIS technologies for teaching Global Studies at St. Lawrence University*. Developed Global Studies Department course entitled, *Globalization and Food* with GIS lab component.
- 1999 *Cultural Atlas for the Native Peoples of Southeast Alaska*. Principal investigator for project to produce indigenous place name maps and CD-ROMs, funded by University of Alaska Natural Resources Fund and Sealaska Heritage Foundation (see <http://www.ankn.uaf.edu/>).
- 1998 *Fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities*. Book project, *Being and Place Among the Tlingit*.
- 1998 *Associate in Research*, Peabody Museum of Harvard University.
- 1998 *A Study of Traditional Use of Bird Eggs by the Hoonah Tlingit*. Co-PI (with Eugene Hunn, et al). Monograph published as Technical Report NPS/CCSOUW/NRTR-2002-02 NPS D-113, National Park Service Pacific Northwest Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit.
- 1997 *Traditional Cultural Property Investigation for Auke Cape, Alaska*. PI for investigation to determine eligibility of Auke Cape for National Register as a traditional cultural property (TCP) of the Tlingit. Monograph supported nomination of site as Alaska's first TCP.

- 1996 *Qamanii II: Toponyms and Site Information Regarding Lands Along the Tapaq and Saniniq Coasts and in the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve*. Co-PI (with Susan Fair), National Science Foundation grant, Cooperative project with the Inupiat village of Shishmaref, AK.
- 1996 *Harvest and Use of Berries in Glacier Bay National Park*. PI for cooperative project with Hoonah Tlingit funded by National Park Service.
- 1995 *Tlingit Traditional Use of Sitka National Historical Park*. PI for National Park Service grant.
- 1994-01 *Southeast Alaska Native Place Names Project*, National Park Service grants (3). PI for cooperative project with the Southeast Native Subsistence Commission to document Tlingit and Haida place names and cultural associations in Southeast Alaska.
- 1991-94 *Subsistence Resource Specialist I-II*. Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Division of Subsistence, Juneau, Alaska. Applied research on harvest, use, and management of fish and game resources. Assignments and duties included:
- 1) Field research on subsistence harvests of fish and wildlife resources in rural Alaskan communities.
 - 2) Training and supervision of local researchers for multi-year National Marine Fisheries Service survey of seal and sea lion harvest in Alaska Native communities.
 - 3) Cooperative mapping projects with Huna Traditional Tribal Council to document Tlingit place names and subsistence sites in Glacier Bay National Park.
 - 4) Major research projects on: a) subsistence use of sockeye salmon, b) harvest and use of bear, and c) traditional harvest and use of marine mammals in Southeast AK.
 - 5) Field review, quantitative analysis, and qualitative interpretation of data on subsistence use of fish and game in 30 Southeast AK communities.
 - 6) Compiling deer and seal harvest database for Southeast AK and developing computerized (GIS) spatial analysis tools for evaluating harvest patterns.
 - 7) Providing Department of Fish & Game review of effects on subsistence of federal, state, and local land use plans. Preparing and presenting reports on subsistence to Alaska Boards of Fisheries and Game and the Federal Subsistence Board.
- 1990-94 *Principal Investigator*. Grants from Jacobs Research Fund (1990, 1993) and American Philosophical Society (1991, 1994) for ethnographic fieldwork on Tlingit ethnogeography in Angoon, Sitka, Yakutat, and other Southeast Alaska Native communities.
- 1989-90 *Graduate Intern* (summers), Division of Subsistence, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Douglas, AK.
- 1989 *Research Assistant*, National Geographic grant for project, "Sahaptin Ethnogeography" with PI Eugene Hunn (University of Washington).
- 1989 *Research Assistant*, Environmental Planning and Social Research Center, Batelle Memorial Institute, Seattle Washington. Social impact and environmental risk research.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS, MONOGRAPHS, FILMS & CD-ROMS

- 2007 *Being and Place Among the Tlingit*. Forthcoming, University of Washington Press.

- 2006 *Haa Léelk'w Has Aaní Saax'ú: Our Granparents Natmes on the Land*. Editor for cultural atlas based on Tlingit and Haida place names of Southeast Alaska. To published by Sealaska Heritage Institute and University of Washington Press in 2007-08.
- 2004 *Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park Ethnographic Overview and Assessment*. Monograph Published by National Park Service (GPO).
- 2000 *Will the Time Ever Come? A Tlingit Sourcebook*. Edited by Andrew Hope III and Thomas F. Thornton. Fairbanks: Alaska Native Indigenous Knowledge Network, University of Alaska.
- 1999 *Southeast Alaska Native Cultural Atlas for Macintosh and Windows*. CD-ROMs combine Native place names with geographic maps, sound files, and other ethnographic links. Project supported by Angoon and Kake tribal governments, University of Alaska Southeast, and the Alaska Rural Systemic Initiative (National Science Foundation and the Alaska Federation of Natives).
- 1999 *A Time of Gathering: Tlingit Berry Picking in Glacier Bay National Park*. Executive Producer and Director for this 20-minute ethnographic film. Distributed by Hoonah Indian Association, Hoonah, AK.
- 1998 *Haa Aaní: Our Land. Tlingit and Haida Land Rights and Use* by Walter R. Goldschmidt and Theodore Haas, edited with Introduction by Thomas F. Thornton. University of Washington Press and Sealaska Heritage Foundation.
- 1998 *Traditional Tlingit Use of Sitka National Historical Park*. Monograph published by National Park Service.

ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

- n.d. Already Here and Rich: A Brief Ethnohistory of Upper Lynn Canal. In *Eldorado: Getting There and Getting Rich*, edited by C. Spude, et al. To be published by University of Nebraska Press.
- n.d. Relation and Revelation in Tlingit Landscape Perception. In *Culture and Land, the Ethnoecology of Habitat and Landscape*. Edited by L.M. Johnson, et al. Currently under review for publication.
- 2007 Alaska Native Corporations and Subsistence: Paradoxical Forces in the Construction of Sustainable Communities. In *Sustainability and Communities of Place*, ed.by C. Maida. Berghahn (in press).
- 2005 Last of the Sealers or Last of the Seals? *Natural History* ("Picks from the Past" online feature), June.
- 2005 Huna Tlingit Gull Egg Harvests in Glacier Bay National Park (with E. Hunn, et al.). *Practicing Anthropology* 27(1):6-10.
- 2004 The Geography of Tlingit Character. In *Coming to Shore. Northwest Coast Ethnology. Traditions and Visions*, ed. by M. Mause, et al., pp. 363-384. University of Nebraska Press,
- 2005 Subsistence Research in Alaska: A Thirty Year Retrospective (with Polly Wheeler). *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* 3(1).

- 2003 Place Names and the Language of Subsistence in Southeast Alaska, In *Maintaining the Links: Language, Identity, and the Land: Proceedings of the Seventh FEL Conference*, Broome, Australia, edited by J. Blythe and R. McKenna Brown. Foundation for Endangered Languages.
- 2003 Huna Tlingit Traditional Environmental Knowledge, Conservation, and the Management of a "Wilderness" Park. (with E.Hunn, et al). *Current Anthropology* 44 (Supp.): S79-103.
- 2002 Blowback (with P. Thornton). In *Collateral Language: A User's Guide to "America's New War,"* NYU Press, ed. by J. Collins and R.Glover.
- 2001 From Clan to Kwaan to Corporation: The Evolution of Tlingit Political Organization. *Wicazo Sa Review* 17(2):167-194.
- 2001 Subsistence in Northern Communities: Lessons From Alaska. *The Northern Review* 23 (Summer):82-102.
- 2000 Person and Place: Lessons from Tlingit Teachers. In *Celebration 2000: Restoring Balance Through Culture*, pp. 79-86. Juneau: Sealaska Heritage Foundation.
- 2000 What's in a Name? Indigenous Place Names in Southeast Alaska. *Arctic Research of the United States*, Vol 13 (Spring/Summer): 40-48.
- 1999 Tleikw Aaní, The Berried Landscape: The Structure of Tlingit Edible Fruit Resources at Glacier Bay, Alaska. *Journal of Ethnobiology*, Vol. 19(1):27-48.
- 1999 Subsistence: The Politics of a Cultural Dilemma. In *Public Policy Issues in Alaska. Background and Perspectives*, C. S. Thomas, ed., pp. 205-220. Juneau: The Denali Press.
- 1999 Building Tlingit Resource Atlases. In *Will the Time Ever Come: A Tlingit Sourcebook?* A. Hope and T.F. Thornton, eds.. Fairbanks: Alaska Native Indigenous Knowledge Network, University of Alaska.
- 1999 An Elder-in-Residence Plan (with P. Schulte), *Teaching Anthropology SACC Notes*, Vol. 6(1):29-30.
- 1998 Crisis in the Last Frontier: The Alaskan Subsistence Debate. Guest edited (Fall) issue of *Cultural Survival Quarterly* and wrote the lead article, "Alaska Native Subsistence: A Matter of Cultural Survival."
- 1997 Know Your Place: The Organization of Geographic Knowledge among the Tlingit. *Ethnology* 36(4):295-307.
- 1997 Anthropological Studies of Native American Place Naming. *American Indian Quarterly* 21(2):209-228.
- 1995 Tlingit and Euro-American Toponymies in Glacier Bay. *Proceedings of the Second Glacier Bay Science Symposium, 1993*. Anchorage: National Park Service.

OTHER PAPERS, & PRESENTATIONS

- 2006 *Symposium: Maritime Adaptations: The Case of Salmon—Collaborative Archeological and Ethnographic Research*. Chaired and Introduced Symposium as part of Paths Across the Pacific V conference, Sitka, AK.
- 2005 *Introduction, Human Rights Forum on Climate Change and Human Rights: An Inuit Perspective*, with keynote address by Shelia Watt-Cloutier, International Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference. Trinity College, September.
- 2005 *National Parks and Native People in Alaska and Southern Yukon: Breaking Through Icy Relations, Cold Stereotypes and Frozen Histories*. Brown Bag Lecture Series, Department of Anthropology, Trinity College. November. (Also presented to Southeast AK Tribes, National Parks and Southern Yukon First Nations and The McBride Museum. Summer)
- 2005 *Conservation, Local Knowledge, and Sense of Place*. Colloquium Presentation, Dartmouth College Department of Anthropology and Native American Studies Program. September.
- 2005 *Names on the Beach: The Relationship between Language, Culture, Environment and the Peopling of Tlingit Country*. Presentation at Paths Across the Pacific IV. Sitka, AK. July.
- 2005 *Race, Geography and Foraging: the Continuing Conundrum of Alaska Subsistence*. Presentation at session, Race and Natural Resources in the United States, 11th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM), Ostersund, Sweden.
- 2005 *Indigenous Toponyms as Indices of Environmental Knowledge, Biocomplexity, & Change*. Project Presentation at NITLE GIS Teaching and Learning Workshop, Middlebury College, June.
- 2004-05 *Placing' Indians in American History*. Invited presentation to the *Teaching American History Professional Development Summer Institute*, The Connecticut Historical Society, August.
- 2004 *Guns, Butter, Globalization*. Invited presentation at the MITC [Midwest Instructional Technology Center] workshop/symposium, *Teaching with GIS [Geographic Information Systems] in the Liberal Arts*, Colorado College, August 6-11.
- 2003 *The Role of Place in Conservation*. Paper Presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago. Under review for publication as a book chapter in *Relational Sustainability*, edited by S. Langdon and H. Feit..
- 2003 *Using GIS to teach about Globalization*. Presentation to the Bites & Bytes forum, sponsored by the Trinity College Computing Center, October.
- 2002 *Truly (Native) American Corporations*. Paper presented at the 2002 International Symposium on US Social Development & Sino-US Communication Institute of American Studies, Northeast Normal University, Chungchun, China.
- 2001 *Indigenous Configurations of Place and Personhood: Alaska Natives Re-Localizing Amid Globalization*. Paper presented in invited session, "Globalization and Its Discontents," annual meeting of the American Ethnological Society and Canadian Anthropology Society, Montreal..
- 2000 *Corporate Indians and Eskimos: Global and Local Articulations of Alaska Native Corporations*. Paper prepared for special symposium, *Globalization: Issues and Perspectives*, Trinity College, Hartford, CT.
- 1999 *Tlingit Place Names as Containers of Ecological Wisdom*: Paper Presented at the American Anthropological Association Meeting as part of a special panel of the 38th Conference on American Indian Languages, entitled "Place Names Through Time."

- 1999 *Driven Out by Glaciers and Governments, Holding on by Spirit and Song: The Story of the Tlingits of Glacier Bay.* Presentation at Trinity College Symposium on Migrations, Diasporic Communities and Transnational Identities. Hartford, CT.
- 1998 *Placing Myth and Myth-ing Place: Tlingit Place Names as Boxes of Daylight.* Paper presented at the American Ethnological Society Annual Meeting, May 1998.
- 1997 *Traditional Ecological Knowledge as a Way of Knowing Glacier Bay,* Keynote presentation at Traditional Knowledge Workshop with Hoonah (Tlingit) Indian Association. Sponsored by the National Park Service, Glacier Bay, Bartlett Cove, AK.
- 1997 *Animals in Their Place: The Localization of Traditional Ethological Knowledge.* Invited paper for the Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies Seminar, "Animals and Human Society," Princeton University.
- 1997 *The Ties that Bind: Seal Hunting as a Sacred Act in Glacier Bay.* Paper presented at Society for Applied Anthropology Invited Session, "Indigenous Peoples and National Parks: An International Perspective." Served as co-chair for the session.
- 1996 Chair of Invited Session, "Alaska Native Geographies: What's in the Names," 1996 Arctic Science Conference, Girdwood, AK. Introductory presentation, *Alaska Native Place Names as Containers of Cultural and Environmental Knowledge and Wisdom.*"
- 1996 *Place and Subsistence in Southeast Alaska.* Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Meeting, Baltimore, MD..
- 1994 *A Spatial Analysis of Seal Hunting in Southeast Alaska.* Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association, March 1994, Juneau.
- 1993 *Building Tlingit Resource Atlases.* Workshop Leader and Presenter, First Conference of Tlingit Tribes and Clans, Haines, AK.
- 1993 *Subsistence Resource Use Patterns in Southeast Alaska: Summaries of 30 Communities* (with M. Betts, A.M. Victor, and R. F. Schroeder). Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game, Division of Subsistence, Technical Paper #216. Juneau.
- 1992 *Subsistence Use of Brown Bear in Southeast Alaska.* Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Division of Subsistence Technical Paper #214. Juneau.
- 1992 *Some Sociological Aspects of Tlingit Place Naming.* Paper presented at the International Conference of Arctic Social Sciences, Quebec, Canada. October.
- 1992 *Mind and Body in Tlingit Ethnogeography.* Paper presented at the Alaska Anthropological Association meeting, Fairbanks, AK.
- 1990 *Use of Sockeye Salmon at Sitkoh Bay, Alaska* (with R. F. Schroeder and R. G. Bosworth). Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game, Division of Subsistence Technical Paper #174. Juneau.

BOOK REVIEWS AND EDITORIALS

- 2005 *Development and Local Knowledge: New Approaches to Issues in Natural Resources Management, Conservation, and Agriculture*, ed. by Alan Bicker, Paul Sillitoe, and Johan Pottier. In *Journal of Anthropological Research* (forthcoming).
- 2005 *Constructing Cultures Then and Now: Celebrating Franz Boas and the Jesup North Pacific Expedition (Contributions to Circumpolar Anthropology, 4)*, ed. by Laurel Kendall and Igor Krupnik. In *Ethnohistory* 52(1):207-209.
- 2005 *Against Culture: Development, Politics, and Religion in Indian Alaska* by Kirk Dombrowski. In *Ethnohistory* 52(2):481-83.
- 2004 *...So They Understand...Cultural Issues in Oral History*, by William Schneider. In *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* 95(4):206.
- 2004 *Shem Pete's Alaska: The Territory of the Upper Cook Inlet Dena'ina*, by James Kari, James Fall, and Shem Pete. In *Journal of Anthropological Research* 60(3).
- 2004 *Material Culture and Sacred Landscape: The Anthropology of the Siberian Khanty (Archaeology of Religion, V. 3)* by Peter Jordan. In *Journal of Anthropological Research* 60 (2):283-84.
- 2003 *Take My Land, Take My Life: The Story of Congress's Historic Settlement of Alaska Native Land Claims, 1960-1971* by Donald Craig Mitchell. In *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* 94 (2):101.
- 2001 *Qayaq: Kayaks of Alaska and Siberia* by David Zimmerly. In *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, Winter.
- 2001 *The Coming of the Spirit of Pestilence: Introduced Infectious Diseases and Population Decline among Northwest Coast Indians, 1774-1874* by Robert Boyd. In *Journal of the West*.
- 2000 *Picturing a People: Tlingit Photographer George Johnston* (film) by Carol Geddes. *American Anthropologist* 102(1):155-156.
- 2000 *The First Nations of British Columbia* by Robert J. Muckle. In *Teaching Anthropology: SACC Notes*, 7(1):27.
- 2000 *In the Wake of the Unseen Object* by Tom Kizzia. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 6(1):154.
- 1998 *The Land is Ours* (film) by Laurence Goldin. *American Anthropologist* Vol. 100(4).
- 1998 *Agayuliyaraput, Our Way of Making Prayer: The Living Tradition of Yup'ik Masks* by Ann Fienup-Riordan. *Journal of the West* Vol. 37(3):103.
- 1997 *The Trail of the Hare: Environmental Stress in a Sub-Arctic Community* (2nd edition) by Joel S. Savishinsky. *Journal of Political Ecology*, Vol. 4: 32-33.
- 1996 *Ancient Land, Sacred Whale: The Inuit Hunt and Its Rituals* by Tom Lowenstein. *Journal of the West*, Vol. 35(4):102.
- 1994 *Different Cultures Emphasize Different Names*. "My Turn" editorial, *Juneau Empire*, Juneau, AK. March 23.

1993 *The Tlingit Indians* by George Thornton Emmons and Frederica de Laguna. *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*. Vol. 84(2):60.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & HONORS

2002 *Fulbright Fellowship*. Lectureship at Beijing Normal University, China, Center for Chinese Folklore and Ancient Writing.

2000 *University of Alaska Woonsocket (Native American) Club Award* for contributions toward bridging the gap between Native values and academic education.

1998-99 *State of Alaska Appreciation Award* in recognition of valued service to the State Museum.

1998-99 *National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship*.

1989 *Ronald Leroy Olson Fellowship*, University of Washington, Department of Anthropology.

1989 *Puget Sound Anthropological Society Essay Contest Winner*. Paper entitled, "Europeans into Indians: Cross-Cultural Rites of Passage in Early America."

1986 *Ivy Award*, Swarthmore College, made by the faculty to the man of the graduating class who is outstanding in leadership, scholarship, and contributions to the college community.

1981-86 *McCabe Achievement Award*, 4-year scholarship, Swarthmore College.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Alaska Anthropological Association
American Anthropological Association
Arctic Research Consortium
Society for Applied Anthropology (Fellow)

LANGUAGES

English
Tlingit
French (reading)
Chinese (basic spoken)