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EDUCATION:

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| 1989 | Ph.D. Anthropology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas

Dissertation Title: <i>Kiowa Religion: An Ethnohistorical Analysis of Ritual Symbolism, 1832-1987</i> |
| 1982 | M.A. Anthropology, University of Nebraska,

Lincoln, Nebraska

Thesis Title: <i>The Effects of Disease and Warfare On Pawnee Social Organization, 1830-1859: An Ethnohistorical Analysis</i> |

1979 B.A. History/Anthropology, with departmental honors in Anthropology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

TOPICAL INTERESTS:

Ethnohistory/Culture Change

Medical Anthropology/Ethnomedicine

Kinship/Social Organization

Symbolic Anthropology/Religion

North American Indians/Plains Indians/Kiowas

Southwest/Pueblos

Mesoamerica/Mayas/Belize

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2016- Professor/Associate/Assistant, Northeastern State University,
Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Courses taught: Introduction to American Indian Studies, Ethnology of the American Indian, Field Methods in Ethnology, Archaeology of North America, American Indians Today, Indians of the Plains, Ancient Mesoamerica, American Indian Spirituality, Cultural Anthropology, Magical Worldview, Anthropology and Medicine, Language and Culture, Aging in Other Cultures, Racial and Cultural Minorities, Culture and Personality, Physical Anthropology, Forensic Anthropology, Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, Blues Music, Blues to Rock, Senior Seminar

1992- Temporary Assistant Professor, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

1991 (joint appointment in Anthropology/American Indian Studies). Courses taught: Linguistics, Medical Anthropology, Introduction to American Indian Studies, American Indians Today, Cultural Anthropology

- 1991- Adjunct Faculty, Brookhaven Community College, Dallas, Texas
- 1990 Adjunct Faculty, Colin County Community College, Plano, Texas. Courses taught: Cultural Anthropology
- 1990 Visiting Assistant Professor, Connecticut College, (Spring) New London, Connecticut. Courses taught: Language and Culture, Indians of North America, Cultural Anthropology
- 1986 Adjunct Faculty, Richland Community College, (Fall) Dallas, Texas. Courses taught: Introduction to Anthropology, Cultural Anthropology
- 1986- Teaching Assistant, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.
- 1983 Courses taught: Indians of North America, Language and Culture, Cultural Anthropology
- 1982- Teaching Assistant, University of Nebraska. Courses taught: Introduction
- 1981 to Anthropology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2007- Ethnographic fieldwork in Belize, Central America, researching
- 2005 the Maya use of rainforest medicines
- 2017- Intermittent Ethnographic fieldwork in Anadarko, Carnegie, and
- 1983 Fort Cobb, Oklahoma, researching Kiowa religious beliefs and practices
- 1994- Fieldwork in Dallas and Oklahoma, studying the effects of urbanization

- 1982 on American Indians, in particular, the Kiowas, and attending intertribal powwows and Kiowa ceremonials
- 2012- Archival research at the Smithsonian Institution, National Anthropological
1987 Archives; U.S. National Archives; Newberry Library; Oklahoma State Historical Society; and other repositories

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2008- Research Consultant, Sanctia Sophia Seminary, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
1997
- 1991- Research Associate for Dr. Robert V. Kemper, Southern Methodist
1990 University
- 1989 Administrative Assistant for Dr. William Pulte, Director, Bilingual Programs,
Southern Methodist University
- 1986 Part-time research consultant and intern for the O'Hara Center for Youth
Development, a research affiliate of the Boy's and Girl's Clubs of America
- 1986- Part-time research consultant for Development Associates, Inc.,
1985 Arlington, Virginia, regarding a congressionally mandated study of bilingual education in elementary schools
- 1983- Research Assistant for Dr. William Pulte, Southern Methodist University
1982

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2013 Muriel H. Wright Award for best article published in the *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, 2012. Oklahoma Historical Society.
- 2007- Faculty Research Committee Grant, Northeastern State University, for
2006 Ethnomedical Field Research in Belize, 2006-08 (\$11,988); December 27, 2006 - January 11, 2007, July 1B26, 2007 (with Dr. Erik Terdal)
- 2004- Faculty Research Committee Grant, Northeastern State University, for
2003 (involved training undergraduate students how to conduct ethnographic fieldwork) research in Kiowa country (\$7998)
- 1994 American Philosophical Society, Phillips Fund for Native American Research (\$1180)
- 1994- Faculty Research Committee Grant, Northeastern State University, for
1992 archival and ethnographic fieldwork concerning Kiowa belief systems (\$3459, \$3036; awarded twice)
- 1993 Jacobs Research Funds, Whatcom Museum of History and Art, Bellingham, Washington (\$945)
- 1992 Short-Term Fellow, the D'Arcy McNickle Center for the Study of the American Indian, Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois (\$1600)
- 1988 David Webber Anthropology Fellowship, Southern Methodist University (\$2000)
- 1987 Smithsonian Institution Ten-Week Graduate Student Fellowship (\$2500)

- 1987-1984 Graduate Council travel grants, Southern Methodist University, for fieldwork in Oklahoma (awarded four times)
- 1986 Dissertation Grant, Institute for the Study of Earth & Man, Southern Methodist University (\$1040)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2017 *Kiowa Belief and Ritual*. Studies in the Anthropology of North American Indians, Raymond J. DeMallie and Douglas R. Parks, eds. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press.
- Religious Revitalization among the Kiowas: The Ghost Dance, Peyote, and Christianity*. (Minor revisions). University of Nebraska Press.

Articles

- 2012 "It Would Break Our Hearts Not to Have Our Kiowas': War Dancing, Tourism, and the Rise of Powwows in the Early Twentieth Century." *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* 90(3):286-309 (Winner of the Muriel H. Wright Award for best article published in the *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, 2012. Oklahoma Historical Society.)
- 2009 "Kiowa." Pp. 805-807 in *Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture*. Dianna Everett, ed. Oklahoma City: Oklahoma Historical Society
- 2009 "Kiowa-Comanche-Apache Opening." Pp. 807-809 in *Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture*. Dianna Everett, ed. Oklahoma City: Oklahoma Historical Society

- 2007 "Kiowas." Pp. 106-08 in *Encyclopedia of the Great Plains Indians*, David J. Wishart, ed. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press
- 2005 "Dance, Plains." Pp. 206-13 in *American Indian Religious Traditions: An Encyclopedia*, Suzanne Crawford and Dennis F. Kelley, eds. Denver: ABC-CLIO
- 2005 "Sacred Societies, Plains." Pp. 974-84 in *American Indian Religious Traditions: An Encyclopedia*, Suzanne Crawford and Dennis F. Kelley, eds. Denver: ABC-CLIO
- 2005 "Spiritual and Ceremonial Practitioners, Plains." Pp. 1025-35 in *American Indian Religious Traditions: An Encyclopedia*, Suzanne Crawford and Dennis F. Kelley, eds. Denver: ABC-CLIO
- 2005 "Yuwipi Ceremony." Pp. 1168-73 in *American Indian Religious Traditions: An Encyclopedia*, Suzanne Crawford and Dennis F. Kelley, eds. Denver: ABC-CLIO
- 2004 "Kiowas." Pp. 580-81 in *Encyclopedia of the Great Plains*, David J. Wishart, ed. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press
- 2003 "Kiowa." Pp. 532-34 in *Dictionary of American History*, 3rd edition, Vol. 4, Stanley I. Kutler, ed. New York: Charles Scribner=s Sons
- 2003 "Powwow." P. 444 in *Dictionary of American History*, 3rd edition, Vol 6, Stanley I. Kutler, ed. New York: Charles Scribner=s Sons
- 2000 "Kiowa Religion in Historical Perspective." Pp. 236-55 in *Native American Spirituality*. Lee Irwin, ed. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press.

- 1999 "James Rolfe Murie." *American National Biography*, Vol.16:122-23. Oxford University Press.
- 1997 "Kiowa Religion in Historical Perspective." *American Indian Quarterly* 21(1):15-33
- 1996 "Kiowa." Pp. 316-318 in *Encyclopedia of North American Indians*. Frederick E. Hoxie, ed. New York: Houghton Mifflin Company.
- 1996 "The Kiowa and the Santa Fe Trail." Pp. 25-40 in *Confrontation on the Santa Fe Trail*. Leo E. Oliva, ed. Woodston, KS: Santa Fe Trail Association
- 1994 "Kiowa Powwows: Continuity in Ritual Practice." *American Indian Quarterly* 18(3):321-348
- 1994 "Kiowa Powwows: Tribal Identity through the Continuity of the Gourd Dance." *Great Plains Research* 4(2):259-269
- 1994 "Diabetes among the Kiowa: An Ethnohistorical Perspective." Pp. 147-167 in, *Diabetes as a Disease of Civilization. The Impact of Culture Change on Indigenous Peoples*. Jennie R. Joe and Robert S. Young, eds. Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter
- 1993 "Urbanization and American Indian Health: A Case Study in Dallas, Texas" *High Plains Applied Anthropologist* 13 (Spring):68-77
- 1992 "The Kiowa Ghost Dance, 1894-1916. An Unheralded Revitalization Movement." *Ethnohistory* 39(4):452-77

- 1991 (with Robert V. Kemper) "Directory of Urban Anthropologists" *Urban Anthropology* 20(3):225-360
- 1991 (with Robert V. Kemper and Stuart S. Campos) "The Journal Urban Anthropology: An Index of its First Twenty Years, 1972-1991." *Urban Anthropology* 20(4):385-553
- 1988 (with Thomas M. Johnson, Barry J. Fenton, Myron F. Weiner, and Frederick G. Guggenheim) "Providing Culturally Sensitive Care: Intervention by a Consultation-Liaison Team." *Hospital and Community Psychiatry* 20(4):200-202

Electronic Publications

- 2017 *Kiowa Belief and Ritual*. Studies in the Anthropology of North American Indians, Raymond J. DeMallie and Douglas R. Parks, eds. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press
- 2007 "Kiowa-Comanche-Apache Opening." *Oklahoma Historical Society's Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture*, <http://digital.library.okstate.edu/encyclopedia/entries/K/KIO20/html>
- 2007 "Kiowa." *Oklahoma Historical Society's Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture*, <http://digital.library.okstate.edu/encyclopedia/entries/K/KIO17.html>

Book Reviews

- 2016 Fort Marion Prisoners and the Trauma of Native Education. Diane Glancy. *Chronicles of Oklahoma* 94(1):109-110

- 2015 Cherokee Medicine, Colonial Germs. An Indigenous Nation's Fight against Smallpox, 1518-1824. Paul Kelton. *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* 39(3):129-31
- 2009-10 One Hundred Summers. Candace S. Greene. *Chronicles of Oklahoma* 87(4):497-99, Winter 2009-10
- 2009 Comanche Ethnography. Thomas W. Kavanagh. *Plains Anthropologist* 54(211):286-88
- 2008-09 Art From fort Marion: The Silverman Collection. Joyce M. Szabo. *Chronicles of Oklahoma* 86(4):489-90
- 2008 Kiowa Humanity and the Invasion of the State. Jacki Thompson Rand. *Plains Anthropologist* 53(207):372-74
- 2006 Powwow. Clyde Ellis, Luke Erik Lassiter, and Gary H. Dunham, eds. *American Anthropologist* 108(3):585
- 2005 Cherokee Medicine Man. The Life and Work of a Modern-Day Healer. Robert J. Conley. *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* 29(4):132-34
- 2004 Telling Stories the Kiowa Way. Gus Palmer, Jr. *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* 27(4):178-81
- 2004 Telling Stories the Kiowa Way. Gus Palmer, Jr. *Great Plains Research* 14(1):156
- 2003 The Jesus Road: Kiowas, Christianity, and Indian Hymns. Luke Erik Lassiter, Clyde Ellis, and Ralph Kotay. *Great Plains Quarterly* 23(4):267

- 2003 Medicine Ways: Disease, Health, and Survival Among Native Americans. Clifford E. Trafzer and Diane Weiner, eds. *Great Plains Research* 13(2):340-42
- 2003 Blood Narrative: Indigenous Identity in American Indian and Maori Literary and Activist Texts. Chadwick Allen. *History. Reviews of New Books* 31(4):149
- 2000 The Language Encounter in the Americas, 1492-1800. Edward Gray and Norman Fiering, eds. *History. Reviews of New Books* 29(1):19
- 1999 Imperfect Victories. The Legal Tenacity of the Omaha Tribe, 1945-1995. Mark R. Scherer. *History. Reviews of New Books* 28(1):6-7
- 1999 Tecumseh: A Life. John Sugden. *History. Reviews of New Books* 27(3):111
- 1999 *Satanta: Chief of the Kiowas*. John M. Robinson. *Great Plains Quarterly* 19(1):56-57
- 1999 *Mangas Coloradas. Chief of the Chiricahua Apaches*. Edwin R. Sweeney. *History. Reviews of New Books* 27(2):57-58
- 1997 *The Cheyenne*. John Moore. *History. Reviews of New Books* 25(4):150
- 1996 *Lone Wolf v. Hitchcock: Treaty Rights and Indian Law at the End of the Nineteenth Century*. Blue Clark. *Pacific Historical Review* (May):336-337
- 1994 *Indian Country, L.A.: Maintaining Ethnic Community in Complex Society*. Joan Weibel-Orlando. *American Ethnologist* 21(4):1053-1054

- 1994 *The Ghost-Dance Religion and the Sioux Outbreak of 1890*. James Mooney. *Great Plains Quarterly*
- 1993 *Wounded Knee 1973. A Personal Account by Stanley David Lyman*. Floyd A. O'Neil, et al. *Journal of the West* (October):109-110
- 1990 *The Plains Cree: Trade, Diplomacy, and War, 1790 to 1870*. John S. Milloy. *American Anthropologist* 92(3):762-63
- 1990 *Ancestral Voice: Conversations with N. Scott Momaday*. Charles L Woodard. *American Anthropologist* 92(3):766
- 1990 *Apaches at War and Peace: The Janos Presidio, 1750-1858*. William B. Griffen. *American Anthropologist* 92(3):773-74

Papers Presented at Conferences

- 2012 "It would break our hearts not to have our Kiowas.' War Dancing, Tourism, and the Rise of Powwows in the Early Twentieth Century." Paper presented at the Oklahoma Historical Society annual meetings, Coleman Theater Complex, Miami, Oklahoma, April 19, 2012.
- 2011 "New Interpretations of Revitalization Movements: A Kiowa Example." Paper presented at the 69th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference, University Marriott, Tucson, Arizona, October 29, 2011
- 2009 "Paradigms Lost: New Interpretations of Revitalization Movements." Paper presented at invited session: Symposium: Bridging Ethnohistories, Contextualizing Communities: Papers in Honor of Raymond J. DeMallie. Annual Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 1, 2009

- 2006 "Missions in Kiowa Country: Conflict, Conversion, and Spirituality. Lessons from 'Blanket Indian' Missions." Paper presented at the 105th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, California, November 18, 2006
- 1999 "'Way Down Yonder in the Indian Nations, I Rode My Pony on the Reservation.' Western v. Eastern Oklahoma American Indians." Paper presented at the 98th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 18, 1999
- 1998 "'What We Have Here is a Failure to *Communitas*': Postmodernism, Symbolism, and Race in American Indian Ethnohistory." Paper presented at the American Society for Ethnohistory Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 14, 1998
- 1995 "The Kiowas and the Santa Fe Trail." Paper presented at the 7th Annual Santa Fe Trail Symposium, Larned/Great Bend, Kansas, September 21-24
- 1992 "Sacred or Secular Ceremonies? An Ethnohistorical Analysis of Southern Plains Powwows as Performed by the Kiowa." Paper presented at the 50th Annual Plains Conference, Lincoln, Nebraska, November 11-14, 1992
- 1991 "Born to Dance: An Ethnohistorical Analysis of Kiowa Ceremonial Song and Dance." Paper presented at the American Society for Ethnohistory meetings, Tulsa, Oklahoma, November 6-9, 1991
- 1991 "Dedicated to Those Who Came Before: Fieldwork with the Kiowa." Paper presented at the Central States Anthropological Society meetings, Ames, Iowa, March 21-24, 1991

- 1984 "Urbanization and American Indian Health: A Case Study in Dallas, Texas." Paper presented at the 42nd Annual Plains Conference, Lincoln, Nebraska, October 17-20, 1984
- 1983 "American Indians and Culturally Sensitive Health Care: A Case Study in Dallas, Texas." Paper presented at the 41st Annual Plains Conference, Rapid City, South Dakota, November 2-5, 1983
- 1982 "Pawnee Warfare: An Ecological Model." Paper presented at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Academy of Sciences, Lincoln, NE, April 9, 1982
- 1981 "Dynamics of Teton Dakota Territoriality and warfare: An Ecological Study." Paper presented at the 39th Annual Plains Conference, Bismark, North Dakota, October 14-17, 1981

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association

American Society for Ethnohistory

Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences (NSU faculty sponsor)