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Education

Ph.D. Student, Anthropology, University of Georgia. Matriculated, Fall 2009.
Major Advisor: Dr. Ted Gragson
Committee: Dr. Don Nelson, Dr. Nik Heynen

B.A., Double Major in Anthropology and Environmental Studies, Washington College.
Summa Cum Laude, Departmental Honors, 2005.

Current Positions

- 2011 **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow.** Three-year fellowship with support for research and graduate study.
- 2011 **National Science Foundation Long Term Ecological Research Graduate Researcher.** Coweeta LTER, North Carolina and Baltimore Ecosystem Study LTER, Maryland.
- 2011 **Lecturer,** Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Washington College.

Awards, Training, and Past Positions

- 2010 **National Science Foundation Summer Institute for Research Design.** 3-week intensive course in quantitative and qualitative methods. Instructed by Drs. J. Johnson, H.R. Bernard, and S. Weller.
- 2009–2011 **Graduate Teaching Assistant.** Lectured, led labs/discussion groups, made tests, graded papers. Department of Anthropology, UGA. Stipend/tuition waiver.
- 2010-2011 **Archivist.** Archived the research files, books, and field notes of the late Dr. Robert Rhoades, Distinguished Research Professor at the University of Georgia.
- 2010-2011 **Coordinator.** Southern Seed Legacy. Managed 15 year-old program dedicated to preserving agrobiodiversity in the Southeast.
- 2010-2011 **Treasurer.** *Ecological and Environmental Anthropology.* Managed funding, billing, and reimbursements for peer-reviewed journal.
- 2010 **University of Georgia Foreign Travel Grant.** Awarded funding for travel to the Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery. \$1200.

- 2009 **Graduate Research Award.** Conducted pre-dissertation research into the Peruvian anchoveta fishing industry. The Center for Environment and Society, Chestertown, MD. \$3500.
- 2009 **Manuscript Editor.** *Ecological and Environmental Anthropology*. Managed reviewers for works submitted to journal.
- 2008 **Featured Alumnus** in the Washington College Magazine for role in oyster restoration program, Fall 2008.
- 2001–2005 **Hodson Trust Merit Scholar.** \$60,000 award for undergraduate study.

Publications

Wiest, Mark and Bill Schindler. (accepted) Remembering Lessons from the Past: Fermentation and the Restructuring of Our Food System. Proceedings of the Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery 2010.

Professional Presentations

- June 2011 “Fermentation for a New Food System.” Joint Meetings of the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society, Association for the Study of Food and Society, and the Society for Anthropology of Food and Nutrition. University of Montana, Missoula, Montana.
- July 2010 “Remembering Lessons from the Past: Fermentation and the Restructuring of Our Food System.” The Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery, St. Catherine’s College, Oxford, UK.
- October 2008 “*The Rural Ideal in Delmarva’s Comprehensive Plans.*” Urban Land Institute Annual Land Use Symposium, Kent Island, Maryland.
- April 2005 “Hunting for Bioregionalism on Maryland’s Eastern Shore.” Senior Thesis Defense, Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland.

Professional Experience

- 2007-2009 **Program Manager.** Center for Environment & Society, Chestertown, Maryland. Responsible for managing a number of grant-funded projects including the development of an undergraduate field school, a Chesapeake Bay oyster restoration program, and a study of land-use on the Delmarva Peninsula. (described below)
- 2009 **Coordinator and Teaching Assistant.** Chesapeake Semester Program, Washington College. Assisted in design and implementation of an interdisciplinary semester-long field school based in the Chesapeake Bay

watershed during which students travel the Bay region meeting farmers, watermen, local, state, and federal officials, policy makers, and conservationists. Program culminated in a two-week long trip to coastal Peru during which students explored comparable issues with faculty and students from Cayetano Heredia University, Lima. Funded through \$600,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

- 2008 **Oyster Restoration Project Manager.** Started and managed an oyster restoration program that partnered the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington College, and University of Maryland's Horn Point Laboratory. Responsible for fundraising, grant writing, budgeting, public lectures and presentations, oyster data collection, and organizing outdoor recreation events to raise awareness of watershed conservation and stewardship. Funded through the Friends of Eastern Neck, Inc., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and private donors to a total of \$17,000. Featured in USFWS *Refuge Update* 2010 vol. 7(1).
- 2007-2008 **Comprehensive Planning Coordinator.** Managed a project that compiled and analyzed comprehensive planning initiatives on the Delmarva Peninsula. Collected and cataloged over one hundred plans in order to provide a public resource to communities working on planning issues. Funded through a \$10,000 grant from the Town Creek Foundation and the Urban Land Institute.

Research Interests

- Fisheries management/fishing communities
- Land-use and landscape change
- Experiential and outdoor education
- Common pool resources and property
- Sustainable agriculture and foodways

Professional Affiliations

- American Anthropological Association
- Society for Applied Anthropology
- Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society

Language Abilities

- Proficient in Spanish