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Education

Doctor of Philosophy In progress
Sociology
University of Colorado, Boulder Colorado

Bachelor of Science, Sociology 2009
Southern Oregon University, Ashland, Oregon
Summa Cum Laude

Academic Interests

- Social Construction of Nature
- Climate Change, Attitudes and Social Consequences
- Communities and the Human Landscape
- Animals and Society
- Media and the Formation of Culture
- Social Change
- Qualitative Research
- Public Policy

Research

Undergraduate: Research Assistant, Southern Oregon University Research Center, Southern Oregon University, September 2009-December 2009. Research duties included design of a low literacy survey instrument and analyzing the resulting data for the Southern Oregon Head Start health literacy project. Administrative duties included recruiting the center’s advisory board, writing the mission statement and designing the website.

Undergraduate: Crater Lake National Park: Who’s Goes There? Investigating How Park Visitors Feel about Nature. Spring/Summer 2009. Mark Shibley, Ph.D. Southern Oregon University; Daniel Sarr, Ph.D., National Park Service. Designed qualitative survey instrument (27 questions), gained university IRB and NPS administrative approval. Conducted semi-structured interviews with 28 respondents. Presented the results for NPS and SOU.

Teaching Assistantship

Undergraduate: Sociological Practice, Writing Coach. Winter 2009, Echo Fields, Ph.D., Southern Oregon University

Professional Organization Conferences/Workshops

Jackson County Master Gardener Association, “Winter Dreams, Summer Gardens” Annual seminar

“Clearing the Air: Issues in Indoor Air Quality.” Conference producer. Bainbridge Island, Washington, 1994

Publications

Scholarly

- “Crater Lake National Park: Who Goes There? Exploring the Meaning of Nature with Visitors.” *McNair Scholars Journal*, Spring 2010, Vol. 6.

News Media

- Oregon Outdoors, section of Mail Tribune, Medford, Oregon. (Numerous articles including, Dogs and camping; State of the Birds, local implications, participants in federal report on bird populations.)
- *Homelife* Magazine, articles on garden design and upkeep; monthly garden calendar, photography.
- “Green Scene,” Medford *Mail Tribune*, Biweekly gardening column
- *Joy* Magazine, Medford, OR. “Have You Heard,” monthly woman-on-the-street photo/interviews; feature stories
- *Distinctly Northwest* Magazine, Southern Oregon, feature stories
- The Bainbridge *Review*, Bainbridge Island, WA. News and feature stories, photography
- The *Sun*, Bremerton, WA. News and features, freelance
- Bucks County *Courier Times*, Levittown, PA. News and features, freelance

Literary Publications

- *Soapbox*, Southern Oregon University alternative press. Poetry
- “Waiting for Salmon,” essay; photography in *Marking Our Place*. 2004. Jefferson Nature Center: Medford, OR
- *Exhibition* Magazine, Numerous poems, Bainbridge Island, WA

Photography

- “Wizard Island Reverie: Crater Lake, 2006.” Cover photograph, Southern Oregon University McNair Scholars Journal, Spring 2010 Vol. 6
- Garden photography, 2005-2010 *Homelife* Magazine, Mail Tribune, Medford OR.

- Feature photography, *Joy Magazine*, Including monthly interview portraits and story illustration.

Academic Presentations

“Crater Lake National Park: Who Goes There?” Nature-based recreation in the U.S. has been declining since 1987. A semi-structured survey of 28 visitors to Crater Lake National Park during the summer of 2009 looked at visitor vacation choices, nature based activities and video habits. Do visitor profiles support the hypothesis that videophilia—the love of electronic entertainment forms—inhibits nature-based recreation?

September 8, 2009 Crater Lake National Park, Superintendent staff meeting.
Sept. 8, 2009, Crater Lake National Park, Brown bag lunch series for park educators.
Aug. 14, 2009: Southern Oregon University Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Summer Research Internship presentation
Aug. 8, 2009: California McNair Scholars Symposium, University of California, Berkeley.

“Crater Lake National Park: Who Goes There?” SOARS: Southern Oregon Arts and Research Symposium, May 21, 2009. Presentation on the decline in national park attendance, attitudes about nature and my research plans investigating visitor profiles and electronic media use in Crater Lake National Park.

“The Social Benefits of Home Ownership,” poster presentation
Presented as an example for student posters, SOU website.
Southern Oregon Arts and Research Symposium, May 2009
University of Washington Spring Research Conference, April 2009

Class Presentations

“Appreciative Inquiry: AI Assumptions and Community Building” Community Studies, Julie Kochanek. Ph.D. Southern Oregon University. Spring 2008.

“Consequences of Climate Change on Human Health,” *Mitigating Anthropogenic Climate Change: Causes, Risks, Reasoning and Responsibilities*. Science Citizenship and Democracy, Prakash Chenjeri, Ph.D. Southern Oregon University. Fall 2008

“Environmental Policy: Healthy Forests and Healthy Communities.” Population, Development and Environment, John Richards, Ph.D. Southern Oregon University. Spring 2008

“The Social Value of Public Parks.” Individual presentation on the history and uses of parks as a social control and public health measure. Winter 2008.

“Bratz vs. Barbies: Competing for market share and the power to imprint the minds of young girls.” Class presentation, Race, Gender and Ethnicity in Art, Jennifer Longfellow, Ph.D. Southern Oregon University. Summer 2007.

Public Presentations

Media Interviews

- The Mayor’s Show: RVTV, Medford Oregon. Guest of Medford Mayor Gary Wheeler, as a representative of the Medford Arts Commission.
- Spokesperson, Medford Arts Commission, “Five at 5:00” spotlight interview, Channel 5, Medford, OR.
- Spokesperson, Medford Arts Commission for installation of “Salmon Flight,” kinetic sculpture in the Mayor’s Fountain, at City Hall, Medford, OR. Television and newspaper interviews, 2008. Roundabout art installation, public process. 2007.
- Gardening shorts, brief videos for Jackson County Master Gardener Association, 2008-ongoing.

Cultural Presentations

“*Trees are like air: a brief history of logging.*” poster presentation for Schneider Museum of Art exhibit, “The Mythical State of Jefferson,” May 5-June 14, 2010. Southern Oregon University, Ashland, Oregon.

“*Trees are like air: a brief history of logging.*” Reading of original poems for “Shifting Patterns: Artists Confront Climate Change in the Rogue Basin.” Summer/fall 2009. Public presentations for Jefferson Nature Center, Medford, funded by the Oregon Council for the Arts.

Hannon Library Celebrates International Women’s Day: March 2009 poetry reading. Participant, with original poetry: “Camie Tries,” “Muse.”

“Waiting for Salmon.” Readings for *Marking Our Place: A Journal of Place-Based Writing*. 2005. Jefferson Nature Center, Medford, OR

Professional Membership/Honors/Awards

- AAUW Woman Sociology Graduate of the Year, 2009, Ashland, Oregon branch
- Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society: 2009- Current
- Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society: 2008 – Current
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program: 2008 – Current
- Dean’s List: Fall 2007, Fall 2008
- President’s List: Winter 2008, Spring 2008
- Honorable Mention, Environmental Writing, Bainbridge Review, Washington Newspaper Publishing Association, 1997

- Garden Writers of America 2005-2007

Work Experience

- Freelance writer, photographer, Medford Mail Tribune, Oregon Outdoors, 2009 to present.
- Associate Editor for Gardening, Homelife Magazine, Product Innovations, Medford Mail Tribune, Medford, OR. 2004-Current. Develop, assign, and manage editorial content through to page design and copy editing.
- Staff Writer, Bainbridge Review, Bainbridge Island, WA. 1995-97 Covering city and school business, social service agencies and the arts.
- Contributing Writer, 1994-95. The Sun, Bremerton, WA, 1994-95 Freelance writer covering Bainbridge Island news.
- Activities Coordinator, 1990-91. Chandler Hall, skilled nursing facility, Newtown, PA. Design, coordinate and implement activities. Charting social activities in resident files.
- Executive Director, 1983-85 The Community Center, State Street, Newtown, PA. Managed staff of six, and contracted providers. Worked with board of directors.
- Teen Program Director, YWCA of Bucks County, Newtown, PA 1981-1983. State funded program serving low-income and racial minorities along with general programming for teen women. Non-traditional work trainings and peer counseling trainings.
- Executive Director, March of Dimes, Passaic County, NJ 1975-77. Fundraising, event management and public education. Extensive public speaking.

Volunteer Experience

- City of Medford, Arts Commission, 2005 - Current
- Board Member for Jefferson Nature Center: January 2005 – November 2007
- Adult Religious Education Committee. 2005-2007, 2009-10. South Mountain Friends Meeting, Ashland, OR, Clerk
- Rogue Valley Television, Community television, 2006-7, 2009. Producer.
- Student Mentor, North Kitsap High School, Poulsbo, Washington. 2000-2003
- Chairperson, Poulsbo Garden Club. June 2002-2003
- Member, Master Plan Social Services Committee, Bainbridge Island, WA, 1997
- Master Home Environmentalist, Kitsap County, American Lung Association, 1995
- Clearing the Air: Indoor Air Quality Seminar Series. 1994 Event sponsor and organizer. Bainbridge Island, WA

Special Skills and Abilities

- Interviewing
- Professional writing
- Photography
- Editing
- Video editing

- Content development and direction
- Small Group work
- Public Speaking
- Master Gardener

Computer Skills

- Proficient in Microsoft Word XP, PowerPoint XP, and Excel XP.
- Familiar with quantitative and statistical analysis programs such as SPSS.
- Familiar with data transfer systems and database searches.
- Familiar with internet communication and research
- Type 45+ words per minute
- Ten-key by touch

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Home gardening
- Dog agility
- Poetry
- Quilting
- Hiking and camping
- Photography