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## EDUCATION

**The Pennsylvania State University** University Park, Pennsylvania  
Doctoral Candidate, Department of Geography. Degree anticipated December 2006.  
Research Emphases: Geography education, history of geography, gendered space  
Dissertation Title: *The 'Cultivation of Geography': Discipline-Building through Geographical Societies in the United States, 1880s-1930s*  
Advisor: Roger Downs

**The University of Texas at Austin** Austin, Texas  
Master of Arts in Geography, December 1993.  
Major Field: Cultural ecology with emphasis on education  
Minor Field: Latin American Studies  
Thesis Title: *Culture, Environment, and Rural Schools: Towards Locally Appropriate Primary Education in Highland Ecuador*  
Advisor: Gregory Knapp

**The Pennsylvania State University** University Park, Pennsylvania  
Bachelor of Arts in Spanish with High Distinction and Honors in Spanish, May 1991.  
Major Field: Spanish  
Minor Field: English  
Honors Thesis: *Ethnicity, Gender, and Space: An Exploration of the New York City Hispanic Labor Market*  
Advisor: Glenda Laws (geography)

**The University of Salamanca** Salamanca, Spain  
Penn State Study Abroad program, January to May, 1990.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### ***The Pennsylvania State University***

**Coordinator of Undergraduate Advising and Alumni Relations, Department of Geography** 5/05-present  
Managed academic advising process for 160 undergraduate majors and 70 minors; coordinated revisions to undergraduate and graduate curricula, including supervision of 1 wage-payroll staff member; coordinated course scheduling and faculty teaching assignments; coordinated construction of an alumni database; maintained student and alumni listservs; worked closely with department's public relations/Web coordinator to review/edit copy for print and electronic publication and to plan and execute outreach/recruiting programs; advised or co-advised 4 student organizations; facilitated connections between prospective employers and students regarding career and internship opportunities.

**Coordinator of Student Programs and Service Learning, Schreyer Honors College** 7/02-7/03  
Coordinated and supervised staff assistant and student team of 8 Scholar Assistants in training and execution of responsibilities; coordinated and supervised first-year orientation activities for 320 new students and 75 student mentors; developed co-curricular programming calendar; edited listservs and monthly newsletter; supported and mentored student organization leaders; supported service learning initiatives on campus and programs in Montana and Guatemala; chaired SHC Diversity Committee; SHC liaison to Housing and Residence Life staffs.

**Assistant Coordinator of Student Programs, Schreyer Honors College** 8/00-6/02

Full-time position AY 2000-2001; part-time position AY 2001-2002. Coordinated and supervised student team of 8 Scholar Assistants in training and execution of responsibilities; organized hiring process of new team; assisted in developing co-curricular programming calendar; edited listservs and monthly newsletter; supported and mentored student organization leaders; provided back-up support to the Coordinator of Student Programs and Service Learning.

Geography 298H: Experiences in International Service Learning—Juarez, Mexico

Created and co-taught a new three-semester service learning course that included international travel; joint project of Department of Geography and Schreyer Honors College.

**Research Assistant, Department of Geography** 8/96-12/99

Contributed to research projects in geography education, including the development of expertise in geography, middle school students' perceptions of geography and geographers, evaluation of geography standards, and NASA EarthKAM project for middle school students.

**Assistant Coordinator, WebGIS Conference** 6/99-11/99

Worked with Penn State GIS Coordinator, Conference Planning Committee, and Penn State Conference Center staff to organize a 250-person conference. Secured and coordinated registration scholarships for 50 students. Organized GeoJob Fair attended by 19 employers and 70 students.

**Instructor & Counselor, Nittany Science Camp for Girls** 5/98-7/98

Developed and taught mapping and physical geography lessons; assisted with instruction of science lessons and other activities for two one-week day-camp sessions for girls entering sixth and seventh grades; program of College of Earth and Mineral Sciences.

**Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography** 1/98-5/98Economic Geography

Assisted with 100-level course; primary responsibilities included grading written assignments and maintaining course website.

**Community College of Philadelphia****Adjunct Instructor, Department of Social Science**Introduction to Geography

Organized and taught introductory physical geography class.

1/05-5/05

World Regional Geography

Organized and taught second-year world regional geography class.

1/05-5/05

**Summer Enrichment at Penn State** (a private organization)**Instructor and Counselor**

Developed and taught "Introduction to Computers" course, organized activities, and supervised participants in a 3.5-week residential enrichment program for high school students held on the Penn State campus.

6/97-7/97

**National Geographic Society****Program Liaison, Geography Education Program**

Provided technical assistance to state-based alliances of classroom teachers and university faculty working to promote geography education in nine states, including teacher education, public awareness, and fund-raising activities; managed nationwide competition to develop curriculum

11/94-8/96

units based on the National Geography Standards; helped to develop a program database for the Geography Education Program.

**Senior Staff Assistant, Communications and Advertising Administration** 10/93-11/94  
 Provided administrative support to Senior Vice President; managed computer upgrades and assisted divisional colleagues in improving their computer skills; served as Information Systems Division Contact and member of the Network Bulletin Board Committee.

**Assistant Editor, *Inside NGS*** 9/94-1/95  
 Helped design, create and implement "digest of online NGS information compiled by Insider staff." Coordinated and formatted items to be posted.

**Geography Intern, Magazine Research Division** 5/93-9/93  
 Researched text and consulted with experts to ensure the accuracy and fairness of articles published in *National Geographic Magazine*; documented all work and met with authors and editors to discuss necessary changes.

### ***The University of Texas at Austin***

#### **Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography**

Geographic Information Systems 8/92-5/93  
 Assisted in instruction of upper-division and graduate GIS courses; supervised laboratory sessions; assisted with hardware/software maintenance of IBM systems using DOS/Microsoft Windows environments and IDRISI, Atlas\*GIS, and AutoCAD applications, IBM/VM mainframe system using GFIS package, and Intergraph equipment using MicroStation.

Introduction to Human Geography 1/92-5/92  
 Led discussion sections of an introductory human geography course focusing on cultural themes and environmental perception; assisted in formulation and evaluation of exams.

World Regional Geography 8/91-12/91  
 Led discussion sections of an introductory human geography course focusing on world regions; formulated, administered, and evaluated quizzes and exams; assisted in preparation of a new graduate-level course on "Mythology, Religion, and Geography."

### ***The Pennsylvania State University***

**Research Assistant, Department of Political Science** 8/90-7/91  
 Assisted in preparation and analysis of legislative campaign finance data provided by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Elections; co-authored "Description of Campaign Finance Data & Preliminary Instructions for PC-File 5.01."

**Research Assistant, Department of Geography** 10/90-12/90  
 Translated a survey instrument into Spanish and participated in its pretest within the Hispanic community of New York City.

**Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science** 1/91-5/91  
Pol Sci/Wm Stds/Blk Studies 297H: "Exploring Diversity: Origins, Attitudes, and Institutions"  
 Assisted in course development, compiled calendar of campus events, consulted with students on class assignments, and evaluated reaction papers.

**Teaching Assistant, College of the Liberal Arts** 1/88-5/88  
Liberal Arts 400: "Changing Lifestyles: The Gender Explosion"  
 Created syllabus, coordinated lectures, led discussions, and evaluated examinations for one of only two student-conducted classes on campus.

## CONSULTING WORK

**Cross-Curricular Connections, Inc. (C3)****Editor and Content Expert**

2/05-present

Reviewed geography content and edited lesson plans developed for National Geographic Society's Xpeditions Web site.

**New Jersey Charter Public Schools Association (NJCPSA)****Interim Project Manager; Data Analysis**

10/04-3/05

Managed technical assistance small grant program; coordinated facilities clinic for charter school leaders and community partners; edited parent newsletter; analyzed student achievement data.

**Geography Education National Implementation Project (GENIP)****Geography Of and In Homeschool America**

5/04-present

Study of the institutional contexts and practice of homeschooling in the United States, to result in peer-reviewed publication, prototype online clearinghouse of geography resources for homeschoolers, and grant-writing to seek funding for full development of online clearinghouse.

**The College Board****AP Human Geography (APHG)**

6/06

Selected as member of grading team for 2006 APHG exam.

**AP Central**

12/03-present

Reviewer of teaching resources for Advanced Placement Human Geography.

**National Geographic Society****National Geographic Bee**

4/00-present

Question reviewer and judge for National Finals competition for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>-grade students held in Washington, D.C., May 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003. Question writer/reviewer 2000-2004. Coordinator for Pennsylvania state competition held at Shippensburg University, April 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

**Oceans for Life**

9/02-6/03

Member of review and revision team for curriculum scope and sequence relating national geography standards to ocean content; joint project of NGS and NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration).

**International Geographic Olympiad**

8/99, 8/01

Chaperone to United States Team of four teen-aged students competing against teams from ten/twelve other countries in a competition held in Toronto, Canada, August 7-12, 1999 and in Vancouver, Canada, August 1-4, 2001.

**Girl Scouts On Assignment with National Geographic**

5/00-8/00

Prepared geography content and led 4-day geography/technology workshop for D.C.-area senior Girl Scouts, August 21-24, 2000; pilot program for national partnership event.

**Education Foundation**

1/99-5/99

Analyzed annual reports of 54 NGS-funded organizations; presented results in unpublished document entitled "Summary and Review of 1998 Alliance Annual Reports."

**Pennsylvania Department of Education**

**Proposed Academic Standards for Geography** 11/99-7/00  
Member of review and revision team for state curriculum standards that describe what students should know and be able to do in geography at grades 3, 6, 9, and 12.

**Penn State Department of History – Civil War Era Center**

**World Wide Website** 8/99-11/99  
Designed and developed website based on ideas and content provided by CWEC staff.

**Teacher Institute** 5/99-7/99  
Advised CWEC staff on ways to develop and implement a summer institute for K-12 teachers. Helped organize and participated in initial focus group with history professors and classroom teachers to plan an institute for summer 2000.

**Southwest Texas State University**

**Scope and Sequence in Geographic Education, Grades K-12 Project** 6/99-8/99  
Prepared a commissioned paper entitled "A Content-Oriented Scope and Sequence for *Geography for Life: National Geography Standards 1994*." Manuscript reviewed and published by the Geographic Education National Implementation Project (GENIP).

**Explore Technologies**

**Geography Education Consultant** 8/97-10/97  
Participated in a 6-week, 14-city public relations tour for the Odyssey Atlasphere, a touch-responsive globe. Helped develop activities and taught geography lessons to students from 30 schools, performed in 7 museums and 7 retail outlets, and conducted numerous media interviews (television, radio, newspaper).

## FUNDED PROJECTS

JoAnn C. Vender and Janet S. Smith. **"Women in Geography Education Calendar Project."**  
Funded by Geographic Education National Implementation Project, 2003-present.

Project Leader, **"International Service Learning Field Course for Schreyer Scholars,"** Kellogg Foundation Leadership for Institutional Change (LINC) Initiative, 12/00-12/01; developed and co-taught service learning course and trip to Juarez, Mexico in spring-summer 2001; service work comprised construction of a single-family home in an impoverished neighborhood; project included partnerships with participating students' home communities.

## PUBLICATIONS

**Peer-reviewed**

With J. Wellens, J., A. Berardi, B. Chalkley, B. Chambers, R. Healey, J. Monk, and J. Vender.  
2006. **"Teaching Geography for Social Transformation,"** *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*, March.

Vender, JoAnn C. 2004. **"Community Action Research: A Three-Semester Service Learning Course Model,"** in *Innovations in Undergraduate Research and Honors Education: Proceedings of the Second Schreyer National Conference*. Ames, IA: National Collegiate Honors Council.

- Carubia, Josephine, JoAnn C. Vender, Sara Faber, Soma Kedia, Nicole Sandretto and Adam Tarosky. 2004. "**Patterns of Engagement in Service Leadership: First-Year to Senior Year,**" in *Innovations in Undergraduate Research and Honors Education: Proceedings of the Second Schreyer National Conference*. Ames, IA: National Collegiate Honors Council.
- Bednarz, Sarah W., Roger M. Downs and JoAnn C. Vender. 2003. "**Geography Education,**" in G. Gaile and C. Wilmott (eds.), *Geography in America at the Dawn of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, pp. 463-478. Oxford University Press.
- Vender, JoAnn C. 2003. "**A Model for Public Scholarship: The Juárez, Mexico Project,**" in J. Cohen and L. Yapa (eds.) *A Blueprint for the Public Scholarship of Service Learning at Penn State*, pp. 45-49. University Park: Penn State Office of Undergraduate Education.
- Vender, JoAnn C. 2002. **Teaching to the Standards: A K-12 Scope and Sequence in Geography Education**. Washington, DC: Geographic Education National Implementation Project (GENIP)
- Wentz, Elizabeth A., JoAnn C. Vender and Cynthia A. Brewer. 1999. "**An Evaluation of Teaching Introductory Geomorphology Using Computer-based Tools,**" *Journal of Geography in Higher Education* 23(2), 167-179.
- Vender, Jodi and Trudy Suchan. 1998. "**Software Review: QSR NUD\*IST and ATLAS/ti,**" *Cartographic Perspectives*, 31(Fall), 37-40.
- Downs, Roger M., JoAnn C. Vender and Samuel F. Dennis. 1998. "**Thinking Like a Geographer,**" Chapter 13 of EarthKAM Teacher's Guide, available online at URL <http://www.earthkam.ucsd.edu/public/educators/resources/curriculum/chapter13/>
- Vender, JoAnn C. 1994. "**Culture, Place, and School: Improving Primary Education in Rural Ecuador,**" *Yearbook, Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers, 1994*, 20, 107-119.

**Edited Volume:**

- Vender, JoAnn C., ed. (22 additional student authors). 2001. **Geographic Perspectives on Ciudad Juárez, Mexico**. University Park: Schreyer Honors College.

**General audience:**

- "**Book Reviews: Maps and Children,**" *The Geography Teacher*, vol. 2, no. 1, March 2005, 46-47.
- "**Book Reviews: Stories of Map-Makers and Mapping,**" *The Geography Teacher*, vol. 1, no. 1, October 2004, 44-46.
- "**Fun Lessons in Geography while Families Watch TV,**" *National Geographic Society Connections*, vol. 4, October 1996. "News about donors and the programs they support."
- "**The Urban Landscape as a Geography Lab,**" *National Geographic Society Connections*, vol. 2, March 1996.
- "**The Goodall Gambit: Society Funded Breakthrough Research,**" *National Geographic Society Connections*, vol. 1, Fall 1995.
- "**At the Summer Institutes,**" *Geography Education Program UPDATE*, National Geographic Society, Spring 1995, 5.
- "**Reunion of Teacher-Consultants Wraps Up NCGE Annual Meeting,**" *Geography Education Program UPDATE*, National Geographic Society, Spring 1995, 7.
- "**Classroom Masters,**" *The Penn Stater*, 79, 5 (May/June 1992), 32-37.
- Nine articles in *Insider*, newsmagazine "for and about the staff of the National Geographic Society," 1994-95.

Two articles in **Cactus Yearbook**, vol. 100. Austin: Texas Student Publications, 1993.

Four articles in **Cactus Yearbook**, vol. 99. Austin: Texas Student Publications, 1992.

Eleven articles in **La Vie 1991**, vol. 102. State College: Jostens Printing and Publishing, 1991.

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**Through the Eyes of Miss Mannhardt: The Geographic Society of Chicago's 1909 Yellowstone Expedition.** Paper presented at the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, Illinois, March 2006.

**Enriching the Undergraduate Experience in Geography.** Workshop presented at the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education, Birmingham, Alabama, October 2005.

**Geography of Homeschool America.** Paper presented at the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Denver, Colorado, April 2005.

**Service Learning Through Geography: An Overview and a Model.** Paper presented at the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, New Louisiana, March 2003. Also presented at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Geographical Society, Erie, PA, September 2003.

**Service Learning Through Geography: An Illustrated Panel Discussion.** Presentation at the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 2002.

**An Afternoon Conversation: How will a Penn State of the future be shaped by societal values?** Panelist, Penn State Encampment, August 2002.

**"Remember the Ladies": Women's Involvement in the Geographical Society of Philadelphia, 1890s-1930s.** Paper presented at the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, New York, March 2001.

**The Landscape of Geography Education Programs and Theses in the United States, 1989-1999.** Paper presented at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 2000.

**Geography for Children: The Contributions of Frances Carpenter and Lucy Sprague Mitchell.** Paper presented at the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education, Boston, Massachusetts, November 1999.

**Linking Images to Classroom Research: The Case of EarthKAM.** Paper presented at the International Conference on Research in Geographic Education, San Marcos, Texas, May 1999.

**Thinking Geographically: Conceptions of Geography within U.S. Geographical Societies, 1880-1930.** Paper presented at the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 1999.

**'Geography Is...': Middle School Students' Perceptions of Geography and Geographers.** Paper presented at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 1998.

**And the Ladies of the Clubs? Women in the Early Institutional Development of Geography** Paper presented at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts, March 1998.

**Bringing Geography to Life: Standards Implementation at the National Geographic Society.** Paper presented at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Charlotte, North Carolina, April 1996.

***The National Geography Bee: A Meaningful Geographical--Not Trivial--Pursuit.*** Paper presented at the 91st Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, Illinois, March 1995.

***Improving Rural Education in Ecuador: A Contextual Approach.*** Paper presented at the 89th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Atlanta, Georgia, April 1993. Also presented at the Institute for Latin American Studies Students Association Conference, Austin, Texas, March 1993.

***Ethnicity in Small Towns: The Case of a Coal Miner's Granddaughter.*** Paper presented at the AAG Middle States Division Meeting, October 1993. Also presented at the American Civilization Graduate Student Symposium, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, November 1992.

***Gender and Geography: Puerto Rican Women Compared with Other Hispanic Women in the New York City Labor Market.*** Paper presented at the Fifth National Conference on Undergraduate Research, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, March 1991.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- Pennsylvania Geographical Society – Special Recognition Award for distinguished service in geography education, 2003
- National Council for Geographic Education – Women in Geographic Education Scholarship, 1999
- Alpha Xi Delta – Batchelder Memorial Scholarship, 1999 and 1996
- Association of American Geographers Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group – Glenda Laws Student Travel Grant, 1999
- Association of American Geographers Student Travel Grant, 1999
- Association of American Geographers Latin American Specialty Group Student Paper Award, 1993
- Penn State University – Ralph Dorn Hetzel President's Award, 1991
- Penn State University Scholars Academic Excellence Scholarship, 1987-91
- Alpha Xi Delta Slaymaker-Kinsey Memorial Scholarship, 1991
- Penn State Panhellenic Council Greek Woman of the Year, 1991
- Gayle Beyers Panhellenic Scholarship, 1990

## ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

### ***Professional***

- American Geographical Society
- Association of American Geographers
- National Council for Geographic Education
- Pennsylvania Geographic Alliance
- Pennsylvania Geographical Society

### ***Honorary***

- Phi Beta Kappa Society
- Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- Gamma Theta Upsilon International Geographical Honor Society - *PSU Chapter Vice Pres.*, 1997-98
- Phi Sigma Iota Foreign Language Honor Society
- Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society - *PSU Circle Administrative Vice President*, 1991
- Order of Omega Greek Leadership Honor Society
- Penn State Alumni Association - *Life Member*
- Penn State College of Liberal Arts Sparks Society

## SERVICE

**Professional**

- Member, EMBARC (Encouraging Members to Belong to A Research Community) Task Force, National Council for Geographic Education, 2004
- Member, Publications and Products Committee/Executive Planning Board, National Council for Geographic Education, 2003-2006
- Director, History of Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, 2000-present
- Newsletter Editor, History of Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, 1998-present
- Chair, Geography Education Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, 1998-2000
- Secretary/Treasurer, Geography Education Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, 1996-1998
- Secretary/Treasurer, Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, 1994-1998
- Newsletter Editor, Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, 1995-1996
- Member, Nominating Committee, Middle Atlantic Division, Association of American Geographers, 1994 and 1995

**Department**

- Founding member, Penn State "Supporting Women in Geography" (SWIG) group, 10/00-present
- Member, WebGIS Conference Planning Committee, 4/99-12/99
- Graduate Representative to the Faculty, 1/98-12/98
- Chair, Geography Awareness Week Committee, 1997, 1998, 1999
- Member, Glenda Laws Memorial Lecture Series Committee, 12/97-3/98

**University**

- Conference Coordinator, A Blueprint for the Public Scholarship of Service Learning at Penn State, 12/02-3/03
- Schreyer Honors College representative to Council of Coordinators and Directors of Multi-Cultural Programs, 8/02-7/03
- Schreyer Honors College Sexual Harassment Resource Person, 8/02-7/03
- Schreyer Honors College 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House, 9/10/00  
Featured speaker, "Journeys 2000 with Scholar Alumni"
- Penn State Commission for Women, appointed member, 1997-1999  
Volunteer member of Students Concern Subcommittee of Issues and Policies Committee, 1996-1997
- College of Liberal Arts Alumni Society Board of Directors, 1997-2003  
Chair, National Service Week Committee; member, Student-Alumni Committee

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Geography Faculty Development Alliance Workshop, Boulder, Colorado, June 2003.

Sexual Harassment Resource Persons' Annual Workshop, University Park, Pennsylvania, October 2002.

Geography Education Research Workshop and Social Science Education Consortium Conference, Oxford, England, June-July 2001.

National Collegiate Honors Council Faculty Institute on "Addressing Honors Assessment as a Process in Context," Brooklyn, New York, August 2000.

Virtual Geography Department Workshop, University of Texas at Austin, June 1997.

Voices '96: Workshop for Women Graduate Students in the Sciences and Engineering, Penn State University, November 1996.

Third National Conference on the Training and Employment of Graduate Teaching Assistants, Austin, Texas, November 1991; volunteer.

National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 1989; undergrad delegate.

#### INVITED EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

***Exploring the World of Geography.*** Presentation to 2 groups (elementary and secondary levels) of JET Homeschoolers, Wayne, PA, November 22, 2004.

***Scholarship of Engagement: Service-Learning Initiatives at Penn State.*** "Seminar Series" presentation to Department of Geography, University of Delaware, March 21, 2003.

***Internships at the National Geographic Society.*** Presentation to UNDERDOGS, organization of Penn State geography undergraduates, February 4, 2003.

***Exploring Pennsylvania through Maps.*** Geography Awareness Week presentation with Jennifer Fluri to 3 classes of 4<sup>th</sup>-grade students at Boalsburg Elementary School, Boalsburg, PA, November 19, 1999.

***Global Connections and Pennsylvania in Maps.*** Geography Awareness Week presentation to 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>-grade class at Wingate Elementary School, Wingate, PA, November 17, 1999.

***Exploring the World through GIS.*** Geography Awareness Week presentation to 7<sup>th</sup>-grade class at Mount Nittany Middle School, State College, PA, November 15, 1999.

***Volcanoes and Watersheds: Exploring Physical Geography.*** Geography Awareness Week presentation with Jennifer Fluri and Jeff Rubini to home school group Geography Club of 2<sup>nd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students in State College, PA, November 11, 1999.

***Thinking Geographically about Science.*** Inservice presentation with Todd Bacastow for State College Area School District, November 30, 1998.

***People, Places, and Patterns...*** Geography Awareness Week presentations to 6 classes of 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>-grade students at Wingate Elementary School, Wingate, PA, November 18-20, 1998.

***Janet Planet and the Odyssey Atlasphere.*** Presentation to students and in-service training of teachers at Perry Elementary School, Erie, PA, May 7, 1998.

***Insights on the NGS Geography Intern Program.*** Presentation to UNDERDOGS, organization of Penn State geography undergraduates, April 7, 1998.

***Helping Students Keep in Touch with their World: The Life and Times of Janet Planet.*** Presentation to Department of Geography Coffee Hour Series, February 27, 1998.

***Exploring the World through Maps.*** Geography Awareness Week presentation to six classes of 6<sup>th</sup>-grade students at Mount Nittany Middle School, State College, PA, November 21-25, 1997.

***Exploring the World with the Odyssey Atlasphere.*** Geography Awareness Week presentation to 3 classes of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>-grade students, Bellefonte Middle School, Bellefonte, PA, November 19, 1997.

***Exploring the Worlds of Geography.*** Geography Awareness Week presentation to Senior Academy students, Bellefonte High School, Bellefonte, PA, November 17, 1997.

***Using Your Geography Degree.*** Presentation at Shippensburg University Geography-Earth Science Career Day, November 13, 1997.

**Exploring the World with Maps and Globes.** Geography Awareness Week presentation to 5 classes of 7<sup>th</sup>-grade students, Abington Heights Middle School, Clarks Summit, PA, November 11, 1997.

**What Can You Do with a Geography Degree? Experiences with the National Geographic Society.** Presentation to UNDERDOGS, organization of Penn State geography undergraduates, September 7, 1996.

**Global Connections: A Geographic on the Environment.** Presentation to National Park Service interns, Anacostia Park Urban Tree House, Washington, DC, July 9, 1996.

**What Is a Geographer?** Career Day presentation to students of Simpson Middle School, Leesburg, Virginia, May 8, 1996.

**Geography in Everyday Life.** Presentation to students and faculty of the Family Education Center (special program for pregnant teens within Arlington Public Schools), Arlington, Virginia, January 24, 1996.

**You're Wearing Geography: An Introduction to Global Interdependence.** Geography Awareness Week lesson presented to students of the Einstein High School Institute for International Studies and Technology, Kensington, Maryland, November 15, 1995. Similar presentation delivered at Kearney High School, Kearney, Nebraska, September 22, 1995.

**Learning the World through National Geographic.** Seminar for the Penn State University Scholars Program, University Park, Pennsylvania, November 2, 1995.

**Ecuador: Journey Through the Andes.** Content lecture and teaching strategy session presented at the Annual GeoFest of the Geographic Educators of Nebraska, Grand Island, Nebraska, September 23, 1995. Similar presentation delivered at the Florida Geographic Alliance Summer Institute, Tallahassee, Florida, June 19, 1995.

#### CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2004; session co-organizer and chair, **Race and Poverty in Urban America: The Dimension of Discourse**; panelist in session on **Best Teaching Practices**; organized session on **Re-Visioning Geographic Thought and History**.

Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2004; session organizer and chair, **Public Scholarship/Service Learning in Geography I: Projects, Challenges, and Rewards** and **Public Scholarship/Service Learning in Geography II: Service-learning/Videography Initiatives at the University of Delaware**.

Second Schreyer National Conference: Innovations in Undergraduate Research and Honors Education, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, March-April 2001; session facilitator.

WebGIS: Current Practice and Future Prospects, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, November, 1999; assistant coordinator.

Gendered Landscapes: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Past Place and Space, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, May-June, 1999; session moderator.

Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education, Orlando, Florida, October 1997; session facilitator, **Using the Odyssey Atlasphere with Johnny Odyssey and Janet Planet**.

Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Fort Worth, Texas, April 1997; Panel discussant, **Women Graduate Students: Surviving the Nineties**.

Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Charlotte, North Carolina, April 1996; session organizer, **Geography for Life: The Task of Implementation**.

Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education, San Antonio, Texas, October 1995; session facilitator, ***So Hot They're Cool: New Products from National Geographic.***

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **Alpha Xi Delta Philadelphia Alumnae Association**, member, 2003-2005
- **Delaware County Chapter, Penn State Alumni Association**, member, 2003-2005
- **Havertown Choristers**, member, 2003-2004
- **Alpha Xi Delta Beta Lambda Chapter Advisor**, 9/98-1/00; **Co-Chapter Advisor**, 8/00-present; **State College Alumnae Association**, member 1996-2003
- **State College Choral Society**, member of Chorus and Madrigal Singers, 1996-present
- **Wingate Elementary School Geography Bee**, judge, January 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000
- **Pennsylvania State Geography Bee**, scorekeeper, April 1999
- **State College Homeschool Group**, Spanish tutor to 5 elementary students, October-December 1998
- **Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science**, judge, May 1998
- **Penn State College of Liberal Arts Alumni Society**  
Career Exploration Information Session participant, University Park, November 1995 and March 1996  
Career Information Session host, Washington DC, October 1995
- **Penn State Club of Greater Washington, D.C.**, member, 1993-96
- **Einstein High School Institute for International Studies and Technology**, Kensington, Maryland, Board of Advisors, 1995-96
- **Fairfax Choral Society**  
Board of Directors, Public Relations Committee, Chorale President, Chorus member, 1993-96
- **Alpha Xi Delta Northern Virginia Alumnae Association**, member, 1993-96  
Corresponding Secretary, 1994-96
- **Ortega Elementary School HOSTS Program**, Austin, Texas, 1992-93  
Volunteer reading tutor to "Help One Student To Succeed."

#### LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Very proficient in Spanish
- Basic knowledge/understanding of Italian

#### TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Data Analysis: AtlasTi, NUD\*IST, SPSS
- GIS: ArcGIS, Atlas\*GIS, Idrisi
- Graphics: Freehand, Illustrator, PhotoShop
- Web Design: HTML, Dreamweaver, Front Page, Composer
- Desktop Publishing: Publisher, PageMaker, Quark Xpress, Acrobat
- Microsoft Office applications: Word, Excel, Access, Powerpoint