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Education

Ph.D. in Geography, University of Tennessee, August 1997

Dissertation Title: *Mountain Aid: Geographic Assessment of the Appalachian Regional Commission's Social Programs*

M.A. in Geography, Marshall University, August 1988

B.A. in Geography, Marshall University, May 1987

Teaching Experience

Fall 2007 – present: Associate Professor, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Courses taught: Cultural Geography, World Regional Geography, Maps and Mapping, Geography of North America, Geography of Asia, Geography of Southeast U.S., Urban Geography, Geography of Travel and Tourism, Economic Geography, Physical Geography

Fall 1993 – Fall 2007: Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Courses taught: Cultural Geography, World Regional Geography, Maps and Mapping, Geography of North America, Geography of Asia, Geography of Southeast U.S., Urban Geography, Economic Geography, Physical Geography

Spring 1993: Course Instructor, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Course taught: World Geography (topical approach)

Teaching Experience (cont.)

1989 – 1992: Teaching Assistant, University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Courses taught: Physical Geography, Economic Geography, World Geography

Spring 1989: Course Instructor, Marshall University
Courses taught: Economic Geography, Cultural Geography

Publications

Laing, Craig R. 2007. "Japanese Cultural Landscapes," a peer-reviewed website found at: <http://www.utc.edu/Research/AsiaProgram/teaching/>

Laing, Craig R. 2002. The Latter-day Saint Diaspora in the United States and the South. *Southeastern Geographer* 42(2):228-247.

Laing, Craig R. 1999. Spatial Investment Strategies of Federal Assistance to Appalachia. *Southeastern Geographer* 39(1):99-113.

Peer-Reviewed Papers Presented at Professional Conferences

"Meth in the Mountains: Methamphetamine's Growth in Appalachia," a paper presented at the 60th Meeting of the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers, November 2005, West Palm Beach, Florida.

"The Latter-day Saint Diaspora in the South: Regional Patterns of Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," a paper presented at the 56th Meeting of the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers, November 2001, Lexington, Kentucky.

"The Changing Spatial Patterns of Mormons in the United States," a paper presented at the 55th Meeting of the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers, November 2000, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

"New Towns in Appalachia? The Appalachian Regional Commission Experience," a paper presented at the 54th Meeting of the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers, November 1999, Tampa, Florida.

"Worst-First or Best-First? Spatial Investment Strategies of Federal Assistance to Appalachia," a paper presented at the 53rd Meeting of the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers, November 1998, Memphis, Tennessee.

Non Peer-Reviewed Presentations at Professional Conferences

“Teaching East Asia in Geography and World History Survey Courses,” a roundtable participant (my topic was “Teaching the Physical and Human Geography of China”) presented at the 48th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference/Association of Asian Studies, January 2009, Atlanta, Georgia.

“Bringing the World to You: A Cross-Curricular Study of Ancient Civilizations,” co-presented with Joel Barnes (6th graded teacher from Cleveland Middle School) at the Tennessee Council for the Social Studies State Conference, March 7, 2008, Knoxville, Tennessee.

“A Japan Teaching Module,” a roundtable participant presented at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference/Association of Asian Studies, January 2008, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

“Meth in the Mountains: Methamphetamine’s Growth in Appalachia,” a poster presented at the Symposium on Geography and Drug Addiction held in conjunction with the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 2006, Chicago, Illinois.

“Appalachia and Hillbillies: A Region and People Maligned,” presented at the Chattanooga Chapter of the Tennessee Geographic Alliance Meeting, March 6, 2001, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

“Mountain Aid: Explaining the Geography of Federal Expenditures in Appalachia,” a paper presented at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 1999, Honolulu, Hawaii.

“Extra! Extra! Read All About It! Using Online Newspapers to Teach Geography,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Geographic Alliance, October 1998, Knoxville, Tennessee.

“Worst-First or Best-First? Spatial Dimensions of Federal Assistance to Appalachia,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Geographic Alliance, November 1997, Lebanon, Tennessee.

“The Internet: A World of Projects for the Geography Classroom,” with Leneda Jo Laing, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Geographic Alliance, November 1997, Lebanon, Tennessee.

“The Spatial Organization of Auto Racing,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Geographic Alliance, October 1996, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Non Peer-Reviewed Presentations at Professional Conferences (cont.)

“Returning Power to the States: Lessons from the Appalachian Regional Commission,” a paper presented at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 1996, Charlotte, North Carolina.

"The Appalachian Regional Commission's Health Demonstration Areas: A Case of Federal Intervention in Regional Health Care," a paper presented at the 89th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, April 1993, Atlanta, Georgia.

"An Analysis of Industrial Upgrading in Nonmetropolitan East Tennessee, 1969-1989," a paper presented at the 87th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, April 1991, Miami, Florida.

Papers Discussed at Professional Conferences

“The Tale of the Dragon: How U.S. 129 Went to Wheelie Hell,” a paper discussed at the 60th Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, November 2005, West Palm Beach, Florida

“The Office Function in Memphis: A Review of the Poplar/I-240 “Edge City” and Two New Study Areas,” a paper discussed at the 53rd Meeting of the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers, November 1998, Memphis, Tennessee.

Book and Article Reviews

Reviewed a manuscript entitled “Postwar Environmental Changes in Japan” for possible inclusion in the journal *Education About Asia*, October 2010.

Reviewed a manuscript entitled “Regional Theory, Regional Policy, and Southern Poverty” for possible inclusion in the journal *Southeastern Geographer*, January 2006.

Reviewed a manuscript entitled “The Regional Concept, Public Policy and Policy Spaces: The ARC & TVA” for possible inclusion in the journal *Southeastern Geographer*, February 2004.

Reviewed two chapters for John Wiley’s *Urban Geography* written by Kaplan, Holloway, and Wheeler, Fall 2003.

Non-Peer Reviewed Presentations

“Japan’s Cultural Landscapes” presented at the third annual University of Tennessee at Chattanooga’s Introduction to Asia Conference, February 17, 2011.

Non-Peer Reviewed Presentations (cont.)

“The Cultural Landscapes of Yunnan Province’s National Minorities” presented at the second annual University of Tennessee at Chattanooga’s Introduction to Asia Conference, February 17, 2010.

“The Cultural Landscapes of Yunnan Province’s National Minorities,” presented at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, November 4, 2008.

“A Geographer’s Reflections on the Natural and Cultural Landscapes of Northwest Canada and Alaska,” presented for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga’s Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography Department, October 26, 2005.

“The Changing Spatial Patterns of Mormons in the United States,” presented at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga’s Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography Department’s Colloquium, March 7, 2001.

Presentations to Community Organizations

Presentation about Yunnan Province, China to the Harrison Bay Ward’s youth group of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, August 27, 2008, Chattanooga, TN.

Presentation about Yunnan Province, China to the Athens Branch’s Relief Society (women’s organization) of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, August 13, 2008, Athens, TN.

Presentation about China’s terracotta warriors, culture, and geography to 90 sixth-grade students from Cleveland Middle School, March 18, 2008, Chattanooga, TN.

Presentation about Appalachian culture to the Athens Branch’s Relief Society (women’s organization) of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, July 19, 2007, Athens, TN.

Presentation about the geography and culture of Japan to the Athens Branch’s Relief Society (women’s organization) of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, February 22, 2007, Athens, TN.

Presentation about the growth of the Mormon Church in the South and Appalachian culture to the Grove Park Ward’s Relief Society (women’s organization) of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, September 14, 2006, Knoxville, TN.

Presentation about Japanese culture to youth at the Athens Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, June 14, 2006, Athens, TN.

Presentations to Community Organizations (cont.)

Presentation about the Hiroshima Peace Memorial and report on delivery of the students' paper cranes to 6th grade students at Cleveland Middle School, May 24, 2006, Cleveland, TN.

Presentation about the geography of Costa Rica to Cub Scouts at the Athens Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, February 8, 2006, Athens, TN.

Presentation about the geography of China to 6th grade students at Cleveland Middle School, November 17, 2005, Cleveland, TN.

Presentation about the geography of China to 6th grade students at Cleveland Middle School, December 15, 2004, Cleveland, TN.

Presentation about the geography of China to 5th grade students at Fairview Christian Academy, November 11, 2004, Athens, TN.

Presentation about the geography of China to youth at the Athens Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, September 29, 2004, Athens, TN

"A Geographer Looks at China: Vernacular Landscapes," presented for Chattanooga's Tai Ji community at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, June 2004.

Presentation about erosion to 3rd and 4th grade students at Fairview Christian Academy on erosion, November 2002, Athens, TN.

Appearance on locally-produced television show called "Point-of-View" to discuss the Church of Jesus-Christ of Latter-day Saints and its growth in the South and the Chattanooga area, August 25, 2002.

Presentation about the geography of Hawaii to 7th graders at Fort Loudoun Middle School, May 17, 2002, Loudon, TN.

Presentation to honor society students and their parents at Fort Loudoun Middle School on New York City in preparation for students trip to New York City, March 12, 2002, Loudon, TN.

Presentation about the geography of the post-Reconstruction South to high school history class at Fairview Christian Academy, January 21, 1999, Athens, TN.

Presentation about geography and my dissertation research to the Hamilton County Agricultural Extension Service's Friends and Neighbor's Club, October 1995.

Other Community Service

Quoted in the *Chattanooga Times Free Press* about students' lack of geographic knowledge, February 14, 2008, pages A1 and A9.

Served as an interviewer for 7th grades students doing mock job interviews at Fort Loudoun Middle School, May 2002, Loudon, TN.

Served as a "lifeline" for a former student on the ABC-produced TV show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," March 2000.

Judged a science fair at Fort Loudoun Middle School, Feb. 18, 1999, Loudon, TN.

Quoted in the *Chattanooga Times* about urban sprawl between Chattanooga and Atlanta, April 10, 1997, pages 2 and 3.

Judged student geography projects at Boynton Elementary School's social science fair, January 1997, Ringgold, GA.

Field Study Experiences

Participated in a three-week study tour of Yunnan Province, China focusing on China's national minorities sponsored by the Asian Studies Development Program of the East-West Center based in Honolulu, Hawaii, June 2008.

Participated in a two-week study tour of Japan conducted by Lucien Ellington, editor of *Education about Asia* and co-director of the University of Tennessee's Asia Program, May 2006.

Research Experience

Research Assistant: The Coal Road: A Survey of Southern West Virginia Mining Tourism Potential: A Preliminary Study, a grant from the Economic Development Administration to the Marshall University Center for Regional Progress, 1989.

Honors and Awards

Award: Phi Kappa Phi - National Scholastic Association 1991.

Service—Professional Organizations

Candidate for Southeast Division of Association of American Geographers secretary, Fall 2006 (lost election)

Steering Committee (as Tennessee state representative) – Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers (2000-2002)

East Tennessee Regional Coordinator – Tennessee Geographic Alliance (2000-2005)

Coach of Tennessee Team for World Geography Bowl at 2002 Southeast Division of Association of American Geographers Meeting

Areas of Special Interest

Geography of Appalachia

Geography of the American South

Geography of Asia

Urban/Rural Geography

Economic Geography/Development

Geography of Tourism

University Service

Department Coordinator (2009-2010): Dept. of Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography

Member (2007-2010): University Curriculum Committee

Member (1999-2001): Classroom Technology Committee

Member (Fall 1997): Provost Search Committee

Member (1996-1997): Faculty Council

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