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CURRICULUM VITAE

Education

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, Ph.D. in Geography, 2000
Dissertation title: *In this Nature: Culture, Place and Attitudes toward Marine Animals*

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE, M.A. in Geography, 1994
Thesis title: *Ideology and Deaf Community Formation*

ATLANTA COLLEGE OF ART, Bachelor of Fine Arts, 1990

Employment and Teaching Experience

- 2006 - present Lecturer, California State University, Long Beach
GEOG 100: World Regions
GEOG 120: Geography of Human Diversity in North America
GEOG/HIST 250: Early World Historical Geography
GEOG 306: USA and Canada
GEOG 309I: Geography of the Middle East and North Africa
GEOG 316: Europe
GEOG 352: Geography of Travel and Tourism
GEOG 355I: International Environmental Issues
GEOG 357I: Sacred Geographies
GEOG 470: Political Geography
AAST 492/592: Pro-seminar: Sacred Geographies
- 2005 - 2006 Program Coordinator, Department of Political Science, Geography, and Public Administration
Stephen F. Austin State University
- 2004 - 2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Geography and Public Administration
Stephen F. Austin State University
GEO 131: World Regional Geography (incl. version for students-at-risk)
GEO 230: Cultural Geography
GEO 344: Historical Geography of the United States
GEO 365: Political Geography
GEO 439: Urban Geography
LIB 198: Africa on film
- 2000 - 2004 Lecturer, Department of Geography, California State University, Long Beach
GEOG 100: Introduction to World Regions
GEOG 120: Geography of Human Diversity in North America
GEOG 160: Introduction to Human Geography
GEOG 301I: The Urban Scene
GEOG 355: International Environmental Issues
GEOG 470: Political Geography

- 2001 - 2002 Visiting Professor, Department of Geography, UCLA
 GEOG 144: Ethnicity and North American Cities
 GEOG 156: Metropolitan Los Angeles
- 1994 - 2000 Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography, University of Southern California
 GEOG 100: Los Angeles and the American Dream
 GEOG 320: Environmental Ethics
 GEOG 450: Natural Hazards

Research Interests

Sri Lanka; the Middle East, Iran and the Caucasus; sacred places; political geography; migration and privileged expatriation; nature-society relations; museology; qualitative methods

Professional Experience

- 1998 - 2000 *Post Doctoral Fellow*
 Boat use in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Delta
 California Department of Boating and Waterways
 Principal Investigator: Dr John Wilson, University of Southern California
Duties: Surveyed boat traffic patterns and boat owners
- Fall 1999 *Research Associate*
 53rd and Latham: Residents' Preferences for an Urban Park
 Department of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles
Duties: (1) Organized, moderated and interpreted focus group with residents regarding their preferences for an inner-city park; (2) Trained supportive personnel; (3) Drafted final report
- 1998 - 1999 *Research Assistant*
 Urban Population Diversity and Attitudes toward Animals
 National Science Foundation (NSF), Program in Geography and Regional Science
 Principal Investigator: Dr Jennifer Wolch, University of Southern California
Duties: (1) Assisted in conducting focus groups of inner city African American, Latina, Chicana, Cantonese and Filipina women about attitudes toward animals (question design, recruitment, administration, transcription, NU*DIST analysis, report writing); (2) Assisted in compiling an inventory of over 450 non-profit animal organizations in LA County
- 1996 - 1999 *Research Assistant*
 Attitudes toward Marine Wildlife among Residents of Southern California's Urban Zone
 University of Southern California Sea Grant Program
 Principal Investigator: Dr Jennifer Wolch, University of Southern California
Duties: (1) Conducted interviews with marine animal experts; (2) Co-designed a telephone survey questionnaire of Los Angeles residents about their attitudes toward marine animals, managed a working papers series on attitudes toward marine animals; (3) Co-designed a survey questionnaire of urban museum visitors about attitudes toward marine animals
- 1995 - 1996 *Research Assistant*
 Attitudes toward Wildlife among Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Users
 Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA)
 Principal Investigator: Dr Jennifer Wolch, University of Southern California
Duties: Assisted in conducting a survey of over 300 visitors and neighbors of three parks about attitudes toward animals (question design, survey administration, report writing)

Grants and Awards

- 2008 NSF/AAG Travel Award, International Geography Union Conference, Tunisia
2002 - 2003 Outstanding Achievement Award, California State University, Long Beach
2002 NSF/AAG Travel Award, International Geography Union Conference, Durban, South Africa
2000 Teaching Honor, Delta Chi Fraternity
1995 - 1999 Sea Grant Trainee Award, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
1993 - 1994 James Russell Simpson Scholarship, California State University, Northridge, CA
1992 - 1993 Creative Achievement Award, California State University, Northridge, CA
1989 - 1990 Morris Rich Scholarship, Presidential Scholarship, and Dean's List, Atlanta College of Art
1988 - 1989 Presidential Scholarship, and Dean's List, Atlanta College of Art, GA

Publications

a. Articles in refereed journals

- 2002 "Sociocultural Aspects of Attitudes toward marine animals: a focus group analysis," **Lassiter** and Wolch, *California Geographer*, 42: 1-24
- 2002 "L'Endroit et l'Authenticité des Animaux," **Lassiter**, *Espaces et Sociétés*, 110-111: 42-57
- 2002 "Animal Practices and the Racialization of Filipinas in Los Angeles," Griffith, Wolch and **Lassiter**, *Society and Animals*, 10:3, 221-248
- 1997 "Changing Attitudes toward California's Cougars," Wolch, Gullo and **Lassiter**, *Society and Animals*, 5:2, 95-116

b. Book Chapters

- (2014) "20 Years Later and a Bit Wiser: a methodological re-evaluation of the analysis of Chisholm hall, a deaf support center at California State University Northridge (CSUN) **Lassiter** and Hamm (CSULB, Department of Education), invited contribution to edited collection entitled *Deaf Geographies*, eds. Gulliver, Kocher, Kitzel, Benoit (refereed) - Upcoming
- 2006 "Unpacking difference: the changing identities of greyhounds," Invited contribution to edited collection entitled *Sport and Geography* published by the National Council for Geographic Education's Pathways series, **Lassiter** and Lowry (refereed)
- 2005 "Changing Attitudes toward Animals among Latinas in Los Angeles," **Lassiter** and Wolch, for *Land of Sunshine: The Environmental History of Greater Los Angeles*, eds. Hise and Deverell, University of Pittsburgh, 267-287 (refereed)
- 2000 "Constructing the Animal Worlds of Inner-City Los Angeles," Wolch, Brownlow and **Lassiter**, in *Animal Spaces, Beastly Places*, eds. Philo and Wilbert, New York: Routledge, 139-61 (refereed)
- 1998 "The Cougar's Tale," Gullo, **Lassiter** and Wolch, in *Animal Geographies: Place, Politics, and Identity in the Nature-Culture Borderlands*, eds. Wolch and Emel, London: Verso Press, 139-159 (refereed)

c. Working papers, proceedings and professional reports

- 2004 "Attitudes toward Animals among African American Women in Los Angeles," Wolch, Brownlow and **Lassiter**, *International Urban Wildlife Conservation Conference Proceedings*, University of Arizona, School of Renewable Natural Resources, 255-263
- 2001 "Attitudes toward Marine Wildlife among Residents of Southern California's Urban Coastal Zone," Wolch, Griffith, **Lassiter**, and Zhang, Los Angeles, CA: University of Southern California Sea Grant Program, 2-131
- 2000 "Marine Animal Oriented Organizations, Cultural Diversity, and Attitudes toward Marine Animals," **Lassiter**, Sea Grant Working Paper (USCSG-TR-09-00), Los Angeles, CA: University of Southern California Sea Grant Program, 2-49

- 2000 "53rd and Latham: Residents' Preferences for an Urban Park," **Lassiter** and Pincetl, Department of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles, 2-22
- 1999 "Attitudes toward Marine Wildlife: A Study of Culturally Diverse Focus Groups," **Lassiter** and Wolch, Sea Grant Working Paper (USCSG-TR-05-99), Los Angeles, CA: University of Southern California Sea Grant Program, 2-45
- 1998 "Attitudes toward Marine Wildlife: the Focus Group Approach in Culturally Diverse Settings," Wolch, **Lassiter** and Brownlow, Sea Grant Working Paper (USCSG-TR-01-98), Los Angeles, CA: University of Southern California Sea Grant Program, 2-24
- 1998 "Designing the 'Attitudes Toward Marine Wildlife Survey'," Whitley, **Lassiter** and Wolch, Sea Grant Working Paper (USCSG-TR-04-98), Los Angeles, CA: University of Southern California Sea Grant Program, 2-45
- 1996 "Attitudes toward Wildlife in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area: A Report to the Southwest Parks and Monuments Association," Wolch, Gale, **Lassiter**, Gullo, Li, Los Angeles, CA: University of Southern California, vol 1: 1-63; vol 2: 1-75

d. Book Reviews and Review Essays

- 2012 *The Sahara: A Cultural History*, Gearon, Eamonn, **Lassiter**. *International Social Science Review*, 2012.
- 2012 *Appropriately Indian: Gender and Culture in a New Transnational Class*, Smitha Radhakrishnan, **Lassiter**. *International Social Science Review*, 87: 1 & 2, 2012
- 2011 *Contentious Politics in the Middle East: Political Opposition under Authoritarianism*, edited by Holger Albrecht, **Lassiter**. *International Social Science Review*, 86: 3 & 4, 2011
- 2003 *Spaces of Neoliberalism: urban restructuring in North America and Western Europe*, edited by Neil Brenner and Nik Theodore, **Lassiter**, *Political Geography*, 23: 2, 226-228
- 2002 "'This is none of that Jack Kerouac thing' an essay review on narratives of poverty," **Lassiter**, *Gender, Place and Culture*, 9: 4, 417-420

e. Occasionals

- 2011 Accepted entry: 'Human Security' in *Encyclopedia of Intelligence*, edited by Dr Greg Moore, **Lassiter**. Taylor and Francis Publishers (November 2013)
- 2010 *This is World-Class Progress: A Report on the December 2009 Gülen East Meets West Conference (USC)*. **Lassiter**. Pacifica Institute Newsletter, spring, 1 page
- 2008 Summer 2007 trip report on Iran. **Lassiter**. 62 pages plus photographs
- 2007 *Reflections on a trip to the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI)*. **Lassiter**. IGU Commission on Political Geography: newsletter fall/winter, 1 page
- 2004 *Field Guide to the Stephen F. Austin State University Mast Arboretum: a self-guided tour*, compiled and edited by **Lassiter** with the assistance of Elyce Rodewald, 10 pages plus photographs

Presentations, Posters, and Invited Seminars

- 2013 "Social Entrepreneurship and Cultural Production: a Case Study of Sri Lanka," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA

- 2013 Participant in AAG sponsored panel discussion on professional opportunities for PhDs entering the job market, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA
- 2012 The Future of U.S. – Iran Relations panel discussion with Nathan Gonzalez (CSULB Political Geography) Invited by the CSULB Political Science Student Association
- 2010 “Dealing with global change: the role of a new regional geography in building national security resilience,” Annual Political Geography Specialty Group pre-AAG conference, Alexandria, VA
- 2008 “From martyrs to hopefulness: the changing popular relevance of Iran’s revolutionary murals,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA
- 2008 CSULB Department of Geography. Brown Bag Lunch presentation. “Stopping war in the midst of tensions: the case of US-Iran relations and the making of critical political geography”
- 2007 Session co-organizer and panelist: Current Issues in Iran, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA
- “Creating a new place for animals in Iran” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- 2006 “National Imaginary and Privileged Migration: the political mobilization of Iranian expatriates,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 2005 “A Reflection in Political Geography: Jerusalem,” invited presentation at Stephen F. Austin State University, Liberal Arts Colloquium, Nacogdoches, TX
- “Understanding borders through the postcolonial landscape methodology: American expatriates and their perceptions of socio-political boundaries,” paper presented at the Border Regions in Transition (BRIT VII) Conference, Jerusalem, Israel
- 2004 “American Women as Expats,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, PA
- 2003 “Expatriate Culture in Waterloo, Belgium,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Annual Meeting, Portland, OR
- “Expatriate Culture: Americans at Ground Zero,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the pre-AAG conference in Political Geography, Wakulla Springs, FL
- 2002 “Authenticity and Animals,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Geography Union, Durban, South Africa
- “The Social Construction of Authenticity and Attitudes toward Animals,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA
- 2001 “Cultural Attitudes toward Marine Animals,” poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, NY
- 2000 “In this Nature: Culture, Place, and Attitudes toward Marine Animals,” Dissertation Defense, University of Southern California, Department of Geography, CA
- “Creatures of the Wild: Cultural Diversity and the Construction of Marine Animals,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Pittsburgh, PA
- “Identity and Animals: A Perspective from African American Women,” paper presented at the Conference on Thresholds of Identity in Human and Animal Relationships: Interdisciplinary Humanities Center. University of California, Santa Barbara, CA

- 1999 “Attitudes toward Animals among African American Women in Los Angeles,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Honolulu, HI
- “Attitudes toward Animals among African American Women in Los Angeles,” paper presented at the Biannual Meeting of the International Urban Wildlife Conservation Conference, Tucson, AZ
- “Attitudes toward Marine Wildlife: A Study of Culturally Diverse Focus Groups,” paper presented at the Monthly Meeting of Sea Grant Trainees, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 1998 “In this Nature: the Role of Culture and Place on Attitudes toward Animals,” dissertation proposal, University of Southern California, Department of Geography, Los Angeles, CA
- 1996 Session organizer and panelist: *Animals in Geography*, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Charlotte, NC
- 1994 “Attitudes toward Animals in the Santa Monica Mountains in Southern California,” paper presented at the Monthly Meeting of the Sea Grant Trainees, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- “Nationalisms in Europe: Xenophobia in Denmark,” session panelist at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA
- “Signs of Deaf Identity in the Built Environment of a University Support Center,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA
- 1993 “Public Art as Landmark,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, Los Angeles, CA

Professional Service

- 2011-present Elected California Faculty Association (CFA) Representative for CSULB Lecturers (2 year term, re-elected)
- 2010 Drafted proposal for new capstone course: Sacred Geographies (GEOG 357I), California State University, Long Beach, CA. Course was accepted, runs to full capacity every semester.
- 2009-11, 12-present Co-Director, Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence, Department of Geography, California State University Long Beach, Long Beach, CA
- 2008, 09, 10 Co-organizer (with Dr Deborah Thien) of a three day workshop on Women in Public Leadership
- 2009 Main organizer of activities for *National Geography Awareness Week/GIS Day*. Department of Geography, California State University Long Beach, Long Beach, CA
- 2009, 11 Member of Range Evaluation Committee Department of Geography, California State University Long Beach, Long Beach, CA
- 2007 Registration desk, Association of Pacific Coast Geographers (APCG), Annual Regional Meeting, Long Beach, CA
- 2007 Drafted recertification proposal of General Education course (GEO 309I: Middle East and North Africa) as Interdisciplinary Capstone course, California State University Long Beach, CA
- 2006 Participation in the AAG’s Healthy Departments Workshop, Athens, GA
- 2005, 06 Geography Program Coordinator, Department of Political Science, Geography, and Public Administration, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX
- 2005, 06 Chair of Geography Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Geography, and Public Administration, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX

- 2004, 06 Member of these university committees: New Faculty Orientation, Gender Studies, Departmental Executive Committee, Search Committees (Public Administration, Geography Visiting), Department of Political Science, Geography, and Public Administration, Stephen F. Austin State University
- 2004 Program Chair, Southwest Association of Geographers (SWAAG), Annual Regional Meeting, Nacogdoches, TX
- 2004 Judge, *Places on Line* (for Best Site category)
- 2004 Manuscript reviewer for *Society & Animals*
- 2003-2008 Member of the Editorial Board of the AAG's *Places on Line* (editor for websites about Europe) (www.placesonline.org)
- 2003-2004 Chair of Lecturers Advisory Committee. Department of Geography, California State University Long Beach, Long Beach, CA
- 2001-2003 Main organizer of activities for *National Geography Awareness Week/GIS Day*. Department of Geography, California State University Long Beach, Long Beach, CA
- 2001 Drafted two recertification proposals of General Education courses (Geography of the Pacific Area, International Environmental Issues) as Interdisciplinary Capstone courses, California State University Long Beach, Long Beach, CA
- 1995 Co-organizer, *An international conference: Putting Health in its Place*, University of Southern California Long Beach, Department of Geography, Los Angeles, CA
- 1994-1996 Student Representative, Board of Director, Europe Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers (AAGESG)
- 1993 Painter of a mural (inspired by Australian Aboriginal themes of people's relationship to nature and landscape), California State University, Northridge, Department of Geography, Northridge, CA
- 1992 Organizer of two forums on *Ethics and Geography* and on *Space and Postmodernism*. California State University, Northridge, Department of Geography, Northridge, CA

Advisement

David Schwartz, CSULB Geography candidate

Carlos Malagamba, CSULB Geography candidate

Master's thesis - Outside member of the committee: Hilary Tribby "Comparing the Accuracy of Multi-Source Data Integration for Two Supervised Classification methods," School of Forestry, Stephen F. Austin State University (2004)

Language Proficiency

English, French, Danish

Professional Affiliations

Association of American Geographers (AAG); AAG Europe Specialty Group (ESG); AAG Political Geography Specialty Group (PGSG); AAG Middle East Specialty Group; Association of Pacific Coast Geographers (APCG), International Association for Intelligence Education (IAIE), American Association of Museums; World Affairs Council (WAC)

Travel

Europe, Australia, South Africa, Iran, Israel, Turkey, Sri Lanka