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My primary research interest is the power of place, including the ways that place presents, represents and shapes human values, the forms in which human power is exercised in, on, and through place, and the ineffable power of place that is beyond naming.

Education

PH.D | 2005 | ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY NEW ENGLAND

- Environmental Studies
- Dissertation: Walden: A Sacred Geography

M.S. | 1980 | COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

- Environmental Geology
- Thesis: Sediment Supply and Bedload Transport: A Regression Model for Mountain Streams

B.A. | 1977 | MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

- Geology, cum laude

Experience

ACADEMIC TEACHING

- Core Faculty Environmental Studies, AUNE: 1993-present.
- Associate Core Faculty, ES Department, AUNE 1990-1993.
- Adjunct Faculty, ES Department, ANE: 1989.
- Instructor, Environmental Science and Technology program, Becker College, Leicester, MA: 1997-1998.
- Instructor, Geology Department, Salem State College: 1982

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION & RECENT ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Director, Self-Designed Studies Concentration, Environmental Studies M.S. Program, AUNE, 2011-present
- Department Chair, Environmental Studies, Antioch New England: 2006 - 2010
- Academic Director, MS programs, ES Department ANE: 2005 – 2006
- Director of Individualized Program, ES Department ANE: January 2000-2007
- Co-Director of Resource Management and Administration Program, ES Department ANE 1999 – 2002
- Director of Conservation Psychology, 2014-present
- AUNE Institutional Review Board for Human Subjects Research, 2012- present
- Antioch University New England Campus Assessment Team, 2011-present
- Council of Environmental Deans and Directors, member: 2006 – 2010

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Association of American Geographers

- Thoreau Society

University Courses

MS AND PHD COURSES

Ecological Thought*
 Making Sense of Place*
 Conservation Psychology*
 Earth Systems and Climate Change*
 Dissertation Proposal Seminar
 *Current courses

The Language of Nature
 Environmental History and Philosophy
 Hydrology/Watershed Science
 Geomorphology

Selected Publications

"Making meaning in the course of action: Affordance theory at the pilgrim/tourist nexus." In Review, special issue of *Tourism Geographies*.

"A Politics of Place: Reading the Signs at Walden Pond." *Reconstruction: Studies in Contemporary Culture* 5.3 (Summer 2005).

"Winter Solstice Colloquy." *Whole Terrain: A Journal of Reflective Environmental Practice* (Fall 1993).

Selected Presentations

"Walden Pilgrims: Negotiating the Spiritual Landscape at a State Park in the U.S." Royal Geographic Society Meeting, London, September 2016.

"Bringing Nature into It: Counter-Mapping the Dublin By-Pass." AAG Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March 2016.

Introverts Doing Qualitative Research Panel Member, AAG Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March 2016.

"Motive, Movement, and Memory: Walden Pilgrims' Place Experience", Thoreau Society Annual Gathering, July 2015.

"Sacred Geography: Making Meanings at Walden Pond." *Recreate, Replace, Restore: Exploring the Intersections between Meanings and Environments*, WGREN Conference, Ohio Northern University, April 2009.

"Pilgrim Bodies: The biosocial body as bridge between the politics and poetics of place?" AAG Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV, March 2009.

"Ritual Movement and Sacred Space: The Labyrinths of Grace Cathedral". A field trip conducted for the AAG annual meeting, San Francisco, CA. April 2007.

"Different Drums: Poetics, Politics and Pilgrimage at Walden." AAG annual meeting in Chicago, March 2006.

"Journey, Ritual and Stillness: The Role of Place in the Pilgrim Experience." AAG annual meeting, Denver, Colorado. April 2005.

"Putting Ourselves in Place: Pilgrimage at Walden." ASEH annual meeting, Victoria, British Columbia, April 2004.

"Walden: A Sacred Geography." AAG annual meeting in New Orleans, LA, March 2003. **David Sopher Award** for best student paper in Geography of Religion and Belief Systems.

Dissertations Chaired

Keller, Anne. **“One Narrow Thread of Green”:**The Vision of May Theilgaard Watts, the Creation of the Illinois Prairie Path, and a Community's Crusade for Open Space in Chicago's Suburbs. (2016)

Jurow, Kate. **The Role of Nature Interpretation during a Short-Term Nature Experience.** (2016)

Martell, Brad. **Nature as Spiritual Lived-Experience: How Five Christian Theologians Encounter the Divine in the Natural World.** (2016).

Strauss, Donald P. **Ridazz, Wrenches, & Wonks: A Revolution on Two Wheels Rolls into Los Angeles.** 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Kumin, Enid. **Ecosystem-Based Management and Refining Governance of Wind Energy in the Massachusetts Coastal Zone: A Case Study Approach.** 2015

McLeod, Brett R. **Neo-Homesteading in the Adirondack North Country: Crafting a Durable Landscape.** 2015

Weiss, Jill.

Grella, Melissa. **How can teaching and learning through art and aesthetic experiences in a Waldorf school lead to care for the environment?** In progress.

Holmlund, Eric Richard. **Caretakers of the Garden of Delight and Discontent: Adirondack Narrative, Conflict, and Environmental Virtue** 2012

Leopold, Susan. **Dormant Ethnobotany: A Case Study of Decline in Regional Plant Knowledge in the Bull Run Mountains of Virginia** 2011

Larsen, Randy R. **The Role of Nature in John Muir's Conception of the Good Life** 2011

Langmaid, Kimberly F. **Seeing Shifts: Ecologists' Lived Experiences of Climate Change in Mountains of the American West.** 2009

Recent MS Thesis/Projects

Sinnes, Edward. **Knowing in Place: The Relationship between Local Ecological Knowledge and Sense of Place.** 2016.

Billig, Jonathan Zvi Berman. **Judha, Buddha, Wilderness: An Educator's Journey Toward Profound Nature Connection.** 2014

Broussard, Will. **The Art of Walking.** 2014

Hirsch, Sara. **Sitting Through Spring: A Personal Phenology Project with Application to Natural Science Classrooms.** 2014

Capach, Jamie. **The Spirit of Transition: The Importance of Faith in Building Resilient Communities.** 2013

Metivier, Michael. **The Way to Know the Bobolink: Essays, Poems and Collaborative Illustrations.** 2012.