

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 1998 Ph.D. University of Hawaii, Anthropology (Ecological)
- 1995 M.A. University of Hawaii, Anthropology (Cultural)
- 1994 M.A. University of Hawaii, Religion
- 1992 B.S. Lewis and Clark College, Philosophy
- 1989 M.V. Sea School, Master of Vessels (25 GT)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 1999 – Pres. President, Institute for Global Studies, Washington, DC
- 2004 – 2005 Director, Asian/Pacific Programs, Wildlands Studies, UC Santa Barbara
- 2000 – 2003 Director, International Programs, Wildlands Studies, San Francisco
- 2000 – 2001 State Instructor, Department of Environmental Studies, Bemidji
- 1994 – 2000 State Instructor, Department of Geography, San Francisco State
- 1996 Instructor, Department of History, Lewis and Clark College
- 1994 Instructor, Department of Religion, Honolulu Community College

FIELD APPOINTMENTS

- 2015 Lecturer, National Geographic: Mekong River Voyage (Vietnam/Cambodia)
- 2014 Lecturer, Smithsonian: Around the World by Private Jet (nine countries)
- 2008 Expedition Leader, Cruise West: Secrets of Japan
- 1990 Captain, Glacier Bay Alaska Lodge (12-ton vessel)
- 1989 Wilderness Guide, Kenai Alaska Charters

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American political movements, religion and conservation, cultural ecology, resource management, historical ecology, ethics, critical theory, Buddhist theory and practice, animism in SE Asia, Vietnam War, 19th century exploration, indigenous first contacts.

COURSES TAUGHT

University of California at Santa Barbara

Culture and Practices
Environmental Field Survey
Indigenous Religions
Internship Practicum
Island Biogeography
Issues in Land Management
Issues in Marine Resource Management

Minnesota State University at Bemidji

Humans and the Environment
Internship Practicum

San Francisco State University

Environmental Ethics
Environmental Field Survey
Environmental Sustainability
Environmental Wildlands Studies
Humans and the Environment Internship Practicum

Island Biodiversity

Issues in Land Management
Pacific Cultures and Practices
Religion and Ecology
Wildlands Environment and Culture

Lewis and Clark College

Wilderness and the American Mind

Honolulu Community College

World Religions

PUBLICATIONS

- 2007 Adams, D. Samsara. Bangkok: Orchid Press. (345p) / Audible.com, 2010
- Based on political events that took place in the 1990s
 - Ten research trips to Thailand
 - Audible.com featured title for the month of November
 - Recommended title in Lonely Planet Thailand Guidebook
- 2001 Adams, D. Season of the Loon. Saint Cloud: Northstar Press. (265p)
- Featured title in Northstar Press catalog
 - Primary reader for Minnesota State Course: People and the Environment
 - Peer reviewed by Roderick Nash, Max Oelschlaeger and J. Baird Callicott
- 1998 Adams, D. The Boundary Makers. (T) Ann Arbor: University of Michigan. (555p)
- UH Anthropology (Top 25 ranking)
 - Youngest Ph.D. graduate in history of department
 - 3.9 GPA in coursework

ARTICLES

- 2019 The Haka: Power of Polynesian People (April), co-author, Scoop.co.nz
- 2017 Climate Change and Auckland's Harbors (March), co-author, Scoop.co.nz
- 2015 Thai Villagers Save Monkeys from Slavery (November), Mises.org
- 2012 Vietnam Rediscovered: The First 24 Hours (May), Goabroad.com
- Study Abroad: Can You Afford to Follow Your Bliss? (April), Goabroad.com
- Boundaries Abroad: Fiji (December), Goabroad.com
- 1995 Wilderness and the American Mind (June), Pioneer Log Newspaper
- 1990 Oregon's Wildest River (March) Pioneer Log Newspaper
- Walking with Giants (February), Pioneer Log Newspaper
- In the Footsteps of Lewis and Clark (January), Pioneer Log Newspaper
- 1989 Buddhists in Your Backyard (December), Pioneer Log Newspaper
- Hope, Alaska (November), Pioneer Log Newspaper

UCLA REEFCHECK.ORG SUBMISSIONS (PROGRAM DIRECTOR)

Example: <http://www.cultural-ecology.com/Lawaki.htm>

- 2012 Report on reef front Lawaki Beach Resort, Beqa, Fiji
- 2011 Report on Marine Protected Area, Taveuni, Fiji
- 2010 Report on reef front, Lawaki Beach Resort, Beqa, Fiji
- 2010 Report on Marine Protected Area, Taveuni, Fiji
- 2008 Report on Marine Protected Area, Taveuni, Fiji
- 2007 Report on Marine Protected Area: Lawaki, Fiji
- 2006 Report on Marine Protected Area: Beqa, Fiji
- 2006 Report on Waitabu Marine Park, Viti Levu, Fiji
- 2003 Report on Marine Protected Area: Beqa, Fiji

BOOK FOREWORDS

- 2017 Sponsel, L., Yanomami and Anthropology in the Amazon, Praeger Press, 2018
- 2014 Sponsel, L. Spiritual Ecology, Praeger Press, 2012
- 1999 Sivaraksa, S. Seeds of Peace, Parallax Press, 1992

RESEARCH LOCATIONS FOR PUBLICATION

- 2019 Auckland, New Zealand * "Haka: Power of the Polynesian People," Scoop.co.nz
- 2017 Auckland, New Zealand * "Climate Change and Auckland's Harbors," Scoop.co.nz
- 2014 Hat Yai, Thailand * "Monkeys from Slavery," Mises.org
- 2011 Hanoi, Vietnam * "Vietnam the First 24 Hours," GoAbroad.com
- 2006 Khao Yai, Thailand * Ch. 12 "The Cave," Samsara
- 2006 Dong Yai, Thailand * Ch. 11 "The Search for Self," Samsara
- 2005 Burriram, Thailand * Ch. 2 "The Cockpit," Samsara
- 2004 Buen Khan, Thailand * Ch. 33 "The Middle Path," Samsara
- 2004 Viti Levu, Fiji * "Survey on Marine Protected Area," UCLA Reef Check
- 2003 Ubon, Thailand * Ch. 26 "Faded Glory," Samsara

- 2003 Beqa, Fiji * "Survey on Marine Protected Area," UCLA Reef Check
- 2002 Suva, Fiji * "Boundaries Abroad," Goabroad.com
- 2001 Bangkok, Thailand * Ch. 8 "The Red Barron of Bangkok," Samsara
- 2000 Krabi, Thailand * Ch. 11 "Save the Last Bullet," Samsara
- 1999 Bangkok, Thailand * Ch. 1 "The Assignment," Samsara
- 1998 Miami, Florida * Ch. 14 "Loon Over Miami," Season of the Loon
- 1997 Washington, DC * Ch. 11 "I'm Just a Bill," Season of the Loon
- 1997 Duluth, Minnesota * Ch. 13 "The Boundary Makers," Season of the Loon
- 1996 Ely, Minnesota * Ch. 11 "The Voice From the Boundary Waters," Season of the Loon
- 1996 Cass Lake, Minnesota * Ch. 1 "Island Time," Season of the Loon
- 1990 Glacier Bay, Alaska * Ch. 7 "The Last Frontier," Season of the Loon
- 1990 Deschutes, Oregon * "Oregon's Wildest River," Pioneer Newspaper
- 1990 Columbia Gorge, Oregon * "Walking with Giants," Pioneer Newspaper
- 1990 Lincoln City, Oregon * "Footsteps of Lewis and Clark," Pioneer Newspaper
- 1989 Lake Oswego, Oregon * "Buddhists in Your Backyard," Lake Oswego Newspaper
- 1989 Hope, Alaska * "There's Always Hope," Pioneer Newspaper

PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 "Introduction to Ecosystems of Australia," IGS Down Under: Sydney, Australia
- 2018 "Pacific Voyaging Techniques," IGS Down Under: Auckland, New Zealand
- 2017 "Aboriginal Political Advocacy," IGS Down Under: Sydney, Australia
- 2015 "The Overthrow of Phnom Penh" National Geographic: Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- 2015 "Cambodia's Ecological Crisis," National Geographic: Siem Riep, Vietnam
- 2015 "Vietnam and Modernity," National Geographic: Saigon, Vietnam
- 2014 "Hawaiian Temples and Archaeology," Bemidji State
- 2014 "Ecocide vs Genocide," Smithsonian: Easter Island, Chile
- 2014 "Who is Killing the Albinos of Tanzania?" Smithsonian: Serengeti, Tanzania
- 2014 "Buddhism and Ecology," Smithsonian: Siem Riep, Cambodia
- 2014 "Aboriginals and the Land," Smithsonian: Port Douglas, Australia

- 2014 "Mana: The Pulse of Polynesia," Smithsonian: Apia, Samoa
- 2014 "The Bedouins," Smithsonian: Petra, Jordan
- 2010 "Humans, Spirits and Nature in Thailand," Florida Gulf Coast U: Ft. Myers, Florida
- 2003 "Making a Career out of Anthropology," University of Hawaii: Honolulu, Hawaii
- 1999 "Academic Field Programs in the Pacific," Bemidji State: Bemidji, Minnesota
- 1998 "Cross-Cultural Wilderness Ideas," University of Hawaii: Honolulu, Hawaii
- 1995 "Native American Ideas of Wilderness," Lewis and Clark College: Ely, Minnesota
- 1991 "Buddhism and Ecology," Payap University: Chiang Mai, Thailand

TRAINING

- 2019 American Gap Association (Orlando, Florida) Workshop on study abroad program design, marketing, and implementation.
- 2017 American Gap Association (Denver, Colorado) Workshop on diversity, inclusion and techniques for improving group dynamics in international student programs.
- 2003 Marine Ecology Consulting (Suva, Fiji) Reef check survey methods and reporting. Trained on how to identify Marine Protected Areas and prepare reports for UCLA.
- 1992 Payap University (Chiang Mai, Thailand) Ethnological field methods in the study of Thai village beliefs and practices. Conducted interviews and recorded changing land use strategies.
- 1991 Naropa Institute (Kathmandu, Nepal) Ethnological field methods in the study of religion. Collected life histories of 16-19 y/o Tibetan monks. Analyzed family backgrounds and contributing factors that led them to the monkhood.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK

- 1999 Prepared cultural impact report on Oceanside 1250, a proposed golf community to be built atop archaeological sites. (Kona Coast, Hawaii)
- 1995 Assisted state archaeologist Andrea Mitchell in recovery effort at Woodland Indian site. (Chippewa National Forest, Minnesota)

CONSULTANT

- 2013 World internships, Massachusetts: Intern program established in Paris, France.
- 2012 CIS Abroad, Massachusetts: Intern program established in Honolulu, Hawaii.

- 2012 Jayne Marecek (Author), Minnesota: Created marketing plan, website design, and editorial service for a series of historical fiction books.
- 2006 Waitabu Village, Fiji: Designed website and business plan on how to increase tourist revenue for the village.
- 2002 Delailasakau Village, Fiji: Created business plan on how to implement, market and sustain ecotourism in the Fijian Highlands
- 1999 Nature Care Organization, Thailand: Assisted on management plan to preserve marginalized forest reserves from economic development and poaching.
- 1996 Sierra Club, DC: Lobbied congress for the Boundary Waters Wilderness protection.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION

- 2004 Star Island Protection League, Minnesota: Lake pollution monitoring
- 2001 Loei Conservation Organization, Hawaii: Fishpond restoration
- 2000 Hakalau Wildlife Refuge, Hawaii: Feral pig eradication
- 1999 Hakalau Wildlife Refuge, Hawaii: Bird conservation
- 1998 Turtle Conservation Hawaii, Hawaii: Marine debris removal
- 1997 Kalaupapa National Park, Hawaii: Fence building for native plant growth
- 1996 Kokee State Park, Hawaii: Native species planting
- 1996 Hawaii Volcanoes National Park: Bird habitat promotion

ENTREPRENEURIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2017 IGS launches Intern Down Under Semester (Australia/New Zealand)
- 2015 IGS expands program offerings to eighteen countries
- 2012 CIS Abroad contracts IGS to do Hawaii / Paris placements
- 2011 Top five Google rankings for keywords: "cultural ecology," "reef studies," "ecology internships," "environmental internships," "law internships"
- 2005 Semester in the South Seas launched (Hawaii, Fiji, Australia)
- 2004 Minnesota State University grants credit for IGS programs
- 2003 UC Santa Barbara grants credit for IGS programs
- 2002 GoAbroad.com awards IGS Fiji Immersion: "Internship of the Year"

- 2001 Student tuition nears one million dollars
- 2000 San Francisco State grants credit for IGS courses
- 1999 Institute for Global Studies founded
- 1992 Northwest Explorers Club founded

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 1996 Asian Pacific Scholarship, University of Hawaii, Department of Anthropology
- 1995 Asian Pacific Scholarship, University of Hawaii, Department of Anthropology
- 1991 Journalism Travel Award, Lewis and Clark College

LANGUAGES

Thai (Fluent)

Spanish (Conversational)

SKILLS

Website Design. Database Management. Microsoft Office. Adobe. Photoshop. QuickBooks.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

(3 Years): Thailand

(1 Year): New Zealand, Australia

(6 Months): Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica, Vietnam

(3-5 Months): Nepal, Japan, Fiji, Finland

(1-2 Months): Russia, Malaysia, Cambodia, Puerto Rico, Ecuador

(<1 Month): Peru, Easter Island, Tanzania, Jordan, Morocco, Samoa, Tahiti, Portugal, India, Norway, England

WILDERNESS EXPEDITIONS

(31 days): Nelson River, Manitoba * 460 miles * 4-person party

(21 days): Blood Vein River, Ontario * 175 miles * solo

(16 days): Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba * 95 miles * solo

(27 days): Quetico National Park, Ontario * 180 miles * solo

(28 days): Boundary Waters, Minnesota * 300 miles * solo

(14 days): Kenai Mountains, Alaska * 27 miles * solo

(9 days): Chitwan Jungle, Nepal * 37 miles * solo

BUDDHIST TEMPLE STAYS/RESEARCH

(1 year): Dae Wan Sa Temple, Honolulu, Hawaii

(1 month): Wat Pah Nanachat, Ubon, Thailand

(1 month): Boudnath Temple, Katmandu, Nepal

(1 month): Cambodian Peace Temple, Santa Cruz, California

(1 month): Clear Springs Temple, Santa Rosa, California

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Audubon

Smithsonian

National Geographic Society

North American Foundation for Study Abroad

Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness

Northwest Explorers Club (founder)

Sierra Club

GoAbroad.net