

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)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Dissertation: "The Boundary Makers: Cross-cultural Ideas of Wilderness," (Research conducted on the Thailand/Laos Border) 555p * U. Michigan Press, 1998
- UH Anthropology: #1 ranked department at the university * top 25 in the U.S.
- *Season of the Loon* and *Samsara*: books published based on Ph.D. field research
- 3.9 GPA
- Youngest Ph.D. graduate in UH anthropology department history
- Mastery of Thai language (spoken and written)
- Distinguished committee chairs (Dr. Les Sponsel, anthropology / Dr. Lee Siegel, religion)
- Completed two MA degrees in four semesters (eight-semester is average)
- Taught World Religions at Honolulu Community College as capstone for MA
- Undergraduate study abroad semesters in Nepal and Thailand

LANGUAGES

Thai (Fluent)

Spanish (Conversational)

Lao (Basic)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

1999 – President, Institute for Global Studies, Washington, DC

- Director of annual semester programs in Australia and New Zealand
- Internships located for students in twenty-three countries
- 1,200+ students enrolled since 1999
- Generated nearly 1m annual tuition
- 600+ contract/staff members hired since inception

2004 – 2005 Director, Asian/Pacific Programs, Environmental Studies, UC Santa Barbara

- Managed semester program in Hawaii and Fiji (twelve semester credits)
- Internships setup for UCSB enrolled students in six countries
- Successfully marketed and recruited for the program
- Oversaw academic content and quality

2000 – 2003 Director, International Programs, Geography, San Francisco State

- Managed semester program in Hawaii, Fiji, Australia (twelve semester credits)
- Internships setup for SFS students in four countries
- Successfully marketed and recruited for the program
- Oversaw academic content and quality

2000 – 2001 Instructor, Department of Environmental Studies, Bemidji State

1994 – 2000 Instructor, Department of Geography, San Francisco State

1996 Instructor, Department of History, Lewis and Clark College

1994 Instructor, Department of Religion, Honolulu Community College

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, Polynesian religions.

COURSES TAUGHT

University of California at Santa Barbara (ENV 130-137)

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 (ENV 415-416)

Humans and the Environment

Internship Practicum

San Francisco State University (GEOG 370-379)

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 (HIST 218)

Wilderness and the American Mind

Honolulu Community College (REL 102)

World Religions

FIELD APPOINTMENTS

2015 Lecturer, National Geographic: Mekong River Voyage (Vietnam/Cambodia)

- Trip expert on animism in SE Asia, Buddhism and Ecology, Khmer Rouge

2014 Lecturer, Smithsonian: Around the World by Private Jet (nine countries)

- Trip expert on African witchcraft, Buddhist activism, Bedouins, Polynesian religion

2008 Expedition Leader, Cruise West: Secrets of Japan (Kyoto/Tokyo)

- Trip expert on Zen Buddhism, Shintoism, Japanese imperialism

1990 Captain, Glacier Bay Alaska Lodge (12-ton vessel)

- Expert on minke whales, geology of Alaska, fisheries

1989 Wilderness Guide, Kenai Alaska Charters

- Shore guide, remote flyout guide, trip coordination

ASSISTANTSHIPS

1994 University of Hawaii, Religion Department (spring)

- Teacher's Assistant for Dr. Lee Siegel
- Mentored students in World Religions
- Graded exams

1993 University of Hawaii, Religion Department (fall)

- Mentored undergraduates on Asian Religions
- Fill-in lecturer for Dr. Robert Bobolin
- Graded exams

1990 Lewis and Clark College, History Department (summer)

- Primary researcher for Dr. Stephen Beckham's Oregon Trail manuscript
- Collected field data in Idaho's Bitterroot Mountain Range
- Contributed content for the High Desert Museum Lewis and Clark Exhibit

PUBLICATIONS

2007 Adams, D. *Samsara*. Bangkok: Orchid Press. (345p) / Audible.com, 2010

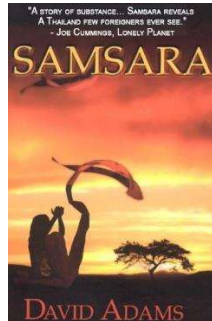
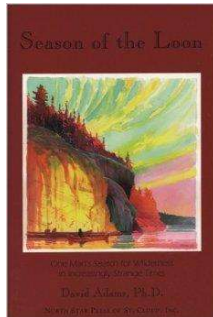
- Based on political events that took place in the 1990s
- Ten research trips to Thailand
- Audible.com featured title for the month of November
- Recommended title in Lonely Planet Thailand Guidebook

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: Cross-cultural Ideas of Wilderness*. (T) Ann Arbor: University of Michigan. (555p)

- Research conducted in the U.S. and Thailand/Laos border
- Interviewed by popular news outlets
- Resulted in two published books



ARTICLES

- 2019 "The Haka: Power of Polynesian People," (April) co-author, Scoop Newspaper
- 2017 "Climate Change and Auckland's Harbors," (March) co-author, Scoop Newspaper
- 2015 "Activists Seek to Impoverish Thai Villagers to Save Monkeys from Slavery," Mises.org
- "Merchants of the Mekong," (January) National Geographic Jahan Site
- "A Short History of Phnom Penh," (January) National Geographic Jahan Site
- 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) Lake Oswego Newspaper
- "Hope, Alaska," (November) Pioneer Log Newspaper

EDITORIAL WORK

2017-2020 *Australian Currents Newsletter*

- Editor for bi-weekly seasonal publication for our Sydney Program

2017-2020 *New Zealand Currents Newsletter*

- Editor for bi-weekly seasonal publication for our Auckland Program

2016 *The Windigo*

- Editor for mystery novel set in northern Minnesota * B. Taylor, author

2015 *Western Hearts Trilogy*

- Editor for series of novels set in 19th century America * T. Lee, author

UCLA * INSTITUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT * REEF CHECK

In 2003, I teamed up with UCLA's Institute of the Environment to study coral reef health in the Pacific. I received training for laying transects, recognizing indicator species, recording data, and reporting findings back to Dr. Gregor Hodson at UCLA. Over the past fifteen years, I have personally led student research groups to the Fijian islands as well as serving as the program director for teams gathering data on three different islands. IGS sets up homestays for students in Fijian villages as they conduct their research. Results are submitted to local officials, regional politicians, and the Institute of the Environment to map changes in reef health on three Fijian islands. Our transects = 100m length / 5m wide. Monitoring includes: 1) fish count for nine indicator species; 2) ten benthic cover indicators (soft coral to silt); 3) crown of thorns numbers; 4) invertebrate counts; 5) review and conclusions on reef health over time. **Example:** <http://www.cultural-ecology.com/Lawaki.htm>

PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR BELOW REPORTS

2018 Report on reef front Lawaki Beach Resort, Beqa, Fiji

- Evidence of coral bleaching
- Decreased indicator fish diversity compared to 2012

2012 Report on reef front Lawaki Beach Resort, Beqa, Fiji

- High numbers of butterfly fish
- Increased coral diversity compared to 2010

2011 Report on Marine Protected Area, Taveuni, Fiji

- Lower numbers of indicator fish species compared to 2010
- Possible illegal fishing by locals

2010 Report on reef front, Lawaki Beach Resort, Beqa, Fiji

- Increase in silt benthic cover compared to 2003 report
- Decline in species #'s for both coral and indicator fish

2010 Report on Marine Protected Area, Taveuni, Fiji

- Species counts similar to 2008 findings
- Local village council is monitoring the reef

2008 Report on Marine Protected Area, Taveuni, Fiji

- Healthy invertebrate numbers
- Excellent diversity of coral present

2007 Report on Marine Protected Area: Lawaki, Fiji

- No evidence of illegal village fishing
- Healthy levels of indicator species

2006 Report on Marine Protected Area: Beqa, Fiji

- Deterioration of reef compared to 2003 report
- Increased crown of thorns damage

2006 Report on Waitabu Marine Park, Viti Levu, Fiji

- Anchor damage recorded
- Indicator species show diverse population

2003 Report on Marine Protected Area: Beqa, Fiji

- Crown of thorns damage reported
- Low impact by nearby resort

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 PUBLICATIONS

2019 Queenstown, New Zealand * The Haka: Power of Polynesian People," Scoop.co.nz

2017 Auckland, New Zealand * "Climate Change and Auckland's Harbors," Scoop.co.nz

2015 Phnom Penh, Cambodia * "A Short History of Phnom Penh," National Geographic Jahan
Can Tho, Vietnam * Merchants of the Mekong," National Geographic Jahan

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

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
Viti Levu, Fiji * "Survey on Marine Protected Area," UCLA Reef Check
- 2003 Ubon, Thailand * Ch. 26 "Faded Glory," Samsara
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
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
Cass Lake, Minnesota * Ch. 1 "Island Time," Season of the Loon
- 1990 Glacier Bay, Alaska * Ch. 7 "The Last Frontier," Season of the Loon
Deschutes, Oregon * "Oregon's Wildest River," Pioneer Newspaper
Columbia Gorge, Oregon * "Walking with Giants," Pioneer Newspaper
Lincoln City, Oregon * "Footsteps of Lewis and Clark," Pioneer Newspaper
- 1989 Lake Oswego, Oregon * "Buddhists in Your Backyard," Lake Oswego Newspaper
Hope, Alaska * "There's Always Hope," Pioneer Newspaper

PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 "Mental Health and Gap Year Students," Gap Year Conference, Chappell Hill, NC
"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
"Cambodia's Ecological Crisis," National Geographic: Siem Riep, Vietnam
"Vietnam and Modernity," National Geographic: Saigon, Vietnam

- 2014 "Hawaiian Temples and Archaeology," Bemidji State
- "Ecocide vs Genocide," Smithsonian: Easter Island, Chile
- "Who is Killing the Albinos of Tanzania?" Smithsonian: Serengeti, Tanzania
- "Buddhism and Ecology," Smithsonian: Siem Riep, Cambodia
- "Aboriginals and the Land," Smithsonian: Port Douglas, Australia
- "Mana: The Pulse of Polynesia," Smithsonian: Apia, Samoa
- "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 (Chapel Hill, North Carolina) Workshop on student management techniques for overseas group programs.
- 2018 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.

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

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)

ACCOUNTANCY

- Manage IGS bank accounts in U.S., New Zealand, Australia, Thailand
- Finance skills on par with professional bookkeeper
- Oversee Quickbooks, payroll, corporate and personal tax returns for IGS
- Handle investment portfolio
- Audited several companies for possible purchase or merger

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, Indonesia

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

WILDERNESS EXPEDITIONS

(9 days): Murmansk River, Russia * 80 miles * solo

(11 days): Kulmunki River, Finland * 50 miles * solo

(26 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

ANTHROPOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN BUDDHIST TEMPLES (1990-1995)

(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

GoAbroad.net

National Geographic Society

Sierra Club

Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness

Northwest Explorers Club (founder)