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EDUCATION

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, Highland Heights, KY 41099

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in Native American Studies, Anthropology, and Geography, 2006

Thesis Title: "Native American Identity, Christianity, and Critical Contextualization"

Advisor: Sharlotte Neely, Ph.D. Committee: Lawrence Mitchell, Ph.D., and Robert Kenney, Ph.D.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY, Oxford, OH 45056

Studies toward Master of Arts in Geography, Cultural Geography, July – December 2003

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, Highland Heights, KY 41099

Bachelor of Science in Anthropology (Cum Laude), May 2003

Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Speech Communication (Cum Laude), May 2003

Minor in Native American Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Native North America, Indian Identity Theories, Cherokees, Christianity and Native Religions, Evangelicals, Cultural and Social Geography.

PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

PART-TIME PROFESSOR

8/2007-Present

Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY

Instructor in the Department of Sociology/Anthropology/Philosophy and the Geography Program.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

8/2002-2003

Community Christian Academy, Independence, KY

Taught high school introductory geography and speech communication classes. Also held after school assistance sessions when needed.

COLLEGE PREPARATION COUNSELOR

8/2002-2003

Community Christian Academy, Independence, KY

Mentored high school students for college preparation.

REGIONAL EDITORIAL ADVISOR

11/2003-Present

A founding regional editor for *First Nation: The Journal*. A publication of the Native American Studies Program in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Philosophy at Northern Kentucky University.

GENERAL MANAGER AND EDITOR

09/2006-Present

Editor and general manager for *The Kentucky Voice* magazine published by Community Pentecostal Church.

In charge of overseeing the total production of the 20-page magazine including: editing, design, article selection, advertising, and maintaining a volunteer writing and administrative staff of over thirty people.

GRADUATE ASSISTANT

8/2005-6/2006

Northern Kentucky University, College of Arts and Sciences, MALS program.

Worked with the program director to manage the application and admission process, monitor the progress of continuing students (including managing a student database), implement new policies and procedures, promote the program, run special program-specific events, and engage in research directed at improving the program. Duties also included assisting with introductory seminar (MALS 601).

- PUBLIC SPEAKING TRAINER** 2001
 Personal training
 Ft. Thomas Middle School, Ft. Thomas, KY. Instructed after class speaking lessons with “gifted and talented” students.
- WEBSITE DESIGNER AND MAINTAINER** 3/2004 - Present
 Community Pentecostal Church, Community Christian Academy, and Tommy Bates Ministries
 Develop, edit, and oversee designs/content for websites.
- TUTOR** 8/2001-8/2003
 Learning Assistance Program, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY
 Provided out of class instruction in a variety of subjects including: cultural anthropology, archaeology, North American Indians, elements of geography, cultural geography, regional geography, public speaking and interpersonal communication.
- TEACHING ASSISTANT** 8/2003-12/2003
 Department of Geography, Miami University, Oxford, OH
 Instructed break-out sessions in introductory geography. Responsible for grading, recording grades, and assisting the professor in other areas of class work. Helped students after class when needed.
- ETHNOGRAPHIC METHODS AND MEDIA DESIGNER** 3/1999
 Produced an audio version of the ethnographic book *Snowbird Cherokees* for Dr. Sharlotte Neely.
- NKU ANTHROPOLOGY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** 2006-2007
 President. In charge of providing services to NKU anthropology alumni through lectures, dinners, etc.
- GEOGRAPHY UNION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY** 2000-2003
 President. Organized functions such as trips out of town (St. Lois, Missouri/Columbus, IN), dinner functions, educational events, etc. at Northern Kentucky University
- ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATOR** 6/2003
 Northern Kentucky University Archaeological Field School, Ft. Ancient Village Site, Northern KY
 Carried out excavations of test pits, trenches, and features. Worked in laboratory cleaning, labeling and storing artifacts.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- OUTSTANDING GRADUATE IN GEOGRAPHY**, Northern Kentucky University, 2003. Awarded for excellence in research and writing.
- WHO’S WHO AMONG AMERICA’S TEACHERS**, Community Christian Academy, 2002-2003. Awarded for excellence in teaching.
- WHO’S WHO AMONG AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**, Northern Kentucky University, 2002-2003 (undergraduate)/2005-2006 (graduate).
- THE NATIONAL DEAN’S LIST**, Northern Kentucky University, 2006.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- ARTIFACTUAL RESEARCH** — Fort Ancient Site, Northern Kentucky 2003
 Collected, examined, sorted, filed, and stored various Fort Ancient artifacts.
- ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH** — Muskogee, OK 2005
 Collected ethnographic data through both interviews and participant observation for research toward the master’s thesis.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

LECTURER

- North American Indians, Northern Kentucky University, Fall 2007
- World Regional Geography, Northern Kentucky University, Fall 2007

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

- Introduction to Geography, 2002-2003
- Introduction to Public Speaking, 2002-2003

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Global Forces, Local Diversity, Miami University, Fall 2003 (Bruce D'Arcus, Ph.D.)
- Contemporary Issues in Native American Life, Miami University, Fall 2003 (James Hamill, Ph.D.)

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Native American Identity, Christianity, and Critical Contextualization. Master's Thesis. 2006.

"Indian Identity In Oklahoma in the 20th Century: An Examination of Church Community, Peyote, and Pan-Indianism" Paper presented at an anthropology meeting at Miami University, Oxford, OH, April 15, 2005.

"Everything You Wanted to Know About Graduate School But Were Afraid to Ask" Presentation given at Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY, November 28, 2005.

COMPUTER SKILLS

OPERATING SYSTEMS: MAC and Windows

SOFTWARE: experienced with a number of programs including MS Word, Excel, FrontPage, GIS, Access, PhotoShop, PowerPoint, Adobe Acrobat

INTERNET: familiar with a number of web browsers and composers; maintain several websites including www-communitypentecostal.com, www.tommybates.com, www.ccaky.org

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Association, Gold Key Honor Society, Northern Kentucky University Anthropology Alumni Association

REFERENCES

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- Dr. Lawrence Mitchell, Department of Geography, University of Cincinnati
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Email: lawrence.mitchell@uc.edu
- Dr. Russell Proctor, Department of Communication, Northern Kentucky University
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