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EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy, Rutgers University, Department of Geography, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Degree conferred May 19, 1994.
- Master of Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Geography, 1988.
- Bachelor of Arts, Stanford University, Anthropology, 1981.

TEACHING/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Geography, University of South Florida St. Petersburg. May 2002 to present.
Duties: 3/2 teaching load; research activities; university and community service.

Courses taught:

ISS 3010 Introduction to Social Science
ISS 4935 Senior Seminar in the Social Sciences
ISS 3930 Qualitative Methods for the Social Sciences
ANT 4401 Exploring Cultural Diversity
GEA 2000 World Regional Geography
GEO 4930 Geographic Perspectives on Nature
GEO 4450 Medical Geography
GEO 2400 Human Geography
GEO 4470 Political Geography of the United States
GEO 4502 Economic Geography: World Development
GEO 4421 Cultural Geography
GEO 4372 Global Conservation
GEO 4930 Geography of Environment
GEO 3602 Urban Geography
GEA 3194 Regional Geography of South Asia
GEO 4933 Senior Colloquium in Geography
IDH 4200 Honors Seminar in Geographic Perspectives on Nature.
GEO 6116 Seminar in Perspectives in Environmental Thought
GEO 6421 Seminar in Cultural Geography
GEO 6475 Seminar in Political Geography
EVR 6934 Seminar in Qualitative Research Methods

Program Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Program, University of South Florida St. Petersburg, August 2011 to present. Responsibilities: advise students, schedule courses, hire and supervise adjunct instructors, oversee curriculum revisions, manage website, develop and evaluate Academic Learning Compact, create promotional materials, attend open houses and recruitment events.

Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida St. Petersburg, August 2006 to 2007.

Associate Chair, Environmental Science, Policy and Geography Program of Distinction, University of South Florida St. Petersburg, August 2004 to 2007.

Interim Chair, Environmental Science, Policy and Geography Program of Distinction, University of South Florida St. Petersburg, August 2002 – May 2003.

Assistant Professor, University of South Florida, August 1996 to May 2002.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Spring Semester, 1996. Hofstra University, Department of Economics and Geography. Course taught: *Introduction to Geographic Systems*.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Spring Semester, 1996. Rutgers University. Labor Studies Department. Course taught: *Introduction to Labor Studies*.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Fall Semester, 1995. Queens College, City University of New York, Anthropology Department. Course taught: *Work, Class and Culture*.

Instructor, Spring Semester, 1994. Rutgers University, Department of Geography, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Course taught: *Political Geography: the Geopolitics of the New World Order*.

Instructor, July/August, 1988. University of Wisconsin-Madison. Created and taught workshop for gifted children in the College for Kids program. Course covered the political economy of food production and consumption.

Teaching Assistant, Sept. 1987 - June, 1988. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Assisted in the teaching of *Environmental Conservation*.

Graduate Fellow, 9/88 to 6/93. Department of Geography, Rutgers University.

Research Assistant, 12/88 - 7/89; 8/93 to 1/94. *Center for Urban Policy Research*, Rutgers University. Conducted research and wrote reports on the political implications of the siting of hazardous waste processing facilities for the interpretation of law and the legitimization of government bodies.

PUBLICATIONS

Under Review:

Buck, Kyle, **Johns, Rebecca**, and Barnali Dixon. “Assessment of Influence on Modifiable Cancer Risk among Teens,” under review, *The Southeastern Geographer*.

Published:

Johns, Rebecca, and Merton, Elizabeth, 2015. "Neglected Yards and Community Landscaping," forthcoming 2015, *The Southeastern Geographer*.

Johns, Rebecca, Dixon, Barnali, McHan, Chris and Westmark, Zach, 2013. "Evaluating Food Deserts in St. Petersburg, Florida." *The Florida Geographer* 44: 15-37.

Mustafa D, Smucker T A, Ginn F, **Johns R**, Connely S, 2010, "Xeriscape people and the cultural politics of turfgrass transformation" *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* **28**(4) 600 – 617.

Johns, Rebecca A., 2009. "Assessing The Social And Ecological Impact Of Voluntary Simplicity," *Papers of the Applied Geography Conferences* 32:262-271.

Johns, Rebecca A., 2008. "Ecologically Appropriate Residential Landscaping in Pinellas County, Florida: Barriers and Incentives." *Papers of the Applied Geography Conference* 31:283-291.

Johns, Rebecca A., Connelly, Shanon, Dorsey Joseph ,Krest, Jim, Mustafa, Daanish, Smucker, Thomas, 2007. "Xeriscaping as Coastal Amelioration: using "Florida Friendly Landscaping" to reduce pollutant runoff and water consumption in Pinellas County, Florida," *Interdisciplinary Environmental Review X*, (2): 113-141.

Johns, Rebecca A., 2005. "The Potential of Geographic Analysis in Solving Environmental Dilemmas." *Interdisciplinary Environmental Review VII* (2): 13-33.

Schmidt, Nancy, Mark Luther, and **Rebecca Johns**. 2004. "Climate variability and estuarine water resources: A case study from Tampa Bay, Florida." *Coastal Management* 32(2):101-116.

Johns, Rebecca A., 2003. "Remembering Our Place: Ethical Activism for Scholars" *Ethics, Place and Environment* 6(1): 56-61.

Johns, Rebecca, 2001. "Identifying Barriers to Native American Participation in Higher Education," *Papers of the Applied Geography Conferences* 24: 322-331.

Johns, Rebecca, 2001. "Understanding the Influences of Global Processes and Local Context in the Construction of Nature in South Asia: Teaching Strategies," *Teaching South Asia*.

Johns, Rebecca A., 2001. "Arbitration as a Decision-Making Tool: The Tampa Bay Water Case," *Southeastern Geographer* 41 (1) pp.117-135.

Johns, Rebecca A., 2000. "Building Unity in a Common Place: Intentional Communities in the United States," *Papers of the Applied Geography Conferences* 23:1-9.

Johns, Rebecca A., and Vural, Leyla, 2000. "Class, Geography and the Consumerist Turn: UNITE and the Stop Sweatshops Campaign," *Environment and Planning A* 32(7):1193-1213.

Sen, Bagchi, Cline-Cole, R., DeFillipis, J., Douglass, M., Emel, J., Hanson, S., **Johns, R.**, Lake, R., Lawson, V., Leaf, M., Leichenko, R., Marston, S., McGee, T., Pandit, K., Pincetl, S., Schroeder, R., Sheppard, E., and Waterstone, M., 1999. "Toward a Comprehensive Geographical Perspective on Urban Sustainability," *Final Report of the 1998 NSF Workshop on Urban Sustainability*, Center for Urban Policy Research, Rutgers University.

Johns, Rebecca A., 1998. "Bridging the Gap Between Class and Space: U.S. Worker Solidarity with Guatemala." *Economic Geography* 74(3): 252-271.

Johns, Rebecca A., 1993. "Class and Place in the New World Order: International Labor Solidarity," *The Middle States Geographer* 26.

Lake, Robert W. and **Johns, Rebecca A.**, 1990. "Legitimation Conflicts: The Politics of Hazardous Waste Siting Law," *Urban Geography*, Vol. II (5): 488-508.

Other Publications:

Johns, Rebecca, 1999. "It's Time to Debate Our Mission," *Advocate (for NEA members in Higher Education)*, Vol. 1, No. 8, August.

Johns, Rebecca, 2000. "Interview: Charlene Teters on Native American Symbols as Mascots," *Thought & Action*, Volume XVI, Number 1, Summer, pages 121-130.

PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES (PARTIAL)

"Neglected Yards and Community Landscaping," Annual Meetings of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, April 2015.

"Evaluating Food Deserts in St. Petersburg, Florida," presented at the 2011 Florida Society of Geographers Conference, Tallahassee, Florida.

"Assessing the Social and Ecological Impact of Voluntary Simplicity," presented at the 2009 Applied Geography Conferences.

"Ecologically Appropriate Residential Landscaping in Pinellas County, Florida: Barriers and Incentives." Invited presentation, Florida Native Plant Society, Pinellas Chapter, June 2012.

"Ecologically Appropriate Residential Landscaping in Pinellas County, Florida: Barriers and Incentives." presented at the 2008 Applied Geography Conferences, Delaware.

"Voluntary Simplicity: Radical Economics for the 21st Century?," presented at the annual meeting of the Florida Society of Geographers, St. Petersburg, Florida, February 17 – 19, 2005.

“The Cold War and Beyond: U.S. Foreign Policy Concerns in the 21st Century,” presented to the Lee County League of Women Voters, February 4, 2005. Invited speaker.

"The Potential of Geographic Analysis in Solving Environmental Dilemmas", presented at the Annual Conference of the Interdisciplinary Environmental Association, Orlando, FL, June 2005.

Panelist, “Globalism, Activism and Ethics,” at the Annual Meetings of the Association of American Geographers, New York, New York, February 27 – March 3, 2001. Also organized six panels and paper sessions with Richard Peet of Clark University on Globalism and Activism.

“A Comprehensive Assessment of Higher Education Needs in Florida’s Native American Communities,” presented at the Community Forum for the International Conference on the University as Citizen: Engaging University Communities, Tampa, Florida, November 29, 2000.

“Building Unity in a Common Place: Intentional Communities in the United States,” presented at the annual meeting of the Applied Geography Conferences, Tampa, Florida, October 11-14, 2000.

“Peace in Northern Ireland?” invited speaker on a panel in the South St. Petersburg community, April 2, 2000.

“Locating Inequality: Geographic Location as a Determinant of Standard of Living,” Rebecca A. Johns and Shreeram Krishnaswami, presented at the Annual Meetings of the Association of American Geographers, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March, 2000.

Discussant on panel, “Geography and Social Theory,” at the 54th Meeting of the Association of American Geographers Southeastern Division, hosted by the University of South Florida, November 20-23, 1999.

Discussant, “Citizen Government Interface” a panel discussion of the South East Conference of Public Administrators, St. Petersburg, Florida, October, 1999.

Invited Participant, National Education Association’s Annual Critical Issues Seminar, “Products of the Mind: Knowledge Workers & Unions in the 21st Century,” Washington, D.C., May 20-22, 1999.

Panel Organizer and Chair, “Rescuing Urban Sustainability: Continuing the Research Dialogue,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meetings, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 23-27, 1999.

Panel Organizer and Commentator, “Defining Community, Negotiating Scale: the Struggle over Natural Resources,” American Society for Environmental History, 10th Biennial Conference, Tucson, Arizona, April 14-18, 1999.

Invited Participant, "Toward a Comprehensive Geographical Perspective on Urban Sustainability," a workshop funded by the National Science Foundation. Held at Rutgers University, June 16 - 21, 1998.

"The Power of Consumption: Effecting Social and Environmental Change through Purchasing Power" Presented at the Ethics Center, St. Petersburg Campus, January 28, 1998.

"Class and the Mythic Community: Reconstructing the Work/Nature Relationship." Presented at the Institute of British Geographers 1998 Annual Meetings, Kingston University, England, January 5-8, 1998.

"The Geography and Politics of the Stop Sweatshops Campaign," with Dr. Leyla Vural (UNITE). Presented at the 10th Annual Southern Labor Studies Conference, College of William and Mary, Sept. 25-28, 1997.

"The Impact of India's Economic Liberalization on Workers: Implications for Organizing." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL, March 14-18, 1995.

"NAFTA and International Trade: the American Workplace." Invited speaker at a workshop for the New Jersey Global Citizen Project titled "Trade: The Global Economy and Global Citizenship." Sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, the Center for Social Education, November 9, 1993.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award 2000/01, University of South Florida

The Knapp Fellowship for Graduate Study, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 9/86-6/87.

The Marion Johnson Fellowship for Graduate Study, Rutgers University, New Jersey, 9/88-6/93.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT/OTHER EDUCATIONAL SERVICE:

Assisted in bringing Dr. David Walton of Partners in Health to deliver the Harry Schaleman Annual Lecture, 2008.

Organized a panel discussion on "Sovereignty on Florida's Native American Reservations," with Kirke Kickingbird, Joe Quetone and Billy Cypress, as part of the 2001 Ed Cole Lecture Series, "Ethical Issues in Florida's Future." February 12, 2001.

Organized Professor Charlene Teters' participation in the 2000 Ed Cole Lecture Series on Ethics on the St. Petersburg Campus. Professor Teters spoke on "Heroes and Savages: Native Images from the Cradle to the Grave," February 7, 2000. More than four hundred people attended.

Organized the joint community sponsorship of the exhibit, *the Wall of Tears*, hosted by the

Nelson Poynter Library from Columbus Day to after Thanksgiving. Organized an opening reception with speakers, and a free concert by the local band *American Horse*.

Taught a section on Maps and Globes to the 2nd Grade at Lakewood Elementary, March 2, 2000.

Organized the dance performance of Medicine Wheel, from the Hollywood Seminole Reservation, at the Museum of Fine Arts. Over 250 people attended.

Organized the speaking engagement of Fern Mathias on the St. Petersburg Campus, September 3, 2000.

“The Geography of Population and Environment for Teachers,” ran a one week workshop for Hillsborough County Middle School Teachers, summer 2000.

“Critical Issues in Geography for Teachers,” ran a two day workshop for Hillsborough County Middle School Teachers, Fall 1999.

“Promoting Inclusion, Tolerance and Justice through Student Leadership: countering racism, sexism and homophobia in the Academy” Designed and led a workshop for student leaders, staff and faculty. January 30, 2000 at the Annual Student Leadership Conference in Ellenton, Florida.

Johns, Rebecca A., and Herod, Andrew, 1990. "American Labor and the Global Economy: A Curriculum." Course outline, including topics, background information, discussion questions, and reading lists for introductory course at undergraduate level. Distributed for use in several Labor Studies departments.

Johns, Rebecca A., 1991. "Introduction to International Labor Geography." A detailed curriculum for teaching the geography of labor in a global economy.

Johns, Rebecca A., 1994, "Political Geography: Geopolitics in the New World Order." Syllabus was included in "Multiculturalism beyond Political Correctness," a report submitted to Rutgers University by Dr. Peter Li, as an example of a course design promoting respect for and appreciation of global diversity.

GRADUATE STUDENTS AND HONORS THESES (PARTIAL)

- Adam Flanery, Committee Member, MS, ESP.
- Alita Kane, Chair, Thesis Committee (ESP)
- Brent Jowers, Chair, Thesis Committee (MLA – Florida Studies)
- Jessica Gruber, Committee Member (ESP)

GRADUATED:

- Johnny Wong, Committee Member, Ph.D. Geography (graduated)
- Chris Metzger, Committee Member, Ph.D., Geography (graduated)

- Kris Bezdecny, Committee Member, Doctoral Candidate, Geography (graduated)
- Cindy Grace, Committee Member, Doctoral Candidate, Anthropology (graduated)
- Ravic Njbroek, Committee Member, Doctoral Candidate, Geography (graduated)
- Allyson Bennett, Committee Member, Master's graduate, Florida Studies (graduated)
- Andy Hayslip, Committee Member (ESP) (Graduated)
- Kyle Buck, Chair, Thesis Committee (ESP) (Graduated)
- Shannon Connely, Committee Member, (ESP) (Graduated)
- Michele Mician, Chair, Master's Thesis Committee (ESP) (Graduated)
- Kathy Eversoll, Chair, Master's Thesis Committee (GEOG) (Graduated)
- Denise Corrales, Chair, Master's Thesis Committee (ESP) (Graduated)
- Cassie Williams, Chair, Master's Thesis Committee (ESP) (Graduated)
- Charlene Mangiardi, Committee Members, Honor's Thesis Committee (Graduated)
- Wyndy Niedholdt, Chair, Honor's Thesis Committee (Graduated)
- Nan Schmidt, Ph.D., Marine Science, , 2001.
"Influences of Climate Variability on Tampa Bay, Florida", committee member. (Graduated)
- Betsy Hanson, Master's Thesis Committee member (Anthropology) (Graduated)
- Pat Stengle, Honor's Thesis, Chair (Graduated)

GRANT ACTIVITY

Co-Investigator, Environmental Protection Agency \$40,691.67
 "The Cultural Construction of Environmental Attitudes: Investigating Receptivity to and Benefits of Xeriscaping in Florida," with Tom Smucker (PI), Daanish Mustafa, Joseph Dorsey and Jim Krest. \$40,691.67 Environmental Protection Agency grant, as part of a \$750,000 earmarked grant for the SPACE project at USF St. Petersburg.

Principal Investigator, University Community Initiative Research Grant \$18,000
 "Toward a Comprehensive Assessment of Higher Education Needs in Florida's Native American Communities," August 2000 through May, 2001.

Principal Recipient, College of Fine Arts Educational Innovation Grant \$9,000
 I designed and administer a new course on Native American culture on the St. Petersburg campus. The class had a strong component of performance. My responsibilities included:

- Establishing and overseeing the budget
- Identifying and hiring the instructor (Dr. Pat Waterman)
- Working with Dr. Waterman on the course design
- Working with the community to identify performers
- Contacting and hiring performers
- Arranging the logistics for each venue

Co-Recipient, University-Community Initiative grant. \$6,000
To design and teach ANT 4401: Exploring Cultural Diversity. Co-recipient, Dr. Jay Sokolovsky.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/COMMUNITY SERVICE (PARTIAL)

Secretary, Florida Society of Geographers, Fall 2013 to present.
Member, NSF Geospatial and Regional Science Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Committee, 2005-2008.
Examiner, Geography, International Baccalaureate Organization, Cardiff, Wales.
Member, Association of American Geographers (1986 to present)
Member, AAG Affirmative Action and Minority Status Committee (7/99-6/02)
Member, Institute of British Geographers/Royal Geographic Society (1996 to present)
Member, Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers.
Member, Review Panel, *Thought & Action*, NEA Journal of Higher Education (1998 to present)
Member, Program Committee, the 54th and 55th Meetings of the Association of American Geographers Southeastern Division.
Member, Local Arrangements Committee, the 54th and 55th Meetings of the Association of American Geographers Southeastern Division.
President's Equal Opportunity Committee, USF

Board Member, Feathered Serpent Art Gallery, St. Petersburg, FL
Member, Florida Native Plant Society, Pinellas Chapter
Volunteer, Pinellas County Schools
Volunteer, Allegro Assisted Living Facility

Manuscript Reviewer:

Antipode
Interdisciplinary Environmental Review
Thought & Action
University of Florida Press
Taylor & Francis Publishers

External Tenure Review: University of California, Santa Barbara

Travel: India (1986, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2004; 2008; 2013) Kuwait, Germany, England, Ireland, Switzerland, France, Costa Rica, Belgium, the Netherlands, Canada, and most of the United States, including Hawaii, Sri Lanka.

Fiction:

In the Tiger's Eye, young adult novel
Finnigan McCool and the Scarlet Siren, young adult novel
The City of Healers, young adult novel

A Tenured Professor, adult novel