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EDUCATION (Degrees and Coursework)

California State University, Long Beach, CA
Coursework toward the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) certificate, 1998-1999

California State University, Fresno, Fresno, CA
M.A. in Geography (cultural emphasis), awarded 1996
B.A. in Geography (physical/technical emphasis), awarded 1991

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Coursework toward the B.A. in Geography, 1987-1988

Defense Language Institute, Monterey, CA
Dept. of Defense curriculum in Russian language and linguistics, 1979-1980

Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa, OK
Coursework toward the A.A.S. in Agricultural Production, 1977-1979

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Grossmont College, El Cajon, CA (1999 to 2021)

Co-Chair, Earth Sciences Department (Fall 2016 to Summer 2018, Fall 2021 to present)
Professor of Geography (Spring 2011 to present)
Associate Professor of Geography (Spring 2007 to Fall 2010)
Chair, Earth Sciences Department (2004 to 2006)
Instructor (Fall 1999 to Fall 2006)
Courses taught: (course in bold are those I developed and started at Grossmont College)

Elements of Physical Geography
Physical Geography Laboratory
Human and Cultural Geography
Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
Natural History of San Diego County (jointly developed)
World Regional Geography
Eastern Sierra Nevada Field Course (jointly developed)
Coast Range Field Course (jointly developed)
Introduction to Scientific Thought

California State University, Fresno, Fresno, CA

Adjunct Instructor of Geography (Fall 1997 to Spring 1999)

Courses taught:

Physical Geography (Weather and Climate)

Physical Geography (Landforms)

World Regional Geography

College of the Sequoias, Visalia, CA

Adjunct Instructor of Geography (Fall 1994 to Spring 1999)

Courses taught:

Physical Geography

World Regional Geography

Clovis Community College Center, Clovis, CA

Adjunct Instructor of Geography (Spring 1997 Spring 1999)

Courses taught:

Physical Geography (The Earth's Surface)

Physical Geography (Environmental Conditions)

Geography of Industrialized Nations

Cultural Geography (distance learning and traditional classroom lecture format)

Kings River Community College, Reedley, CA

Adjunct Instructor of Geography (Summer and Fall 1997)

Courses taught:

Physical Geography (Weather and Climate)

Cultural Geography

West Hills College, Coalinga, CA

Adjunct Instructor, West Hills College, Coalinga, CA (Spring 1995)

Courses taught:

Geography Field Experience (4 field trips to Morro Bay and Sacramento)

FOREIGN TRAVEL EXPERIENCES and LIVING ABROAD (living abroad in bold)

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Burma, Cambodia, Canada, China, Croatia, Ecuador, England, France, **Germany**, Greece, Greenland, Hong Kong, Hungary, Israel (and Golan Heights, West Bank), Italy, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, **Thailand**, Tunisia, **Turkey**, Vatican City, and Vietnam.

Department and College Service

Hiring Committee Member, Earth Sciences Dept Tech	2022
Co-Chair, Earth Sciences Department	2021-
Hiring Committee Member, Geologist/Oceanographer	2019
Chair, Earth Sciences Technician Hiring Committee	2018
Co-Chair, Earth Sciences Department	2016-2018
Co-Chair, Faculty Professional Development Committee	2011-2014
Hiring Committee Member, Dean, MNSES&W	2011
Member, Faculty Professional Development Committee	2007-2008
Co-Chair, Faculty Professional Development Committee	2006-2007
Chair, Earth Science Department	2004-2006
Member, Faculty Professional Development Committee	2003-2006
Co-Advisor, International Student Club	2001-2006
Co-Coordinator, Grossmont College Science Colloquia	2000-2003

Presentations/Public Speaking

“Grossmont College”, presentation given to the El Cajon Rotary Club, El Cajon, CA, 09AUG22.

Guest Speaker at Grossmont College Veterans’ Day Celebration (November 2021)

Guest Speaker at Grossmont College’s Veterans’ Recognition Dinner (22MAY18)

Guest Speaker at Grossmont College’s Veterans’ Recognition Dinner (25MAY17)

Guest Speaker at Grossmont College’s Veterans’ Recognition Dinner (May 2016)

Historic US 395, presentation given to Grossmont/Cuyamaca College faculty/staff, Lone Pine, California, JAN19.

“California’s Borders”, presentation given to Grossmont/Cuyamaca College faculty/staff, El Cajon, California, JAN18.

“The Mojave Desert: US Military Presence”, presentation given to Grossmont/Cuyamaca College faculty/staff, Lancaster, California, 21JAN16.

“The US Numbered Highway System and Route 66”, presentation given to Grossmont/Cuyamaca College faculty/staff, Barstow, California, 21JAN15.

“Thailand: An Introduction”, presentation given to the La Mesa Kiwanis Club, 17JAN14.

“The Southeast Asian Floods of 2011”, presentation given at Grossmont College during professional development week Spring 2012, 18JAN11.

“How Oklahoma Got Its Shape”, presentation given at the annual meeting of the Friends of the 1893 Land Run, the Kay Room, Blackwell, Oklahoma, 16SEP10.

Textbook Reviews

An Introduction to Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape, 10th edition, Rubenstein, James M.

An Introduction to Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape, 9th edition, Rubenstein, James M.

Human Geography, 1st edition, Malinowski/Kaplan

Other

Assisted in English to Thai translation, document between Gussing Renewable Energy Company and His Excellency Air Chief Marshal, the Privy Councilor Kamthon Sindhavananda of Thailand, October 2010

Sabbatical: Field Exploration of the Colorado River Watershed and a feasibility study for the establishment of hydrogeography courses (Fall 2010)

Prior Work Experience

Cartographer, Security Union Title, Fresno, CA, 1991 to 1996.

Assistant Manager for Field Operations, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Fresno, CA, 1988 to 1990
(For a while I served as both the Field Operations Manager and the Office Operations Manager at the same time at the Fresno Master District Office. This was an appointed government position.)

Cryptologic Technician-- Interpretive (CTI2), Petty Officer 2nd Class U.S. Naval Reserves, Phoenix, AZ, 1985 to 1991. (The first 3 years were spent actively drilling, the last three were in the IRR.)

Detention Officer, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (Phoenix, AZ), 1985 to 1987.

Confinement MP, SGT, 860th MP Company, Arizona Army National Guard, Phoenix, AZ, SEP1984 to SEP1985.

Russian Linguist, Sergeant (E-5) U.S. Army Europe (Augsburg, West Germany), NOV1980 to NOV1983. Prior to West Germany I had completed Basic Training at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO in June of 1979 and attended AIT at the Defense Language Institute, Foreign Language Center at the Presidio of Monterey, CA from June of 1979 to June of 1980 and continued at the Ft. Devens Detachment at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, TX from June to November of 1980.

Prior to joining the military, I worked as a farm and ranch hand in Arizona and Oklahoma. Heavy farm equipment and implement operation and maintenance. Experience with all types of domesticated farm animals. Saddle, tack, harness, and driving 2- and 4-mule teams experience.

Volunteer Service & Memberships

California State Military Reserve / California State Guard

Transfer to Cyber Operations, HQ CSG, FEB 2024 (Admin & Personnel NCO)

Promotion to Staff Sergeant (SSG), CSG, 15 DEC 2021

Graduate, NCO Basic Leadership Course, Camp San Luis Obispo, Sept-Nov 2021

Appointed Admin & Training NCO, Alpha Company, 79th SPT DET, OCT 2018

Accession as Sergeant (SGT), CSMR, 11DEC17

Awards: California Good Conduct Medal, California Achievement Medal (2x), California State Service Ribbon (2x), Enlisted Excellence Ribbon, Professional Development Ribbon, Mission Qualification Ribbon (5x), Emergency Training Ribbon, Outstanding Service Ribbon, Drill Attendance Ribbon (3x), Presidential Volunteer Service Award (Silver) 2020; (Gold) 2021

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (05NOV2015 to present)

Branch Chief—Uniform Protocol Pacific, 01JAN22 to present

Flotilla Staff Officer—Human Resources, USCG Auxiliary, 114-01, 01JAN19 to 17MAY2025

Division Staff Officer—Human Resources, USCG Auxiliary, 114-01, 01JAN19 to 31DEC20, 01JAN22 to present

Flotilla Staff Officer—Public Education, USCG Auxiliary, 114-01-01, 01JAN17 to 31DEC18

Member, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, 114-01-01, 05NOV15 to present

Awards: Auxiliary Sustained Service Ribbon (2x), DHS Outstanding Unit Ribbon, Coast Guard Unit Commendation Ribbon (2x), Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation Ribbon (4x w/ "O" device), Specialty Training Ribbon (Removed once awarded AuxOp Device), Auxiliary Recruiting Service Ribbon, Operations Program Ribbon, Instructor Program Ribbon, and Auxiliary Membership Ribbon (2x).

Operational Auxiliarist Device, FEB 2024

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) Ambassador DEC 2024 to present

American Legion (2008 to present)

Commander, Post 303, El Cajon, CA, 2019-2023

City of El Cajon Veteran of the Year (2018-2019)

1st Vice Commander, Post 303, El Cajon CA 2015-2019

Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (12JUN2021 to present)

Patriotic Instructor, Department of California and the Pacific, June 2024 to present
Camp Commander, 01 January 2024 to present

Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No 21, Camp Commander Elect, 28 October 2023

Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, Company G, 5th California Volunteer Infantry 2022

Membership accepted in Sons of the Veterans Reserve, 2021

Membership accepted in SGT Pettinger Camp #21, Dept. of CA and the Pacific, 12 June 2021

Awards: SUVCW Membership Badge, Military Service Medal, SVR Medal

Sons of the American Revolution

Membership accepted in San Diego post 2022

US Army Recruiting Command Community Partner

Partner, 14 November 2022 – present

Sons of the Spanish American War Veterans

Membership accepted July 2025

Additional Skills

Ability to communicate (read/write/speak) basic German, Russian, Spanish, and Thai.

GIS (computer mapping and database management), hand cartography, and land navigation.

Heavy farm equipment operator (e.g., tractors and implements, combines, dump trucks).

Completed Defensive Driving Training, First Aid and CPR training, Basic MEMS, IWQ on M9

Graphic design experience.

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