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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., 2010 Louisiana State University (Geography)
Dissertation: Artisanal Whaling in the Atlantic: A Comparative Study of Culture, Conflict, and Conservation in St. Vincent and The Faroe Islands
- M.A., 2005 University of Montana (Geography)
Thesis: Islandness, Fixed Links, and Tourism Along Florida's Gulf Coast
- B.S., 2000 University of Florida (Computer Information Sciences)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2014-present Assistant Professor, University of the South, Environmental Studies Program
- 2011-2014 Lecturer, University of Denver, Department of Geography & the Environment
- 2011 Adjunct Lecturer, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Department of Geography
- 2005-2006 Sessional Instructor and Fulbright Scholar, University of Prince Edward Island, Institute of Island Studies/Department of Political Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2014 Fielding, R. and D. Evans. Mercury in Caribbean Dolphins (*Stenella longirostris* and *Stenella frontalis*) Caught for Human Consumption off St. Vincent, West Indies. *Marine Pollution Bulletin* 89(1-2): 30-34.
- 2014 Fielding, R. The Liminal Coastline in the Life of a Whale: Transition, Identity, and Food-Production in the Eastern Caribbean. *Geoforum* 54: 10-16.
- 2014 Fielding, R. "The Good Garbage": Waste to Water in the Small Island Environment of St. Barthélemy. *Focus on Geography* 57(1): 1-13.
- 2013 Fielding, R. Whaling Futures: A Survey of Faroese and Vincentian Youth on the Topic of Artisanal Whaling. *Society and Natural Resources* 26(7): 810-826.
- 2013 Fielding, R. Coastal Geomorphology and Culture in the Spatiality of Whaling in the Faroe Islands. *Area* 45(1): 88-97.
- 2012 Fielding, R. and K. Mathewson. Queen of the Caribbees: Farming and Fishing Foci on the Island of Nevis. *Focus on Geography* 55(4): 132-139.
- 2010 Fielding, R. Environmental Change as a Threat to the Pilot Whale Hunt in the Faroe Islands. *Polar Research* 29: 430-438.
- 2009 Fielding, R. The Whale Drivers of Newfoundland. *Focus on Geography*. 52(3): 1-8.
- 2007 Fielding, R. A Comparison of Pilot Whale Drives in Newfoundland and the Faroe Islands. *The Scottish Geographical Journal* 123(4): 160-172.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 2015 Fielding, R. Indigeneity and Ecology in Alaskan and Faroese Whaling. In *Critical Norths: Space, Nature, Theory*, eds. K. Maier and S.J. Ray. Fairbanks: University of Alaska Press. In press.
- 2007 Fielding, R. Tourism, Links, and Islandness off Florida's Gulf Coast. In *Bridging Islands*, ed. Godfrey Baldacchino, 139-159. Charlottetown, Canada: Acorn Press.

Book Reviews

- 2015 Fielding, R. Review: Julianne Maher (2013) *The Survival of People and Languages: Schooners, Goats, and Cassava in St. Barthélemy, French West Indies*. Brill's Studies in Language, Cognition, and Culture, Volume 5. Leiden, Brill, 240pp, 109€/US\$141, ISBN: 9789004183261. *Island Studies Journal*. In Press.

- 2014 Fielding, R. Review: Fabio Attorre (ed.) (2014) *Soqotra Archipelago (Yemen): Toward systemic and scientifically objective sustainability in development and conservation*. Rome, Edizioni Nuova Cultura, 150 pp, ISBN: 9788868120429. *Island Studies Journal* 9(2): 397-399.
- 2014 Fielding, R. Review: Sébastien Larrue (ed.) (2013) *Biodiversity and Societies in the Pacific Islands*. Aix-en-Provence, Presses Universitaires de Provence, 248 pp, 25€, ISBN: 978-2-85399-877-2. *Island Studies Journal* 9(2): 391-393.
- 2012 Fielding, R. Iceland Imagined: Nature, Culture, and Storytelling in the North Atlantic by Karen Oslund. *Geographical Review* 102(1): 137-139.
- 2011 Fielding, R. Monstrous Fishes and the Mead-Dark Sea: Whaling in the Medieval North Atlantic by Vicki Ellen Szabo. *Geographical Review* 101(4): 606-608.
- 2008 Fielding, R. Review: Kevin J. Edwards (guest editor) (2005) *Human Ecology: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, special issue on the Faroe Islands, Vol. 33, No. 5, pp. 585-762, ISSN: 0300-7839. *Island Studies Journal* 3(1): 148-150.

Conference Proceedings

- 2008 Fielding, R. Environmental Change and Local Foodways in the Faroe Islands, a North Atlantic Artisanal Whaling Society. *Proceedings of the 5th Northern Research Forum Open Assembly in 24-27 September 2008, Anchorage, Alaska*. <http://www.rha.is/nrf/open-assemblies/anchorage-2008/proceedings>

Other Publications

- 2012 Fielding, R. Researching whaling in the Faroe Islands [invited blog post]. *ScienceNordic*. <http://sciencenordic.com/content/researching-whaling-faroes>
- 2010 Fielding, R. Blackfishing, Scandinavian Style. *The Vincentian* [Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines newspaper]. Five-part series, 6 August-3 September.
- 2009 Fielding, R. Karibiskir Grindamenn [Caribbean Pilot Whalers]. *Frøði* [Scientific magazine of the Faroe Islands] 2: 28-33.
- 2007 Fielding, R. Peacefully Watching the Slaughter: Whale Hunting in the Faroe Islands. *The Explorers Journal* 85(2): 30-37.
- 2007 Fielding, R. Days of the Whale Drive. *The Telegram* [St. John's, Newfoundland newspaper], 22 September, B1-B2.

Museum Exhibit

- 2007 Turner, R.E., M. Baustian, W. Broussard, R. Fielding, and J. Lasseigne. *Farming the Wetlands of Old Acadie: 17th Century Reclamation to Present-day Restoration*. Toured Southern Louisiana 2006-08, permanently installed at the Acadian Museum in Erath, Louisiana, since 2010.

Unpublished Reports

- 2013 Fielding, R. Aviation Safety, Sustainable Waste Management, and Island Culture on St. Croix, USVI. White paper prepared for the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration.
- 2007 Fielding, R. Using GIS and Local Knowledge for Aquaculture Site Selection: A Model from Florida, USA, with Application for Bahia, Brazil. Report prepared for Bahia Pesca [state-owned aquaculture firm], Salvador, Brazil.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2015 The Collaborative for Southern Appalachian and Place-Based Studies – Course Development Grant: the Environmental History of Slavery
- 2015 Mellon Globalization Forum – Course Development Grant: the Environmental History of Slavery
- 2015 Faculty Development Grant, University of the South – Initiating a long-term cetacean-based, food-borne contaminant monitoring program in St. Vincent, Eastern Caribbean
- 2014 Faculty Development Grant, University of the South – Research and Reconnaissance in the Leeward Islands
- 2014 Faculty Development Grant, University of the South – Purchase of a Portable XRF System for Interdisciplinary Research and Teaching
- 2014 Invited Fellow and Guest Speaker, University of Montana Global Leadership Initiative.

- 2014 National Science Foundation – APECS Nordic: “Bridging Early Career Researchers and Indigenous Peoples in Nordic Countries”
- 2014 Internationalization Grant, University of Denver – Developing and Strengthening DU’s International Internship Relations in Panama
- 2013 Course Development Grant, University of Denver – course-development research in New Zealand
- 2013 Internationalization Grant, University of Denver – course-development research in New Zealand
- 2012 Internationalization Grant, University of Denver – research in French West Indies
- 2012 International Arctic Research Center International Polar Year Conference – travel funds to Montreal
- 2012 Association of Polar Early Career Scientists, International Polar Year Conference – travel funds to Montreal
- 2011 Faculty Research Fund Award, University of Denver – research in St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- 2011 Technology Enhancement Program, University of Denver Department of Geography & the Environment
- 2011 Louisiana State University Graduate School Distinguished Dissertation Award (departmental nominee)
- 2010 Granskingarráðið (Faroese Research Council) Dissertation Fieldwork and Writing Grant
- 2009 Louisiana State University Dissertation Writing Fellowship (departmental nominee)
- 2009 Arctic Research Consortium of the United States Conference – travel funds to Alaska
- 2009 University of the Faroe Islands Traveling Scholarship
- 2009 Louisiana State University Graduate Research Materials and Supplies Award
- 2009 LSU Department of Geography and Anthropology Haag Student Presentation Award
- 2008 American Geographical Society Bowman Expedition Fund – research in St. Kitts and Nevis
- 2008 Louisiana State University West-Russell Fund – travel funds within Lesser Antilles
- 2008 Louisiana State University Graduate Research Materials and Supplies Award
- 2008 Louisiana Sea Grant special travel award – travel funds to Germany
- 2008 University of the Faroe Islands Traveling Scholarship
- 2008 Louisiana State University Student Government funding for geography lecture series
- 2008 John Dana Archbold Fellowship, The Nansen Fund, Inc. (declined)
- 2008 American Geographical Society McColl Family Fellowship – research in Newfoundland and St. Vincent
- 2008 Association of American Geographers Southwestern Division Student Paper Competition, 2nd Place
- 2007 FIPSE/CAPES US-Brazil Student Exchange Consortium
- 2007 Viking Society for Northern Research Support Fund Grant – research in Faroe Islands
- 2006 Louisiana State University Departmental Assistantship
- 2006 University of Prince Edward Island Instructional Development Grant – research in Newfoundland
- 2006 University of the Faroe Islands Traveling Scholarship
- 2005 Canada-U.S. Fulbright Award
- 2005 University of the Faroe Islands Traveling Scholarship
- 2005 University of Montana special dean’s award – research in Faroe Islands

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures, Seminars, and Colloquia

- 2014 Whale-hunting and Traditional Conservation in the Insular Atlantic. University of Montana Department of Geography Colloquium Series, Missoula. 7 October.
- 2014 APECS: Your Preparation for Polar Research. Arraial do Cabo, Brazil. 23 September.
- 2014 APECS: Sua Preparação para a Pesquisa Polar [APECS: Your Preparation for Polar Research]. Canoas, Brazil. 19 September. (in Portuguese)
- 2014 Walking Softly while Conducting Human and Physical Research in Polar Regions. Career Development Workshop from APECS-Brasil. Canoas, Brazil. 19 September.
- 2013 Traditional Whaling in Modern Times: Methods, Biogeography, and Environmental Health Risks. Montana Tech University Department of Biology Speaker Series, Butte. 21 November.
- 2011 Artisanal Whaling in St. Vincent and the Faroe Islands: Culture, Conflict, and Conservation. The Explorers Club, Greater Piedmont Chapter Meeting, Columbia, South Carolina. 11 March.
- 2009 Winning Over the Whalers: Initiating Community Based Research in Shy Societies. International Polar Year Early Career Research Symposium, Victoria, Canada. 8 December.
- 2008 Environmental Change and Local Foodways in the Faroe Islands. Northern Research Forum, Anchorage, Alaska. 25 September.

- 2007 Usando SIG para Localizar Sitios Potenciais para Maricultura [Using GIS to Locate Potential Mariculture Sites]. Hemispheric Health, Environment and Livestock Conference, São Paulo, Brazil. 2 August. (in Portuguese)

Conference Papers

- 2015 The Transfer of Arctic-based Research and Science Communication Methods to Tropical Contexts. Arctic Science Summit Week, Toyama, Japan. 27 April.
- 2014 “The Good Garbage”: Waste to Water in the Small Island Environment of St. Barthélemy. Association of American Geographers, Tampa. 9 April.
- 2013 The Liminal Coastline in the Life of a Whale: Transition, Identity, and Contested Food Production in the Eastern Caribbean. Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles. 11 April.
- 2012 Cultural Influence on the Faroese Pilot Whale Hunt: Past, Present, and Future. International Polar Year: From Knowledge to Action, Montreal. 24 April.
- 2012 Whaling Futures: A Survey with Faroese and Vincentian Youth on the Subject of Artisanal Whaling. Association of American Geographers, New York. 28 February.
- 2011 Whaling or Tourism: Contested Ocean Space in the Caribbean. Association of American Geographers, Seattle. 14 April (co-organizer of session: Animal Geography: Human Influence on Wildlife)
- 2010 Coastal Geomorphology and Traditional Whaling Policy: Human-Environmental Interactions in the Faroe Islands. Association of American Geographers, Washington, DC. 14 April.
- 2008 An Historical Geography of Artisanal Whaling in the Atlantic. Pioneer America Society, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. 17 October.
- 2008 Balancing GIS with Local Knowledge: Brazil and Florida. Association of American Geographers, Boston. 18 April.
- 2007 Balancing GIS with Local Knowledge for Mariculture Site Selection in Bahia, Brazil. Southwestern Association of American Geographers, Bryan, Texas. 2 November. (2nd place paper competition)
- 2007 A Comparison of Pilot Whale Drives in the Faroe Islands and Newfoundland. Association of American Geographers, San Francisco. 19 April.
- 2006 The Faroese Grindadráp: Violent Anachronism or Valued Tradition? Association of American Geographers, Chicago. 9 March.
- 2005 Islandness, Fixed-Links, and Tourism Along Florida’s Gulf Coast. Association of American Geographers, Denver. 9 April.
- 2004 Ultima Thule: The Farthest Land. Association of American Geographers Regional Meeting, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. 2 October.
- 2004 Cuba’s Tourist Apartheid: Solution or Problem? Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia. 15 March.

Campus or Departmental Presentations

- 2013 Dolphin Hunting in the Atlantic: Methods, Cultural Institutions, and Environmental Health Risks. University of Denver Retired Faculty Organization. 6 September.
- 2012 Dolphin Hunters and Whale Gatherers: Culturally Embedded Conservation Strategies in the Last Atlantic Whaling Communities. University of Denver Geography Colloquium Series. 17 November.
- 2005 U.S.-Cuba Relations: Past, Present and Future. Geography Honor Society Lecture Series, University of Montana. 10 February.

Conference Posters

- 2014 Working with Communities: Tools Offered by APECS to Engage Early Career Researchers. Arctic Frontiers, Tromsø, Norway. 22 January.
- 2010 Comparative Whaling Research: North and South. Association of Polar Early Career Scientists Online Virtual Poster Session. 17 March.
- 2009 Comparative Whaling Research: North and South. International Polar Year Early Career Research Symposium, Victoria, Canada. 5 December.
- 2008 A Comparison of Pilot Whaling in the North Atlantic and the Caribbean. European Science Foundation BOREAS Conference, Halle, Germany. 7 March.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of the South

Advanced Applications of GIS (spring 2015)
Environment & Sustainability Colloquium (spring 2015)
Environmental Policy and Law (fall 2014; fall 2015)
Introduction to Environmental Studies (fall 2014; spring 2015; fall 2015)
Sustainability and Global Environmental Change: Iceland (spring and summer 2015)

University of Denver

Biogeography in the Florida Keys (summer 2012; summer 2013; summer 2014)
Environmental Systems: Hydrology (summer 2014)
Glacial Landscapes and Climate Change in Norway (summer 2013)
Global Environmental Change (spring 2014)
In the Wake of the Vikings: Natural Resources & Human Societies in the North Atlantic (summer 2012)
Our Dynamic Earth (fall/winter/spring 2011-12; fall/winter/spring 2012-3; fall/winter/spring 2013-14)
Sustainability and Human Society (winter 2012; fall 2012; summer 2013; winter 2014)

Florida College

World Regional Geography [online] (spring 2013)

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Environmental Systems (spring 2011)

University of Prince Edward Island

Introduction to Island Studies (spring 2006)
Political Geography (spring 2006)

ADVISING

Committee Chair on M.S.-GIS Capstone Project

Paul Quigley (2012) University of Denver, Department of Geography & the Environment
Wolverine Habitat and Recreational Land Use Conflict in Colorado

Committee Member on Ph.D. Dissertation

Sharon Gabel (2014) University of Denver, Department of Geography & the Environment
Future Work: Denver Metropolitan Area Jobs in a Globalizing Economy

Committee Member on M.A. Theses

Pamela Teo (2015) National University of Singapore, Department of Geography
Seeking New Waters: Understanding Human-Aquatic Animal Emotive Relations in Captive and Non-Captive Sites

Matt Funk (withdrawn) University of Prince Edward Island, Institute of Island Studies
The Principles of Economics & Evolution: A Survival Guide for the Inhabitants of Small Islands, Including the Inhabitants of the Small Island Earth

Committee Member on Undergraduate Thesis

Lanna Giauque (2014) University of Denver, Department of Geography & the Environment
Public Involvement and Behavior Change in Environmental Programs: Strategies for Success

Supervisor of Graduate Independent Studies

2013 United States Policy on Endangered Species
2013 Environmental Security in the Florida Keys
2013 Climate Change in the Arctic

Supervisor of Undergraduate Independent Studies

- 2014 Sharing the Reef: The interrelation and implications of diving tourism and reef fishing in Nevis
- 2014 Hydroponics and Its Effects on Island Food Security in Nevis
- 2013 Mideast Water Supply Crisis, case study: Jordan

SERVICE

- 2012-present Peer reviewer for *Area*, *Geoforum*, and *Sustainability*
- 2013-present Reviewer for Pearson Higher Education Publishing
- 2014-present Reviewer for National Science Foundation, Arctic Social Sciences Program
- 2015-present University of the South, CrossFit physical education class, faculty sponsor
- 2011-2014 University of Denver, Department of Geography & the Environment: Internship Program Director.
- 2012-2013 Faculty Senate, University of Denver

MEMBERSHIPS

- 2003-present Association of American Geographers
- 2008-present Association of Polar Early Career Scientists – Council and Executive Committee (2012-2014)
- 2008-present The Explorers Club – Student Member (2008-2010); Member National (2011-present)
- 2007-2015 Viking Society for Northern Research
- 2007-2011 Northern Research Network – Regional Representative, Southeastern USA
- 2006-2010 LSU Geography and Anthropology Society – Vice President (2007)
- 2007-2008 American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

OTHER PROJECTS

- 2014 Canoeing and Kayaking on the Hillsborough River: A Unique View of Tampa's Biogeography and Riverfront Development. Field trip led in conjunction with the Association of American Geographers' annual meeting.
- 2013 Career Development Webinar Series. Association of Polar Early Career Scientists. Director.
- 2013 Future Directions for Arctic Research Logistics. Arctic Research Consortium of the U.S. and the National Science Foundation. Washington, DC. Workshop participant.
- 2012 University of Denver's International Lecture Series. Director and presenter.
- 2012 Science Teachers Learning Lesson Analysis (STeLLA) Faculty participant and instructor.
- 2008 GIS Training Workshop. Ministry of Agriculture, Nevis, West Indies. Instructor.
- 2007 Destinations Rated: Islands. National Geographic Society. Panelist.
- 2007 LSU Travelers' Tales Lecture Series. Director and Presenter.
- 2007 Across Disciplines 7: Artful Journeys Performance Art Piece. Department of Communication Studies, Louisiana State University. Researcher and presenter.
- 2005 Circumpolar Arctic Social Sciences Network Field Course: Managing Conflicts Between Renewable, Non-renewable, and Human Resources in the North Atlantic. Roskilde University, Denmark. Participant.
- 2004 Global Tribe Educational Curricula. Creative Visions Foundation, Los Angeles. Curriculum developer.

OTHER TEACHING

- 2007-2009 Louisiana State University Student Recreation Center: Capoeira Instructor
- 2009 Yndi Fitness, Tórshavn, Faroe Islands: Capoeira Instructor
- 1999-2003 University of Florida Travel and Recreation Program: Trip Leader and Assistant Director

LANGUAGES

English (native), Spanish (intermediate), Portuguese (intermediate), German (beginner), French (beginner)

CERTIFICATIONS

2012-present Wilderness First Responder
2012-present Adult and Child CPR
1996-present PADI Open Water SCUBA Diver