1991-93 Graduate Teaching Assistant. University of Kentucky. Courses:

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Geographic: Latin America. Focus on tropical forest regions, particularly the Amazon basin. Secondary interest in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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Topical: Political economy of natural resource management and degradation (political ecology), applied anthropology, property systems and reform, indigenous development and modern social movements, sustainable development, non-government organizations.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

Spanish: Spoken/Reading: Advanced Proficiency. Written: Moderate Proficiency.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

2012-present Grinnell Community Policy Studies. In my new course I have been working with teams of students and a range of community partners to undertake needs assessments and program evaluations related to services provided by public, non-profit, and business organizations in the community. Research results are publicized through poster presentations, and final written reports are delivered directly to the relevant community partners.

2008-present Community Development in El Silencio Costa Rica. I have taken two 0135 Tc (w) -5T -1 () 4 (0 0.24 3(

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1990 Assessment of Potential Social Impacts of a Biosphere Reserve on a Maya Community in Yucatan, Mexico. This research examined the potential social impacts of a planned ecotourist park and biosphere reserve, and the likely acceptance of government-developed economic projects by local Maya Indians in the town of Las Coloradas. Fieldwork was undertaken between June - August as a 5-person research team directed by Dr. Betty Faust.

PUBLICATIONS

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. Presented at the Environmental Justice Symposium, Grinnell College.

September 2007

Presented September 6, 2007 at XXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (September 5-8), Montreal, Canada.

March 2007

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Summary of research and findings given in September at an open presentation at the World Bank hosted by the Latin America and Caribbean Region Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development Sector Management Unit.

1996

Presented at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate Student Conference on Latin American Social and Public Policy.

April 1994

Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology meetings, April 1994, Cancun, Mexico. Session Title: Latin American Forests: Policies and People.