

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Geography – Geographic Education
Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas, US, Aug 2009 – Aug 2014
Dissertation title: Analysis of the Performance and Subject Interest of 9th Grade Students Taking
the Advanced Placement Course in Human Geography

Master of Science in Geography
University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, Jun 2007 – Aug 2009
Terminal Project: Using Ethnic Festivals as an Educational Tool in the Geography Classroom.

Bachelor of Science in Construction Management
Missouri State University, Jan 1995 – Dec 1997.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Program of Geography, Department of Sociology/Criminal Justice/Geography,
Winona State University:**

Geography Program Coordinator/Instructor January 2014- Present	Cultural Geography (2 sections) and World Regional Geography (2 sections). Cultural Geography topics include: Economic Geography, Population Geography, Migration, Languages, Religion, Ethnic Geography, Political Geography, and Urban Geography. Enrollment: 40 students. World Regional Geography topics include: Latin America, US and Canada, East Asia, Europe, North Africa and
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Southwest Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Australia and Oceania, and The Caribbean.
Enrollment: 40 students.

Department of Geography, Texas State University:

Graduate Instructor
September 2012- May 2013

Cultural Geography. Served as an instructor for one year (2 semesters) in Cultural Geography. Topics include: Economic Geography, Population Geography, Migration, Languages, Religion, Ethnic Geography, Political Geography, and Urban Geography. Enrollment: 60 students.

Graduate Instructor
September 2010 – May 2012

Geo 1310 World Regional Geography. Served as an instructor for two years (4 semesters) in World Regional Geography. Topics include: Latin America, US and Canada, East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Europe, The Russian Domain, Sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa and Southwest Asia, Australia and Oceania, and The Caribbean. Enrollment: 40 students.

Research Assistant
September 2009- July 2010

Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education, San Marcos, TX 78666. Served as a research assistant working on research projects for the Grosvenor Center including projects for National Geographic. Also, assisted with the activities of the Texas Alliance for Geographic Education which included geography teacher workshops, geography teacher conferences, the summer geography academy for high school students, and participated in presentations on National Geographic's Traveling map at Texas K-12 schools.

Department of Geography, University of Oregon:

Teaching Assistant
Jun 2009- July 2009

Assisted in teaching Introduction to Human Geography by teaching the weekly recitation and assisting the instructor. Human Geography topics included: Economic Geography, Population Geography, Migration, Sustainability, Urban Geography, Sense of Place, and Political Geography.

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Scholz, M.A., Huynh, N.T., Brysch, C.P., and Scholz, R.W. 2014. An evaluation of university world geography textbook questions for components of spatial thinking. *Journal of Geography*. In Press.

Heffron, S., Scholz, M.A., Rutherford, D.J., Brenner, J.C., Somdahl-Sands, K., Crocco, M., Sparks, K., McClure, C. 2014. Improving geography education research across the different elements of geography. Invited manuscript. Special Issue on Reading the Road Map for the 21st Century. *Research in Geographic Education*, In Press.

Parr, D. and Scholz, M.A. 2014. Building a low-cost geographic website for collecting citizen science contributions. *Conference Proceedings of the Applied Geography Conference Fall 2014*. In Review.

Brysch, C.P, Huynh, N.T., Scholz, M.A. 2012. Evaluating educational computer games in geography: What is the relationship to curriculum requirements? *Journal of Geography* 111 (3): 102-112.

MANUSCRIPTS IN FINAL PREPARATION

Scholz, M.A., Boehm, R.G., and Scholz, R.W. AP Human Geography: Impacts on interest in geography, choice of geography major, and geography career development.

Parr, D. and Scholz, M.A. Volunteered geographic information as a tool for spatial learning.

REPORTS

Scholz, M.A., Brysch, C.P., and Boehm, R.G. 2011. Participation, student performance, and suggested recommendations for AP Human Geography. Report submitted to the Geographic Educational National Implementation Project (GENIP).

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- 2013** **1st Place Gail Hobbs Student Paper Award**, AP Human Geography (APHG): Impacts on interest in geography, choice of major, and career development. Geography Education Specialty Group, 2013 Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers, **\$200.**
- The Rising Scholarly Travel Activity and Research (S.T.A.R.) Grant**, Associated Student Government, Texas State University, to present at the 2013 Annual Conference of the National Council for Geographic Education, **\$500.**
- Department of Geography, College of Liberal Arts and the Graduate School Student Travel Grant**, Texas State University, to present at the 2013 Annual Conference of the National Council for Geographic Education, **\$500.**
- Department of Geography, College of Liberal Arts and the Graduate School Student Travel Grant**, Texas State University, to present at the 2013 Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers, **\$600.**
- 2012** **Department of Geography, College of Liberal Arts and the Graduate School Student Travel Grant**, Texas State University, to present at the 2012 Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers, **\$600.**
- Department of Geography, College of Liberal Arts and the Graduate School Student Travel Grant**, Texas State University, to present at the 2013 Annual Conference of the National Council for Geographic Education, **\$500.**
- 2011** **Department of Geography, College of Liberal Arts and the Graduate School Student Travel Grant**, Texas State University, to present at the 2012 Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers, **\$600.**
- Department of Geography, College of Liberal Arts and the Graduate School Student Travel Grant**, Texas State University, to present at the 2013 Annual Conference of the National Council for Geographic Education, **\$500.**
- 2010** **Department of Geography, College of Liberal Arts and the Graduate School Student Travel Grant**, Texas State University, to present at the 2012 Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers, **\$600.**

Department of Geography, College of Liberal Arts and the Graduate School Student Travel Grant, Texas State University, to present at the 2013 Annual Conference of the National Council for Geographic Education, **\$500**.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Scholz, M. and McClure C. Reading the Road Map: How do geographic knowledge, skills, and practices develop across the different elements of geography? 2014 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, April 8-12, Tampa, Florida.

Scholz, M., Fouberg, E., Lemmons, K., Fritschle, J., Reese, A., and Johnson, M. World Regional Geography: Strategies for effectively teaching the World in a lower division classroom. Panelist. 2014 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, April 8-12, Tampa, Florida.

Scholz, M., Mitchell, J.T., Huynh, N.T., Anthamatten, P., and Brysch, C.P. Collaborating on publications: Experiences of graduate students and early career researchers. Panel Organizer. 2013 Annual Conference of the National Council for Geographic Education, August 1-4, Denver, Colorado.

Scholz, R. and Scholz, M., 2013. Public awareness of privacy issues in cell phone tracking services. Annual Conference of the National Council for Geographic Education, August 1-4, Denver, Colorado.

Scholz, M.A., 2013. AP Human Geography (APHG): Impacts on interest in geography, choice of major, and career development. Winner of the Gail Hobbs Student Paper Competition Session. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, April 9-13, Los Angeles, California.

Scholz, M.A., 2012. Teacher insights into scores on APHG exams. Annual Conference of the National Council for Geographic Education, October 4-7, San Marcos, TX.

Scholz, M.A., 2012. APHG in the United States: Participation, performance, and recommendations. Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers, February 24-28, New York, New York.

Scholz, M.A., 2011. APHG: Student performance on exams. Annual Conference of the National Council for Geographic Education, August 4-7, Portland, OR.

Scholz, M.A. 2011. Evaluating university world regional geography textbook questions for spatial thinking. Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers, April 12-16, Seattle, WA.

Scholz, M.A. 2010. Geography classes required for middle school and high schools across the states. Annual Conference of the National Council in Geographic Education, Sep 29-Oct 3, Savannah, GA.

Scholz, M.A. 2010. Using ethnic festivals as an education tool in the geography classroom. Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers Conference, April 14-18, Washington D.C.

INVITED TALKS, LECTURES, AND PRESENTATIONS

Scholz, M.A. 2013. APHG: Impacts on interest in geography, choice of major, and career development. Missouri Geographic Alliance Conference, Columbia, MO.

Scholz, M.A. 2012. Experiences as a first time instructor. Graduate level teaching practicum course. Instructor Dr. Suckling Department Chair. Fall 2012. Texas State University, San Marcos, TX.

Scholz, M.A. 2012. Teacher insights into scores on APHG exams. Friends of Geography (FOG) Teacher Conference, Houston, TX.

Scholz, M.A. 2010. Why I am interested in geography. Geography Summer Academy for high school students at Texas State University, San Marcos, TX.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| 2010-2014 | Volunteered at Grosvenor Center booth at the Annual Conference for the National Council for Geographic Education. |
| 2010-2013 | Volunteered at the National Council for Geographic Education Registration Desk at their annual conference. |
| 2010-2013 | Volunteered at Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education Distinguished Lecture Series. |
| 2010-2013 | Presented at Texas State Department of Geography, TXGSRS Conference. |
| 2010-2013 | Volunteered to set up Texas State Department of Geography Thanksgiving Lunch. |
| 2012 | Volunteered to set up audio visual equipment at the annual conference for the National Council for Geographic Education. |
| 2010-2011 | Volunteered at Texas Council for the Social Studies Conferences. |

- 2009-2010** Volunteered to present to students at schools grades K-12 for the National Geographic Traveling Map.
- Volunteered at the Geography Summer Academy for Texas high school students.
- 2010** Volunteered at the SAGE Conference for the Texas Alliance for Geographic Education.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association of American Geographers 2009-present

Geography Education Specialty Group

Population Geography Specialty Group

Rural Geography Specialty Group

Ethnic Geography Specialty Group

China Geography Specialty Group

National Council for Geographic Education 2009-present

Minnesota Alliance for Geographic Education 2014-present

Missouri Geographic Alliance 2013-2014

Texas Alliance for Geographic Education 2009-2013

Oregon Geographic Alliance 2007-2019

Springfield Contractors Association 1997-2006 Springfield, MO

Springfield Design Association 2000-2006 Springfield, MO

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Service to Mankind (SERTOMA) 2002-2006, Awards Ceremony Chair 2004-2006, Springfield, MO.

San Marcos Running Club 2009-2013, San Marcos, TX.

COMMUNITY SERVICE, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Lectured at interior design classes on Commercial Flooring 2004-2006

Facilitated installation of donated flooring materials at the Women's Crisis Center 2005, Springfield, MO

Presented at Career Day at area schools in Springfield, MO 1997-2003.

Gem Award 2003 (SERTOMA Organization)

Centurion Award 2004 (SERTOMA Organization)

Senator Award 2005 (SERTOMA Organization)