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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

2001 Ph.D. in Geography, Texas State University-San Marcos
Dissertation: *Exporting Education: The Case of the American University in Cairo*
1996 Master of Applied Geography, Texas State University-San Marcos
Project Title: *Children in the Woods: Teaching Undergraduate World Regional Geography*
1993 E.S.L Certificate, Transworld Teachers, San Francisco, California
1992 B.A. in Art History, University of Texas at Austin

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009-2010 Fulbright Scholar
University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia
2007-Present Program Chair and Associate Professor of Geography
University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, Texas
2001-2007 Program Chair and Assistant Professor of Geography
University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, Texas
1996, 1998, 2000 Ph.D. Graduate Assistant
Geography Department, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas
1997 Assistant Professor of Geography
Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco
1994-1996 Graduate Teaching Assistant
Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas
1993 English Teacher
Centro Linguistico Conversa, San Jose, Costa Rica

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Lash, Jeff. 2008. "Living on the Fringe of Ecotourism: Children's Lifeworlds in Sarapiquí Canton, Costa Rica," (in) *Children's Lifeworlds: Locating Indigenous Voices*. Robertson, M.E. & Gerber, R. (Eds). Nova Scientific: New York.

Lash, Jeff. 2003. "Exporting Education: The Case of the American University in Cairo," (in) *The New Geography of Human Mobility - Inequality Trends?* Ishikawa, Yoshitaka and Armando Montanari (eds.). International Geographical Union: Rome, Italy.

Lash, Jeff, and Pamela Wridt. 2002. "Geography, Culture, and Knowing: Hybridity and the Production of Social and Cultural Knowledge," (in) *Geography, Culture and Education*. Gerber, Rod, and Michael Williams (eds). Kluwer Academic Publishers: Dordrecht, The Netherlands.

Articles (Peer-Reviewed)

Lash, Jeff. In Press. "Teaching the Political Geography of the Balkans to American University Students." *Journal of Balkan Geography*.

Lash, Jeff. 2009. "Teaching Geography in the Field: Experiential Education and the Continuum of Theory, Practice and Policy," (in) *Proceedings of the International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation*. Madrid, Spain.

Lash, Jeff. 2006. "Wandering but not Lost: Geography Education through Research Ecotourism in Costa Rica," (in) *Proceedings of the Symposium of the Commission on Geographical Education of the International Geographical Union*. International Geographical Union: Brisbane, Australia.

Lash, Jeff. 2005. "Singapore: The Most Globally Integrated Place on Earth." *Special Focus on Globalization in AP Human Geography*, New York: CEEB.

Lash, Jeff. 2004. "Finding our Place: Thoughts on the Value of Geography." *Journal of Geography*. Vol 103, (5) 222-224.

Lash, Jeff. 2001. "Backwards in High Heels: Liberal Education at the American University in Cairo." *Research in Geographic Education* 3(1): 86-91.

Lash, Jeff. 1998. "Toward a Core Curriculum and Beyond" *Proceedings of the Applied Geography Conference*. Vol. 21 (114-117).

Book Reviews

Lash, Jeff. 2003. "People and Pollution: Cultural Constructions and Social Action in Egypt" by Nicholas Hopkins, Sohair Mehanna, and Salah el-Haggaer, in *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*. Vol 35, 358-359.

Lash, Jeff. 1996. "Barren, Wild, and Worthless: Living in the Chihuahuan Desert", by Susan J. Tweit in *Southwestern American Literature*. Vol 21 (2) 130.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International

Lash, Jeff. "Good Fences Make Good Neighbors: An Examination of 21st Century American Border Policy in Brownsville, Texas." International Conference on Cross-border Partnerships with Special Regard to the Hungarian-Romanian-Ukrainian Tripartite Border, Debrecen, Hungary, 2009.

Lash, Jeff. "Teaching the Political Geography of the Balkans to American University Students." International Symposium on the Territorial Aspects of Development of Serbia and Neighbouring Countries, Divčibare, Serbia, 2009.

Lash, Jeff. "Teaching Geography in the Field: Experiential Education and the Continuum of Theory, Practice and Policy," International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation. Madrid, Spain, 2009.

Lash, Jeff. "Wandering but not Lost: Geography Education through Research Ecotourism in Costa Rica." International Geographical Union Congress, Brisbane, Australia, 2006.

Lash, Jeff. “Exporting Education: The Case of the American University in Cairo.” International Geographical Union Congress, Durban, South Africa, 2002.

Lash, Jeff. “Foreign Adoption of the American Model of Higher Education.” International Conference on Research in Geographic Education, San Marcos, Texas, 1999.

Lash, Jeff. “Geographic Themes: An Introduction to the Discipline.” Al Akhawayn University Lecture Series, Ifrane, Morocco, 1997.

National

Lash, Jeff. “Teaching Geography in the Field: Experiential Education and the Continuum of Theory, Practice and Policy,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2009.

Lash, Jeff. “The Art and Science of Teaching Geography in the Field.” Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education, Detroit, Michigan, 2008.

McCormack, Susan, Christa Boske, Jennifer Speights-Binet, and **Jeff Lash.** “Teaching in the Field: Preparing School Leaders for the Frontlines.” Annual Summer Conference of the National Council for Professors of Educational Administration, San Diego, California, 2008.

Speights-Binet, Jennifer, Christa Boske, and **Jeff Lash.** “Developing Culturally Responsive School Leaders: The Emergence of a Trans-disciplinary Contextual Change Model for Preparation and Practice.” Annual Summer Conference of the National Council for Professors of Educational Administration, San Diego, California, 2008.

Lash, Jeff. “Gallo Pinto and Tears: Undergraduate Experiential Learning in Costa Rica.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, Illinois, 2006.

Lash, Jeff. “Teaching in the Field: Designing Geographically Meaningful Field Trips.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Denver, Colorado, 2005.

Lash, Jeff. 2004. “Al-Azhar Park, Cairo: A Comprehensive Vision of Urban Rehabilitation.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2004.

Lash, Jeff. “Hey Dad, the Kids Look Great: Themes from an Assistant Professor’s First Undergraduate Fieldtrip.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2003.

Lash, Jeff. “Exporting Education: The Case of the American University in Cairo.” Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2002.

Lash, Jeff. “Our Man in Egypt: A Parable of Globalization.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, California, 2002.

Lash, Jeff. “Diffusion of Western Models of Higher Education.” Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education Indianapolis, Indiana, 1998.

Lash, Jeff. “Where’s the Geography in Geographic Education?” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts, 1998.

Lash, Jeff. “Geopolitical Perceptions of Moroccan and American University Students.” Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education Orlando, Florida, 1997.

Lash, Jeff. “Children in the Woods: Teaching and Learning in an Undergraduate Geography Course.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Charlotte, North Carolina, 1996.

Lash, Jeff. “Downtown Geography: Studying Urban Landscapes.” Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education, San Antonio, Texas, 1995.

Regional, State, Local

Lash, Jeff and Jennifer Speights-Binet. “The Art and Science of Teaching Geography in the Field.” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Division of the Association of American Geographers, San Marcos, Texas, 2008.

Lash, Jeff. “Top Ten Dos and Don’ts in Course Web Page Design,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of American Geographers, Norman, Oklahoma, 2006.

Lash, Jeff. “Finding our Place: Thoughts on the Value of Geographic Thinking.” Hemispheres Conference, University of Texas at Austin, 2004.

Lash, Jeff. “Participatory GIS and Community Development in Costa Rica,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of American Geographers, Nacogdoches, Texas, 2004.

Lash, Jeff. “Fieldwork as Hallmark of Geographic Education,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of American Geographers, Laredo, Texas, 2002.

Lash, Jeff. “A Moveable Feast: A Geographic Analysis of Umland and Buda, Texas,” Annual Meeting of the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association and Southwest/Texas American Culture Association, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1996.

Lash, Jeff and Michal Kohout. “Assembling for Education: The Geography of *Maquiladoras*,” Annual Meeting of the Southwest Division of the Association of American Geographers, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 1995.

K-12 GEOGRAPHY EDUCATION WORKSHOPS PRESENTED

2009

“Teaching Political Geography.” Bridges and Borders Workshop for K-12 Social Studies Teachers, University of Houston, Houston, Texas.

2008

“Morocco: Past, Present, and Future.” Annual Meeting of the Texas Council for the Social Studies, San Antonio, Texas.

“Post-Apartheid South Africa.” Texas Alliance for Geographic Education, San Marcos, Texas.

“Human Geography and the Plight of Africa’s Children.” Texas Alliance for Geographic Education. San Marcos, Texas.

“Visual Literacy in the Language Arts – Part II.” Harris County Department of Education, Houston, Texas.

2007

“Visual Literacy in the Social Studies – Part I.” Harris County Department of Education, Houston, Texas.

“Antarctica.” Friends of Geography, Houston, Texas.

2006

“21st Century Slavery.” Texas Council for Social Studies, Ft. Worth, Texas.

“In a Sun Burned Country: An Introduction to the Geography of Queensland, Australia.” Texas Council for Social Studies, Ft. Worth, Texas.

“Last of the Leatherbacks? The Geography of an Endangered Sea Turtle.” Friends of Geography, Houston, Texas.

2005

“The Geography of Human Trafficking.” All-Texas Geography Conference, San Marcos, Texas.

“21st Century Slaves.” Texas Council for Social Studies, Galveston, Texas.

“From Local Observation to Global Thinking.” Geography Educators of the Metroplex, Fort Worth, Texas.

“The Geography of Chilamate, Costa Rica.” Friends of Geography, Humble ISD, Humble, Texas.

2003

“Case Studies in Human Geography,” Advanced Placement in Geography Summer Institute, Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2003.

“An Overview of the Azhar Park Project in Cairo, Egypt.” All-Texas Geography Conference, Copperas Cove, Texas.

“District Six and the Legacy of Apartheid.” Secondary Social Studies Mini-Conference, Fort Bend ISD, Sugar Land, Texas.

“District Six and the Legacy of Apartheid.” Texas Geography and Technology Conference, Dallas, Texas.

“A Transect of Morocco.” Woodlands High School, The Woodlands, Texas.

2002

“People and Places of North Africa” and “People and Places of the Middle East,” Advanced Placement in Geography Summer Institute, Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, Texas.

“People and Places of North Africa” and “People and Places of the Middle East,” Advanced Placement in Geography Summer Institute, Rice University, Houston, Texas.

“The Jewel in the Crown: South Africa’s Kruger National Park.” All-Texas Geography Conference, Humble, Texas.

“People and Places of North Africa” and “People and Places of the Middle East.” Texas Alliance for Geographic Education Summer Institute, San Marcos, Texas.

“Save Our State: Professional Development for Geography Teachers.” Dallas ISD, Dallas, Texas.

“Save Our State: Professional Development for Geography Teachers.” Harris County Department of Education, Houston, Texas.

“Cairo: The City Victorious.” Texas Geography and Technology Conference, Dallas, Texas.

2001

“Problem Solving and Global Geographic Issues,” Advanced Placement in Geography Summer Institute, Rice University, Houston, Texas.

2000

“Asian Geopolitics.” Texas Alliance for Geographic Education Summer Institute, Nacogdoches, Dallas, and El Paso, Texas.

“Natural Hazards, Water, and Democracy.” Houston ISD, K-4 Workshop, Houston, Texas.

“Reefs at Risk.” Texas Geography and Technology Conference, Dallas, Texas.

1999

“Contemporary Chinese Land and Life” and “Contemporary Russian Land and Life.” Texas Alliance for Geographic Education Summer Institute, Houston and Dallas, Texas.

1998

“Moroccan People and Places.” All-Texas Geography Conference, Round Rock, Texas.

“Morocco Unveiled.” Geography and Technology Conference, Dallas, Texas.

1996

“The Art of Asking Geographic Questions.” Texas Geography and Technology Conference, Dallas, Texas.

“Local Landscape Interpretation as Geographic Pedagogy.” Geography and Technology Conference, Dallas, Texas.

1995

“Chicago’s Urban Landscape.” All-Texas Geography Conference, San Antonio, Texas.

KEYNOTE and INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2009

“Urban Geography of American Cities,” Lecture Series, University of Pecs, Pecs, Hungary.

“American Political Geography,” Lecture Series, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia.

“Geography of Texas,” Lecture Series, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia.

2008

“Letters from Fontainebleau.” Houston Museum of Fine Art, Houston, Texas.

“Getting our Boots Dirty: Teaching Geography in the Field.” University of Houston-Clear Lake Retirees Association, Keynote Address.

2007

“Turning the Wheel: Chen Changfen’s Photographs of the Great Wall of China.” Houston Museum of Fine Art, Houston, Texas.

“All my Heroes are Teachers.” San Antonio-Austin Alliance for Geographic Education, New Braunfels, Texas.

2005

“A Portrait of Egypt.” Houston World Affairs Council, Houston, Texas.

2004

“Through a Geographer’s Lens: An Appreciation of the Photography of Irving Penn and Elizabeth Gilbert.” Houston Museum of Fine Art, Houston, Texas.

2003

“Finding our Place: Thoughts on the Value of Geographic Thinking.” Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce, Keynote Address, Houston, Texas.

“Geography in the 21st Century.” Space City Rotary Club, Keynote Address, Houston, Texas.

“Modern Cairo.” University of Houston-Clear Lake Retirees Association, Keynote Address.

2002

“Geography Program Update.” University of Houston Board of Regents, Houston, Texas.

“Finding Our Place: The Power of Geography.” Friends of Geography, Keynote Address, Pearland, Texas.

“Finding Our Place: The Power of Geography.” University of Houston-Clear Lake Professional and Administrative Staff Association, Houston, Texas.

“From Astrolabes to ArcView: Teaching and Learning Geography with Technology.” University of Houston-Clear Lake, Preparing Tomorrow’s Teachers, Houston, Texas.

“EcoZone Management in Kruger National Park.” Environmental Institute of Houston, Houston, Texas.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Courses Taught (University of Houston-Clear Lake)

- Global Geography
- Geography of the United States and Canada
- Geography of Latin America
- Geography of the Middle East and North Africa
- Geography of Costa Rica-Field Study
- Geography of Texas-Field Study
- Geography of the Brazilian Amazon-Field Study
- Fieldwork in Geography
- Map Reading and Interpretation
- Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems
- Advanced Geographic Information Systems
- Modern Physical Geography
- Economic Geography
- Political Geography

Courses Taught (Other Universities)

- World Regional Geography (Texas State University-San Marcos, Al Akhawayn University, San Jacinto Community College)
- Economic Geography (Al Akhawayn University)
- Political Geography (Al Akhawayn University)

GRANTS RECIEVED

- 2009 Fulbright Grant, Council for the International Exchange of Scholars, \$52,000
- 2008 Faculty Research Support, University of Houston-Clear Lake: \$4,600
- 2007 Teacher Training, National Geographic Education Foundation: \$44,129
- 2007 Faculty Research Support, University of Houston-Clear Lake: \$5,187
- 2006 Faculty Development, University of Houston-Clear Lake: \$6,525
- 2006 Young Scholars Travel Grant, Association of American Geographers: \$1,800
- 2005 Faculty Research Support, University of Houston-Clear Lake: \$4,500
- 2004 Faculty Research Support, University of Houston-Clear Lake: \$5,000
- 2004 Faculty Development, University of Houston-Clear Lake: \$2,400
- 2003 Faculty Development, University of Houston-Clear Lake: \$1,500
- 2002 Young Scholars Travel Grant, Association of American Geographers: 1,800
- 2001 Faculty Development, University of Houston-Clear Lake: \$1,750
- 2000 Research Fellow, American University of Cairo, \$2,000
- 1998 Study Abroad, University of Texas at Austin: \$3,800

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

National

- Recording Secretary, Gamma Theta Upsilon, 2008-Present
- Finance Committee Member, National Council for Geographic Education, 2005-2009
- Awards Committee Chair, National Council for Geographic Education, 2007
- Awards Committee Member, National Council for Geographic Education, 2004-2006

Regional/State

- Editor, *Southwestern Geographer*, 2005-2009
- Texas State Geography Bee Moderator, National Geographic Society, 2003-2006
- Curriculum Consultant, TI-IN Television Network, 1996

University of Houston-Clear Lake

- Member, Provost's Task Force for International Initiatives, 2006-Present
- Member, Faculty Senate Executive Committee Research Task Force, 2003-2005
- Representative-School of Education, Computing Services Advisory Council, 2003-Present
- Administrator, Geographic Information Systems Laboratory, 2001-Present
- Member, Carnegie Academy of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, 2002-Present
- Member, Learning Innovators, 2002-Present
- Member, Provost's Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Planning Team, 2002

HONORS

- Piper Teaching Award Nominee, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2007
- International Initiatives Outstanding Services Award, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2006
- Distinguished Service Award, Texas Alliance for Geographic Education, 2006
- Meritorious Service Key Award, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2003
- Dissertation of the Year, National Council for Geographic Education, 2002

ACTIVE PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of American Geographers
- International Geographical Union
- Middle Eastern Studies Association
- National Council for Geographic Education
- Southwest Division of the Association of American Geographers
- Texas Alliance for Geographic Education
- Texas Council for the Social Studies

LANGUAGE and COMPUTER SKILLS

- Spanish (proficient)
- ArcGIS 9.2, Dreamweaver MX 2004, Office 2007, Photoshop 7.0, SPSS 10, EndNote X, Word Press, AABBY Express, Adobe Acrobat.