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### Professional positions

- Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Fall 2008-present
- Assistant Professor of Geography, Department of Social Sciences, Emporia State University, Fall 2006 through Spring 2008; Lecturer, Fall 2008
- Visiting Instructor, Department of Geography, University of Mary Washington, Spring 2006
- Adjunct Instructor, Department of History and Geography, Elon University, Winter Term 2004
- Continuing Education Specialist, Friday Center for Continuing Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2003 to 2009

### Degrees

- Doctor of Philosophy (Geography), 2007, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Master of Arts (Geography), 1997, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Bachelor of Arts (Geography), 1995, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; *with Honors, with Highest Distinction*
- Associate of Arts, 1992, Central Piedmont Community College

### Theses

- *The Indian Trading Path and colonial settlement development in the North Carolina Piedmont* (Doctoral dissertation, 2006, under the direction of Dr. John Florin)
- *Interpreting the Navajo sacred geography as a landscape of healing* (Masters thesis, 1997, under the direction of Dr. Wil Gesler)
- *Urban structure and the urban underclass: a study of underclass areas in three cities* (undergraduate Honors thesis, 1995, under the direction of Dr. John Florin)

### Publications

- **As guest editor**
  - Shaw, Wendy S., RDK Herman, and G. Rebecca Dobbs (guest editors, special issue on indigenous geographies). 2006. Encountering Indigeneity: re-imagining and decolonizing geography. *Geografiska Annaler B* 88:3, 267-362.
  - Dobbs, G. Rebecca, and Mary B. Ruvane. In progress for publication 2011. Special issue on historical research using geospatial technologies. *International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research* 2:4.

- **Peer-reviewed articles**
  - Dobbs, G. Rebecca. Forthcoming, 2009. Frontier settlement development and initial conditions: the case of the North Carolina Piedmont and the Indian Trading Path. *Historical Geography* 37.
  - Dobbs, G. Rebecca. 2009. Backcountry settlement development and Indian trails: a GIS landgrant analysis. *Social Science Computer Review* 27:3, 331-347.
  - Dobbs, G. Rebecca. 1997. Interpreting the Navajo sacred geography as a landscape of healing. *Pennsylvania Geographer* 35:2, 136-150.
- **Articles in progress**
  - Dobbs, G. Rebecca. In progress. Indian cultural landscape features and patterns of European settlement in the North Carolina colonial backcountry. To be submitted to *Native South*.
  - Dobbs, G. Rebecca. In progress. The Southern colonial backcountry, rapid urbanization, and Indian roads. To be submitted to *Southeastern Geographer*.
  - Dobbs, G. Rebecca, and David Southern. In progress. The emergence of a backcountry entrepôt: Hillsborough, North Carolina, in the mid-eighteenth century. To be submitted to *Journal of Historical Geography*.
- **Book chapters**
  - Ruvane, Mary B., and G. Rebecca Dobbs. 2008. Genealogy, Historical Geography, and GIS: parcel mapping, information synergies, and collaborative opportunities. *Geography and genealogy: locating personal pasts*, ed Dallen Timothy and Jeanne Kay Guelke. Aldershot: Ashgate.
- **Book reviews**
  - Dobbs, G. Rebecca. 2008. Review of *GIS-based studies in the humanities and social sciences*, Atsuyuki Okabe, ed., 2006. Boca Raton: CRC Press. *Journal of Spatial Science* 53:2, 190-191.
  - Dobbs, G. Rebecca. Submitted. Review of *Raising cane in the 'Glades: the global sugar trade and the transformation of Florida*, Gail M. Hollander, 2008. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. *Geographical Research*.
- **Reviews in progress**
  - Dobbs, G. Rebecca. In progress. Review of *Maps: finding our place in the world*, James R. Akerman and Robert W. Karrow, Jr, eds., 2007. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. *Geographical Research*.
  - Dobbs, G. Rebecca. In progress. Review of *Pestilence and Persistence: Yosemite Indian Demography and Culture in Colonial California*, Kathleen L. Hull, 2009. Berkeley: University of California Press. *Journal of Historical Geography*.
- **Other articles**
  - Dobbs, G. Rebecca, and Mary B. Ruvane. 2006. Letter to the Editor. *The News and Observer* (Raleigh, NC) Oct. 14, 2006.
  - Dobbs, G. Rebecca. 2004. Powwow in Denver. *AAG Newsletter* 39:11, December 2004, 1, 18.
  - Dobbs, Rebecca. 2004. North Carolina's Piedmont Urban Crescent and the Indian Trading Path (Student Research Award Report). *Past Place: the newsletter of the Historical Geography Specialty Group, the Association of American Geographers* 13:1 Fall/Winter 2004, 7.
  - Dobbs, G. Rebecca. 1997. Why we should abolish Columbus Day. Self-published, <http://www.unc.edu/~grdobbs/nocolumb.html>.
  - Dobbs, G. Rebecca. 1995. Honor thy role model. *Concepts* (annual publication of Golden Key Honor Society), 63-64.
- **Educational materials**
  - Dobbs, G.R. 2004-2008. Indigenous Peoples module. Self-published, <http://www.unc.edu/~grdobbs/indigmod/index.html>.

- Warren, C.D., and G.R. Dobbs. 2004. How to think like a geographer. Self-published, <http://www.unc.edu/~grdobbs/thinkgeo.pdf>.
- Dobbs, G. Rebecca. 2003. North America's landscapes (lesson book for GEOG 260 correspondence course). Chapel Hill: Independent Studies, University of North Carolina.
- **Public-use spatial data and maps**
  - Dobbs, G.R. 2006. Time series maps, 1748-1763, Phase I area landgrants (still map series and animated Powerpoint file for public use). Self-published, <http://www.unc.edu/~grdobbs/dissmaps/index.html>.
  - Dobbs, G. R. 2004. North Carolina Piedmont historical county boundaries (shapefiles, map series, poster, and animated Powerpoint file for public use). Self-published, <http://www.unc.edu/~grdobbs/histcounties/index.html>.
  - Dobbs, G. R. 1999. Interactive map of geography departments in the United States and Canada. Self-published, <http://www.unc.edu/depts/geog/depts/northam-map.html>.
- **Published maps, graphics, and photographs (recent selected)**
  - Perdue, Theda, and Michael D. Green. Forthcoming. *A very short introduction to North American Indians*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. **Four maps.**
  - Benjamin, Karen. Forthcoming in 2010. Suburbanizing Jim Crow: the impact of school policy on residential segregation. *Journal of Urban History*. **Four maps.**
  - Ferris, William. Forthcoming. *Give My Poor Heart Ease: Mississippi Blues Roots*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press. **One map.**
  - Obermeyer, Brice. Forthcoming. *Delaware Tribe in a Cherokee Nation*. University of Nebraska Press. **Nine maps.**
  - Obermeyer, Brice. Forthcoming. Delaware Country: Landscape and Identity in an Oklahoma Indian Tribe. *Plains Anthropologist*. **Five maps.**
  - Perdue, Theda. Forthcoming. *Indians in the Segregated South, 1865-1965*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Press. **Three maps, graph.**
  - Melton, Buckner F. 2003. *A hanging offense: the strange affair of the warship Somers*. New York: Free Press. **One map.**
  - Gesler, Wilbert M., and Robin Kearns. 2002. *Culture/place/health*. London: Routledge. **Two photographs.**
  - Melton, Buckner F., Jr. 2002. *Aaron Burr: conspiracy to treason*. New York: Wiley. **Two maps.**
  - Baron, Samuel H. 2001. *Bloody Saturday in the Soviet Union: Novochoerkassk, 1962*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. **Three maps.**
  - Meade, Melinda S., and Robert Earickson. 2000. *Medical geography*, 2nd ed. New York: Guilford. **Numerous graphics redrawn or reworked for this edition.**
  - Hopcroft, Rosemary L. 1999. *Regions, institutions, and agrarian change in European history*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. **Maps 2, 4-7, 9, 11-13, 15-16.**
  - Pollitzer, William S. 1999. *The Gullah people and their African heritage*. Athens, Ga.: University of Georgia Press. **Maps 1-8, Figures 1-3.**
  - Melton, Buckner F., Jr. 1998. *The first impeachment: the constitution's framers and the case of Senator William Blount*. Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press. **Maps on front and back endpapers.**
  - Cravey, Altha J. 1998. *Women and work in Mexico's maquiladoras*. Lanham, Md.: Rowan and Littlefield. **All maps.**
  - Jurkovich, James M., and Wilbert M. Gesler. 1997. Medjugorje: finding peace at the heart of conflict. *Geographical Review* 87(4): 447-467. **Figures 2 and 3.**

## **Articles reviewed for publication**

- Geografiska Annaler B (2)

## **Papers presented**

- 2010 (*forthcoming*), Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington DC: "Historical GIS and local history in the classroom: the case of the chapel, the hill, and the university"
- 2009 (*forthcoming*), Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Knoxville: "The backcountry's "urban revolution" and Indian roads: the Indian Trading Path and town development in the North Carolina Piedmont"
- 2009, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York: "Indigenous routes and settler town formation in the Southern colonial backcountry: spatial and temporal analysis of land records with GIS"
- 2008, American Society for Ethnohistory, Eugene: "The Delaware settlements of the Cherokee Nation" (as second author, with Brice Obermeyer)
- 2007, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco: "Archival data to geographic knowledge: reconstructing the colonial settlement landscape in the North Carolina backcountry"
- 2006, Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Memphis: "Presettlement vegetation of the North Carolina Piedmont" (as second author, with Miguel Schwartz [first author/presenter] and Mary Ruvane)
- 2005, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver: "Settlement systems, backcountry development, and indigenous transportation routes: the North Carolina Piedmont in the 18th century"
- 2005, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver: "Interdisciplinary collaboration and database modeling for historical GIS: structured annotation for land grant research" (as second author, with Mary Ruvane)
- 2004, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Philadelphia: "Historical GIS: North Carolina settlement and the Indian Trading Path" (with Mary Ruvane)
- 2002, Institute of Australian Geographers Conference, Canberra: "Megalopolis down under? City-systems theory and Australia's southeastern urban corridor"
- 2002, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Los Angeles: "Between the lines: cultural landscapes of disability and access in Sydney's urban rail system"
- 1999, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Honolulu: "Stretching the limits of therapeutic landscape theory: a new non-Western model"
- 1998, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston: "The powwow in North Carolina: Pan-Indian culture and the making of Indian space"
- 1997, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Ft. Worth: "Interpreting the Navajo sacred geography as a landscape of healing"

## **Other talks**

- 2008, Society of Public Historians, Emporia State University: Geographic Information Systems: not just for geogeeks anymore!
- 2007, Society of Public Historians, Emporia State University: *Rabbit-Proof Fence* discussion
- 2004, Southern Research Circle, Center for the Study of the American South, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: The Indian Trading Path through the Piedmont: what route, what role?

- 2003, guest lecture in World Regional Geography, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (summer school): Australia and Oceania
- 2001, guest lectures in World Regional Geography, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: N Africa and SW Asia (3); Australia and Oceania (4)
- 2001, guest lecture in Local Places in a Globalizing World, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (first year seminar): Multiculturalism, Aboriginal people, and local experiences of globalization in Australia
- 1998, "Lunch with Leo" talk, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Navajo therapeutic landscapes
- 1995, guest lecture in Cultural Landscapes, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Navajo sacred geography as a therapeutic landscape

### **Panels**

- 2008, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston: "Indigenous Geography and Education: Negotiating pedagogy in the classroom and the discipline"
- 2007, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco: "Persons with disabilities and the Academe"
- 2000, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh: "Creating a warm climate for female graduate students"

### **Research posters**

- 2008, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston: "No blank slate—frontier settlement reconsidered: a new model with 'initial conditions'"
- 2008, UNC Graduate Student Recognition Celebration: "The Indian Trading Path, colonial settlement, and today's Piedmont Urban Crescent" (as GEAB Impact Award winner)
- 2007, Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Charleston: "The Indian Trading Path and today's Piedmont Urban Crescent: a historical geographic investigation"
- 2007, Emporia State University Faculty Research and Creativity Forum: "Investigating the influence of an Indian trail on colonial settlement development in North Carolina"
- 2004, UNC Graduate Student Recognition Celebration: "NC's Piedmont Urban Crescent and the Indian Trading Path: a polycentric urban region and its early roots" (as GEAB Achievement Award winner)

### **Other conference participation**

- 2008, Indigenous Geographies of Struggle and Self-determination, Plymouth, MA
- 2004, History and Geography: Assessing the Role of Geographical Information in Historical Scholarship, The Newberry Library, Chicago

### **Courses taught**

- Spring 2010 (*forthcoming*), Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: First Year Seminar "Local places in a globalizing world"
- Fall 2009, Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Natural Resources
- Continuously (non-semester-based, by correspondence) from 2003-2009 through UNC Independent Studies: North America's Landscapes

- Spring 2009, Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Historical Geography of the US and Canada; *tentatively scheduled for Spring 2010 also*
- Fall 2008, Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Natural Resources
- Fall 2008, Lecturer, Emporia State University: GIS Applications (online)
- Spring 2008, Assistant Professor, Emporia State University: Urban Geography; Cartography (online); Investigating Interdisciplinarity (one-credit upper/graduate seminar)
- Fall 2007, Assistant Professor, Emporia State University: World Regional Geography (two sections); Australia/New Zealand/Pacific (online section plus classroom section); History of Cartography (online)
- Spring 2007, Assistant Professor, Emporia State University: World Regional Geography (two sections); Cultural Geography; Cartography
- Fall 2006, Assistant Professor, Emporia State University: World Regional Geography (two sections); GIS Applications
- Spring 2006, Visiting Instructor, University of Mary Washington: Introduction to Human Geography (three sections); GIS and Automated Cartography (one section, with lab [4 credit hours])
- Winter 2004, Adjunct Instructor, Elon University: The World's Regions
- Fall 2002, Graduate Teaching Fellow, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: World Regional Geography
- Fall 2001, Graduate Teaching Fellow, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Australia: from City to Bush (a course I developed based on independent research and travel experience)

### **Mentoring and supervision of student research**

- Fall 2009, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: supervision of undergraduate independent work on natural resources
- Summer 2009-present, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: doctoral dissertation committee, Mary Ruvane, School of Information and Library Science
- Spring 2002- Spring 2003, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: supervision of undergraduate independent work on Australia (2 students)

### **Graduate assistant experience**

- Spring 2001, teaching assistant: World Regional Geography; Geography of North Carolina; Fundamental Concepts of Human Geography
- Spring 2000, teaching assistant: Population Geography; Third World Issues; Physical Geography
- Fall 1999, teaching assistant: World Regional Geography (two sections)
- Fall 1999, completed one-credit teaching skills seminar
- Summer 1999, graduate assistant in developing distance education course, The Making of the North Carolina landscape
- Spring 1998, teaching assistant: Weather and Climate
- Summer 1997, tutor: Durham Scholars Program (teaching geography and computer skills to at-risk youths)
- Fall 1996 through Spring 1999, department webmaster and cartographer
- Spring 1996, research assistant for Dr. Wilbert Gesler
- Fall 1995, teaching assistant: Cultural Landscapes

## **Workshops taught**

- Spring 2009, at UNC-Chapel Hill: Effective poster design for Impact Award winners
- Spring 2009, at UNC-Chapel Hill: Making personal web pages (with Jun Liang)
- Spring 2008, at Emporia State University: Designing effective research posters
- Spring 1997, two lab short courses in UNC-Chapel Hill Geography Department: Make your own web page with HTML; Cartography with ArcView

## **Service**

- Editorial Review Board, *International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research*, March 2009-present
- Graduate Education Advancement Board Impact Award Review Committee, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Fall 2008
- Information Committee, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2008-2009
- Board member, Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group (AAG), June 2008-present
- Secretary-Treasurer, Study of the American South Specialty Group (AAG), April 2008-present
- Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Colloquium Series, Department of Social Sciences, Emporia State University, Spring 2008
- Webmaster, Department of Social Sciences, Emporia State University, Spring 2008
- Faculty Senate, Emporia State University, 2007-2008
- FRC Document Ad Hoc Committee, Department of Social Sciences, Emporia State University, Fall 2006
- Internal Chair Search Committee, Department of Social Sciences, Emporia State University, Fall 2006
- Undergraduate Committee, Geography Department, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2001-2002
- Disability/ADA Committee, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1998-2001
- Instigator and producer of first UNC-Chapel Hill Geography Fair, 1998
- Conference sessions organized or co-organized:
  - Association of American Geographers 1998, 1999, 2003, 2005, and 2009; chaired 1998, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2009, and 2010 (*forthcoming*)
  - Southeastern Division of AAG 2009 (*forthcoming*)
- Board, Geography of Religion and Belief Systems Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, 1997-1999
- Treasurer, Graduate Association of Geography Students, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1997-1998
- Co-founder and co-chair, Supporting Women in Geography (SWIG), 1997-1998; co-chair 1999-2000
- Listowner/webmaster: SWIG, 1997-2004; Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group (AAG), 1999-2006 (list), 1999-2004 (web)
- Student representative to faculty meetings, Geography Department, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1995-1996

## **Professional memberships**

- Association of American Geographers
- Southeastern Division of Association of American Geographers
- North Carolina Geographical Society
- Institute of Australian Geographers
- Australian and New Zealand Studies Association of North America
- American Historical Association

## **Community involvement**

- Olde Orange History/Geography Summit, spring 2009-present
- Kansas Alliance of Professional Historic Performers, volunteer web page work as needed, February 2007 – May 2008
- John Brown Historical Site Benefit, Emporia State University, volunteer staff, April 2, 2007
- Trading Path Association, Hillsborough NC: volunteer GIS/mapping consulting as needed, ongoing since 2002; supervision of GIS intern, summer 2005

## **Funding**

- Southeastern Division of Association of American Geographers, Early Faculty Travel Award, 2009, \$100
- US Bureau of Reclamation subcontract, "California regional water recreation – population spatial interaction study," 2007, \$99,096
- Academic Enhancement Grant for establishment of an interdisciplinary colloquium series, Emporia State University, 2007-2008, \$1000
- Hugh McColl Dissertation Fellowship in the Royster Society of Fellows, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2004-2005, \$18,000 (funds from Center for the Study of the American South)
- Association of American Geographers, Dissertation Research Grant, 2004, \$500
- Smith Research Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2004, \$1000
- Historical Geography Specialty Group of Association of American Geographers, Doctoral Student Research Award, 2004, \$400, for archival doctoral research
- Center for the Study of the American South, UNC-Chapel Hill, Graduate Summer Research Grant, 2003, \$1500, for project entitled "The Indian Trading Path through the Piedmont: what route, what role?"
- Institute of Australian Geographers Postgraduate Travel Award to aid participation in IAG Conference, 2002, \$A400
- UNC-Chapel Hill Graduate School Travel Grant, 2002, \$352
- Suzanne Hynes Memorial Award for study abroad, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2000, \$1000
- Institute of International Education, Study Abroad Grant, 2000, \$500
- Eyre Fund travel awards, UNC-Chapel Hill Geography Department, travel assistance to: Canberra, Australia (2002, IAG Conference); Sydney, Australia (2000, semester abroad); Greenville, SC (1998, polio and place research)
- Graduate School, UNC-Chapel Hill, Merit Assistantship 1995-1996, \$11,000

## **Recognition and awards**

- UNC-Chapel Hill Graduate Education Advancement Board, Impact Award, 2008
- Nominated for President's Research and Creativity Award, Emporia State University, 2008
- Emporia State University Faculty Research Poster Award, 2007
- UNC-Chapel Hill Graduate Education Advancement Board, Achievement Award, 2004
- University Center for International Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2002 International Photography Contest, Honorable Mention
- Supporting Women in Geography, Service Award, 2000
- Geography Department awards, UNC-Chapel Hill: "Cool Press," 1998; "Leo's Legions," 1998 and 1999
- Phi Beta Kappa, Golden Key, Phi Theta Kappa, and Gamma Theta Upsilon honor societies