

Sarah Elizabeth Schwartz

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of South Carolina, Geography, 2005 – 2011

Dissertation: “Bodies, Identities and Behavioral Choices: How Focusing on the Contextual Factors that Contribute to Swazi University Students' Sex-Related Decisions could Enhance on-Campus HIV/AIDS Campaigns”

M.A. University of South Carolina, Geography, 2003 – 2005

Thesis: “Discourse as a Means of Understanding the Effects of Ecotourism Development in Developing Countries: Examples from Ghana”

B.A. Hamilton College, Geology, 1995 – 1999 (*cum laude, departmental honors*)

Study Abroad: University of Tasmania, Hobart. Fall 1997.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Texas Christian University, 2018 – present

- GEOG 10003 – World Regional Geography
- GEOG 20013 – Human Geography
- GEOG 30503 – Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa
- GEOG 30703 – Geography of Tourism
- MALA 60970 – Geography of Tourism

Visiting Assistant Professor, Lamar University, 2014 - 2018

- GEOL 2376 – World Regional Geography
- GEOL 4301 – Economic Geography
- GEOL 4301 – Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa (with optional study abroad trip)
- GEOL 4301 – Geography of the South Pacific (with optional study abroad trip)
- GEOL 4301 3B6 – Online Introduction to Urban Geography

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Central Oklahoma, 2013 - 2014

- GEO 1403 – Cultural Geography
- GEO 4603 – Urban Geography
- GEO 3163 – Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa
- GEO 3153 – Geography of the Middle East and North Africa
- GEO 4910 – Geography of Tourism

Visiting Assistant Professor, Georgia Southern University, 2011 - 2013

- GEOG 1130 – World Regional Geography
- GEOG 4233 – Geography of Asia
- GEOG 5090 – Geography of the Middle East and North Africa

CERTIFICATIONS

Completed courses necessary to teach online courses at Texas Christian University.

RESEARCH/TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

Fulbright IIE Full Grant

Project Title: An investigation of four factors affecting decisions to adopt or reject HIV/AIDS prevention strategies in Swaziland

Period of Grant: Summer 2008 – Spring 2009

Amount Awarded: \$26000

Society of Women Geographers (SWG) Evelyn L. Pruitt National Fellowship for Dissertation Research

Project Title: An investigation of four factors affecting decisions to adopt or reject HIV/AIDS prevention strategies in Swaziland

Period of Fellowship: Summer 2008 – Summer 2009

Amount Awarded: \$14000 (\$5610 accepted, \$8390 declined)

The Walker Institute of International and Area Studies, University of South Carolina, Ceny Walker Graduate Fellowship

Project Title: An investigation of four factors affecting decisions to adopt or reject HIV/AIDS prevention strategies in Swaziland

Period of Fellowship: Summer 2008

Amount Awarded: \$3000

The Graduate School, University of South Carolina, Charles Coker Fellowship

Period of Fellowship: Summer 2008

Amount Awarded: \$3500

The Graduate School, University of South Carolina, Travel Grant for Participation in a Professional Meeting

Objective: Present at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers

Period of Grant: April 2008

Amount Awarded: \$500

The Graduate School, University of South Carolina, Travel Grant for Participation in a Professional Meeting

Objective: Present at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers

Period of Grant: April 2007

Amount Awarded: \$500

The Walker Institute of International and Area Studies, University of South Carolina, Walker Institute International Experience Award

Objective: Explore potential gender and development research topics in Swaziland and Malawi

Period of Award: Summer 2006

Amount Awarded: \$1000

Department of Geography, University of South Carolina, Preliminary Dissertation Research Travel Grant

Objective: Explore potential gender and development research topics in Swaziland and Malawi

Period of Grant: Summer 2006

Amount Awarded: \$1500

Department of Geography, University of South Carolina, Thesis Research Travel Grant Project

Title: Ecotourism in Northern Ghana

Period of Grant: Winter 2004

Amount Awarded: \$300

AWARDS

First place, Graduate Student Honors Paper Competition, Masters Level, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, West Palm Beach, FL, November 2005. Awarded for, *Discourse as a means of understanding ecotourism: an example from Wechiau, Ghana.*

CONFERENCE AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Invited speaker, College of Tourism, Tainan University of Technology, Taiwan, December 2016. *Food tours as a means of 'getting off the beaten track': A netnographic analysis of TripAdvisor reviews*

Sex and the body: Embodying and emulating religious and gender identities. Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Birmingham, AL. November 2010.

Invited speaker, American Embassy in Mbabane, Swaziland, May 2010. Presented: *Sugar daddies and steadies, steadies and sides: Exploring the dynamics of concurrent partnerships on Swaziland's university and college campuses*

Invited speaker, Population Services International (PSI), Mbabane, Swaziland Office, May 2010. Presented: *Men and condom use: Understanding the choice*

Sugar daddies and steadies, steadies and sides: Exploring the dynamics of concurrent partnerships on Swaziland's university and college campuses.

Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington, D.C. April 2010.

Unprotected sex in the midst of an HIV epidemic: How understanding the choice could improve Swaziland's condom campaigns. Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Knoxville, TN. November 2009.

Othering women/empowering women: conflicting views from The Swazi Observer.

Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA. April 2008.

Selling Uniqueness and Authenticity in Columbia, South Carolina: Bohemian and World Market.

Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA. April 2007.

Livelihood frameworks: the importance of the relationships between capital types. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL, March 2006.

How multiple discourses shape ecotourism sites: examples from Ghana. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Denver, CO, March 2005.

Potential tourist scarcity and sustainable tourism development: Ghana's community-based ecotourism sites. Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Biloxi, MS, November 2004.

PROFESSIONAL AND DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

Representative for the Department of Geography on the SACSCOC Assessment Committee, Texas Christian University, 2021 – present.

Geography Club Advisor, Texas Christian University, 2021 – present.

Representative for the College of Liberal Arts, University of Central Oklahoma Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, December 2013 – 2014.

President, Geography Graduate Student Association, University of South Carolina, December 2005 – December 2006.

Fieldtrip contributor with William Terry, Annual International Binghamton Geomorphology Symposium, Columbia, SC, October 2006. Presented poster titled: *Steamboats to Railroads: Transportation Along the Congaree.*

Invited speaker, Geofest 31, South Carolina Geographic Alliance, February 2006. Presented: *Ecotourism and development in northern Ghana.*

Treasurer, Geography Graduate Student Association, University of South Carolina, December 2003 – December 2004.

Project designer, Hamilton College Elderhostel Program, 1998. Wrote: *A Guide to the Common Fossils of Geer Road* and organized fossil collecting fieldtrip to Geer Road.