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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Geography, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge (1999)

M.S., Geography, Brigham Young University, Provo (1994)

B.S., Geography, Brigham Young University, Provo (1993)

**EMPLOYMENT**

Chair, Department of Geography, 2016-present

Associate Professor of Geography, 2006-present  
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas

Assistant Professor of Geography, 2000-2006  
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas

Visiting Assistant Professor of Geography, 1999-2000  
Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia

Visiting Instructor, geography, Fall 1997  
Ricks College (now BYU Idaho), Rexburg, Idaho

Courses taught:

Physical Geography

Physical Geography Lab

Weather and Climate

World Regional Geography

Geography of Latin America

Cultural Geography

Graduate Seminar: Historical Geography of Latin America

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### Books:

Tillman, Benjamin F. 2011. *Imprints on Native Lands: The Miskito-Moravian settlement landscape of Eastern Honduras*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.

Tillman, Benjamin F. 2004. *La Influencia Morava en el Paisaje de la Mosquitia Hondureña*. Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Editorial Guaymuras.

### Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

Otterstrom, Samuel and Benjamin F. Tillman. 2013. "Income Change and Circular Migration: The Curious Case of Mobile Puerto Ricans 1995-2010." *Journal of Latin American Geography* 12 (3):33-58.

Tillman, Benjamin F. and William V. Davidson. 2010. "Relaciones entre Plaza-Iglesia en Honduras," In *Etnologia y etnohistoria de Honduras*, Ed. William V. Davidson, pp.41-60. Tegucigalpa: Instituto Hondureño de Antropología e Historia.

Tillman, Benjamin F. 2009. "Measuring globalization's influence on the cultural landscape: spatial succession in the plaza of Ponce, Puerto Rico." *Southeastern Geographer* 49 (4):340-353.

Tillman, Benjamin F. 2008. "Not always oriented: Honduran plaza-church locational relations," In *Ethno- and Historical Geographic Studies in Latin America*, ed. Kent Mathewson, Peter Herlihy, and Craig Revels, pp. 177-192. *Geoscience and Man* vol. 40, Baton Rouge: Geoscience Publications, Louisiana State University Department of Geography and Anthropology.

Tillman, Benjamin F. 2005. "La Geografía Histórica de la Costa Misquita," *Revista de la Academia Hondureña de Geografía e Historia* (Diciembre 2005):153-173.

Tillman, Benjamin F. 2005. "The Moravian Church Compound: a German Settlement Type in the Honduran Mosquitia," In *Bridging Cultural Geographies: Europe and Latin America*, ed. Robert B. Kent, Vicent Ortells Chabrera, and Javier Soriano Martí, 103-23. (Collecció América No. 3). Castelló, Spain: Universitat Jaume I.

Tillman, Benjamin F. and Chad F. Emmett. 1999. "Spatial Succession of Sacred Space in Chicago," *Journal of Cultural Geography* 18:2:79-108.

### Book Reviews:

Tillman, Benjamin 2014. Review of *Mapping Mormonism: An Atlas of Latter-day Saint History* by Branden S. Plewe, 2012. *Mormon Historical Studies* 15:2:279-280.

Tillman, Benjamin 2012. Review of *The Place of Religion in Chicago* by Wilbur Zelinsky and Stephen Matthews. 2011. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 102:6:1533-1534.

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

“Puerto Ricans in Texas: A Growing Minority Population of Tarrant County,” (poster presentation With Tiffany Huff, TCU undergraduate geography major) Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference, Fort Worth, TX, October 22-24, 2014.

“Comparative Breadfruit use among Miskitu, Garífuna, Creole, and Rama Populations of Nicaragua's Costa Atlántica,” Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference, Fort Worth, TX, October 22-24, 2014.

“Retracing the Old Bellamy Road: Florida’s first Federal Highway,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, April 8-12, 2014.

“Comparative Breadfruit use among Miskitu, Garífuna, Creole, and Rama Populations of Nicaragua's Costa Atlántica,” Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers, Panama City, Panama, January 6-9, 2014.

“Income Change and Circular Migration: The Curious Case of Puerto Ricans in and out of the United States, 1995-2010,” (coauthored with Dr. Sam Otterstrom) Race, Ethnicity and Place conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 24-26, 2012.

“Globalization’s impact on the types of businesses located in the Plaza of Ponce, Puerto Rico,” Trascendiendo Fronteras conference, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras (San Juan), March 26-27, 2008.

“From Tahiti to Trujillo: An historical geography of the breadfruit tree’s Caribbean dispersal,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, April 20, 2007.

“Measuring Globalization’s Influence on the Cultural Landscape: Spatial Succession in the Plaza of Ponce, Puerto Rico,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Denver, April 7, 2005.

“Plaza-Church Relationships in Honduras,” Annual Meeting of the Southwest Division of the Association of American Geographers, Nacogdoches, Texas, November 11, 2004.

“Puerto Rico and the United States: Comparative Migration Patterns and Income Effects, 1995-2001, (coauthored with Dr. Sam Otterstrom)” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, March 19, 2004.

“The Moravian Church Compound: A German Settlement Type in the Honduran Mosquitia,” Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers, Benicassim, Spain, 2001.

“The Miskito Settlement Landscape of Eastern Honduras, with Emphasis on the Moravian Contribution,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, New York, March 1, 2001.

“Uncommon Ground: The Material Culture of Miskito Cemeteries in Eastern Honduras,” Annual Meeting of the Southwest Division of the Association of American Geographers, College Station, Texas, November 3, 2000.

“Raiti: The Material Culture of Miskito Cemeteries in Eastern Honduras,” Annual Meeting of the Georgia Academy of Science, Valdosta, Georgia, March 22, 2000.

"Moravian Influence on Miskito Dwellings," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Fort Worth, Texas, April, 1997.

"The Diffusion of the Moravian Church in the Mosquito Coast," Association of American Geographers, Charlotte, North Carolina, April, 1996.

"La difusión de la Iglesia Morava en la Costa Miskita de America Central," Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, January, 1996.

"The Spatial Succession of Sacred Space in Chicago," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, March, 1995.

## **GRANTS**

A.M. Pate, Jr., Professorship, “The British and the Breadfruit: An Historical Geography of the breadfruit tree and its Caribbean dispersal.” Requested fall 2014. Funded for fiscal year 2015 (\$10,000 cash award and \$7,500 research travel allowance).

Instructional Development Grant, TCU, 2010-2011, “Developing a Study Abroad Course: The Geography of Puerto Rico: globalization, tourism, and the environment.”

Research and Creative Activities Grant, TCU, 2005-2006, “The British and the Breadfruit: An Historical Geography of the breadfruit tree and its Caribbean dispersal.”

Research and Creative Activities Grant, TCU, 2000-2001, “The Effect of Globalization on the Plaza of Ponce, Puerto Rico.”

Fulbright Award, 1998, “The Miskito-Moravian Landscape of Eastern Honduras.”

Robert C. West Field Research Award, LSU, 1997, “The Miskito-Moravian Landscape”

Robert C. West Field Research Award, LSU, 1996, “The Miskito Cultural Landscape”

## **FIELD WORK**

Costa Rica, August 2013  
Nicaragua, May 2013  
Puerto Rico, July 2004  
Puerto Rico, January 2001.  
Mosquito Coast, Honduras, January-April 1998.  
Mosquito Coast, Honduras, May 1996.  
Chicago, May 1994.

## **ARCHIVAL RESEARCH**

Centro de Investigaciones y Documentacion de la Costa Atlantica (CIDCA), Bluefields, Nicaragua, May 2013  
Jamaican National Archives, Spanish Town, Jamaica, May 2006.  
National Archives (PRO), Royal Botanic Garden Archive, London, June 2005.  
City of Ponce Municipal Archives; Ponce, Puerto Rico, July 2004.  
City of Ponce Municipal Archives; Ponce, Puerto Rico, January 2001.  
Moravian Archives; Northern Province, Bethlehem, PA, June-July 1998.  
National Archive of Honduras; Tegucigalpa, April 1998.  
Moravian Archives; Southern Province, Winston-Salem, NC, April 1996.

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Memberships:

Association of American Geographers (Cultural Geography, Geography of Latin America, Geography of Religions and Belief Systems, and Historical Geography specialty groups)

Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG)

Professional Service:

Secretary -Treasurer, Latin America specialty group, Association of American Geographers, 2014-2016

Committee Chair, Graduate Student Research Award Committee, historical geography specialty group, Association of American Geographers, 2008-2013

## **STUDENT FIELD TRIPS DIRECTED**

(With colleague Dr. Jeff Roet)

Puerto Rico, Oct. 8-12, 2013. "Globalization, tourism, and the environment" (six students)

Guatemala, October 8-12, 2012. "Ethnicity and Religion in Guatemala," (eleven students)

Panama, October 10-15, 2011. "The canal and beyond: cultural contrasts and the urban economic boom," (eight students)

Puerto Rico, October 11-15, 2010. "Puerto Rico: globalization, tourism, and the environment" (twelve students)

Chihuahua, Mexico, October 6-11, 2008. "Chihuahua's contrasting urban and rural geography: Maquiladoras, Mennonites, and the Tarahumara" (ten students)

Puerto Rico, October 4-8, 2006. "Puerto Rico's physical and human geography" (seventeen students)

Oaxaca, Mexico, October 5-10, 2005. "Food for Thought: the cultural and historical geography of Oaxaca" (fourteen students)

Mexico City, October 7-11, 2004. "The urban geography of Mexico City" (fourteen students)

Costa Rica, October 8-14, 2003. "Costa Rican Contrasts: The physical and human geography of the Caribbean Coast, Meseta Central, and Pacific Coast regions" (eight students)

Guatemala, October 11-16, 2002. "The physical and human geography of Guatemala" (eleven students)

Honduras, October 3-8, 2001. "The rimland and mainland regions of Honduras" (fourteen students)

Mexico City, October 2000. "The urban geography of Mexico City" (eighteen students)