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Education

Ph.D., (Geography) 1996, University of Florida
M.A., (Geography) 1993, University of North Dakota
M.A., (History) 1991, San Diego State University
B.S., (Social Science) 1983, Florida Southern College

Areas of Academic Interest

Florida
Springs and Public Policy
Wetlands and Public Policy
Water Management
Environmental Management
Environmental Historical Geography

Recent Employment

Fall 2007—present: Associate Professor of Geography, *University of South Florida, St. Petersburg*, St. Petersburg, FL.

Fall 2011—present: Director, Florida Studies Program.

Fall 2003—Summer 2007: Assistant Professor, *University of South Florida, St. Petersburg*, St. Petersburg, FL.

Fall 2000—Summer 2003: Assistant Professor, *Georgia College*, Milledgeville, GA

Fall 1997—Summer 2000: Assistant Professor, *Weber State University*, Ogden, UT

Spring and Summer 1997: Visiting Assistant Professor, *Florida Atlantic University*, Davie, FL

Spring 1993-Spring 1996: Graduate Teaching Assistant, *University of Florida*, Gainesville, FL

Fall 1991-Spring 1992: Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Univ. of North Dakota*, Grand Forks, ND

1989-1995: Soldier, *Army National Guard*, in Florida, North Dakota, and Minnesota

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Books

Christopher F. Meindl. 2024. *Florida Springs: From Geography to Politics and Restoration*. Gainesville: University Press of Florida. [Won a gold medal from the Florida Book Awards for Florida non-fiction. ALSO, it won the American Association of Geographers Globe Book Award for Public Understanding of Geography.](#)

Nelson M. Blake, **Christopher F. Meindl**#, Steven Noll and David Tegeder. 2010 (updated edition). *Land Into Water, Water Into Land: A History of Water Management in Florida*. Gainesville: University Press of Florida. (contributed three new chapters; see each chapter below)

Book Chapters

Christopher F. Meindl. 2018. Florida's Springs: Growth, Tourism, Politics; in Geoffrey L. Buckley and Yolonda Youngs (eds.), *The American Environment Revisited*. New York: Rowman and Littlefield, pp. 255-273.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2010. 30 years later, and still powerful. In *Land Into Water, Water Into Land: A History of Water Management in Florida*, Nelson M. Blake et al. (updated edition). Gainesville: University Press of Florida, pp. 345-350.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2010. Repairing the damage or making it worse? The Everglades since 1980. In *Land Into Water, Water Into Land: A History of Water Management in Florida*, Nelson M. Blake et al. 2010 (updated edition). Gainesville: University Press of Florida, pp. 381-416.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2010. Florida water management since 1980: challenges in a state addicted to growth. In *Land Into Water, Water Into Land: A History of Water Management in Florida*, Nelson M. Blake et al. 2010 (updated edition). Gainesville: University Press of Florida, pp. 417-462.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2005. Water, Water Everywhere (Wetland Inventories in Florida). In *Paradise Lost? The Environmental History of Florida*, Edited by Jack Davis and Ray Arsenault. Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida, pp. 113-137.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2004. Geographical perspectives for tackling problems in wetlands. In *WorldMinds: Geographical Perspectives on 100 Problems*, Edited by Don Janelle, Barney Warf, and Kathy Hansen. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Kluwer Academic Publishers, pp. 321-324.

Academic Journal Articles

Christopher F. Meindl. 2024. A half century of *Topophilia*. *Florida Geographer*. Vol. 55: 94-99.

Marilyn Polson*, Cole Ewell*, and **Christopher F. Meindl**#. 2021. Florida's Efforts to Assume Section 404 Permitting. *Wetlands Ecology and Management*. Vol. 29 (1): 169-180. Published online on 10 November. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11273-020-09763-8>

Ana Maria Quintero* and **Christopher F. Meindl**#. 2019. Politics, the Environment and USF St. Petersburg Students. *Florida Geographer*. Vol. 51: 1-25.

Noah J. Mueller*# and **Christopher F. Meindl.** 2017. Vulnerability of Caribbean Island Cemeteries to Sea Level Rise and Storm Surge. *Coastal Management*. Vol. 45(4): 1-16.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2014. To the Field! An Introduction to the 2014 Tampa AAG Meeting Field Trips. *Florida Geographer*. Vol. 45: 41-43. (not peer reviewed)

Christopher F. Meindl. 2014. The Little River that Could: Tampa's Hillsborough River. *Florida Geographer*. Vol. 45: 80-95. (not peer reviewed)

Christopher F. Meindl. 2014. Homosassa Springs: Canaries in the Coal Mine? *Florida Geographer*. Vol. 45: 96-117. (not peer reviewed)

Cristina M. Schoonard*, Jennifer M. Collins#, Charles Paxton, and **Christopher F. Meindl.** 2014. Explaining the spatial variability of summer rainfall in Pinellas County, Florida. *Physical Geography*. Vol. 35 (2): 1-16.

Andrew Fairbanks,* Jennifer Wunderlich*, and **Christopher F. Meindl#.** 2013. Talking Trash: a Short History of Solid Waste Management in Florida. *Florida Historical Quarterly*. Vol. 91(4 Spring): 526-557. Won the FHQ's Arthur W. Thompson Award for best article in Volume #91 of the journal.

Britni N. Tokotch,* **Christopher F. Meindl#**, Armando Hoare, and Michael Jepson. 2012. Stakeholder Perceptions of the Northern Gulf of Mexico Grouper and Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota Program. *Marine Policy*. 36 (1): 34-41.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2011. Water, Water, Everywhere? Toward a Critical Water Geography of the South. *Southeastern Geographer*. 51 (4): 615-640.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2009. Introduction: Florida, Bellwether of the South (an introduction to a special issue I guest edited). *Southeastern Geographer*. 49 (2): 103-107.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2006. Toward a Historical Geography of Florida: Assessing the Consequences of Massive Population Growth. *Florida Geographer*. 37: 72-87.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2005. Wetland diversity: the limits of generalization. *Journal of Geography*. 104 (6): 243-256.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2004. Wetland Research and Management Implications (an introduction to a special issue I guest edited). *Physical Geography*. 25 (1): 1-3.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2004. Southerners and Their Swamps: The View from Middle Georgia. *Southeastern Geographer*. 44 (1): 74-89.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2003. On the Eve of Destruction: People and Florida's Everglades from the late 1800s to 1908. *Tequesta*. 63: 5-36.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2003. Finding our way INTO swamps (an introduction to a themed section I guest edited). *North American Geographer*. 5(1-2): 154-161.

Ary J. Lamme# and **Christopher F. Meindl.** 2002. A Vibrant Cultural Boundary Florida. *Southeastern Geographer*. 42 (2): 274-295.

Christopher F. Meindl#, Derek H. Alderman, and Peter Waylen. 2002. On the Importance of Environmental Claims Making: The Role of James O. Wright in Promoting the Drainage of Florida's Everglades in the Early 20th Century. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*. 92 (4): 682-701.

Christopher F. Meindl# and Matthew R. Zorn. 2002. Florida's Forest Fires: Drought, The Media, and Population Growth. *The North American Geographer*. 4: 58-72.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2002. The origin of early 20th century Everglades landowners. *Florida Geographer*. 33: 18-26

Michael J. Harrison#, and **Christopher F. Meindl**. 2001. An examination of the statistical relationship between the El Nino-Southern Oscillation and Florida Wildfire Occurrence. *Physical Geography*. 22 (3): 187-203.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2000. Past perceptions of the Great American Wetland: Florida's Everglades during the Early 20th century. *Environmental History*. 5 (3): 378-395.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2000. The Great American Wetland. *Florida Geographer*. 31: 44-60.

Christopher F. Meindl. 1998. Frank Stoneman and the early 20th Century Everglades. *Florida Geographer*. 29: 44-54.

Christopher F. Meindl. 1996. Paynes Prairie: Biography of a Wetland. *Florida Geographer*. 27: 54-67.

Editorship

Editor: *The Florida Geographer* beginning in February 2020. Produced annual issues from 2021 through 2025. Broadened the kinds of writing published to include: 1) significant Review Papers; 2) My Favorite Florida Place essays; and 3) Book Reviews—all in addition to standard research articles. Stepped down as editor after the 2025 issue.

Co-Guest Editor: special issue of the *Journal of Florida Studies* devoted to the Florida Trail: 2021, Volume 1 (issue 9). Participated in planning activity and critiqued a few essays.

Guest Editor: special issue of *The Southeastern Geographer* called Florida, Bellwether of the South. 2009. Volume 49 (issue 2). Recruited, supervised peer review, and edited all articles.

Guest Editor: special issue of *Physical Geography* called Wetland Research and Management Implications. 2004. Volume 25 (issue 1). Recruited, supervised peer review, and edited all articles.

Guest Editor: special issue of *The North American Geographer* called Finding our way INTO swamps: 2003. Volume 5 (issue 1-2). Recruited, supervised peer review, and edited all articles.

Miscellaneous Writing

Gary Mormino, **Christopher Meindl**, and Thomas Hallock. 2023. A message to Florida from 1953: Please don't do what we did. *Tampa Bay Times*. 16 March.

<https://www.tampabay.com/opinion/2023/03/16/message-florida-1953-please-dont-do-what-we-did-column/>

Chris Meindl. 2021. OPINION: A solution in search of a problem. *Crow's Nest*. 28 March. <https://crowsneststpete.com/2021A03/28/opinion-a-solution-in-search-of-a-problem/>

Christopher F. Meindl and Kathleen P. Meindl. 2016. Always Moving, Always Working with Students: A Tribute to Dr. Mike. *Southeastern Geographer*. Vol. 56 (2): 144-146.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2015. Sensible Rule Changes Protect Water Quality. *Tampa Bay Times*. 30 March 2015, page 12a.

Christopher F. Meindl (with maps produced by Andy Hayslip*). 2014. Water, Growth and Tampa Bay. *Association of American Geographers Newsletter*. Published on 19 February 2014. news.aag.org/2014/02/-water-growth-and-tampa-bay/

Christopher F. Meindl. 2013. Growth at all Costs and the Road to Ruin. *Tampa Bay Times*. 25 September 2013, page 11a.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2007. Coastal Marshes in *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, volume edited by Martin Melosi, pp. 43-45. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2007. Dry Tortugas in *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, volume edited by Martin Melosi, pp. 213-214. Chapel Hill, NC: Univ. of North Carolina Press.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2005. Paradise Restored? *Forum*. Vol. 29 (1): 24-28.

Christopher F. Meindl. 1993. Land use of Paynes Prairie: Past and Present, in Joann Mossa (ed.) *Physical and Human Geography of the Paynes Prairie Solution Basin, Alachua County, Florida*. (Gainesville, FL): University of Florida Department of Geography. pp. 39-45.

Book Reviews

Christopher F. Meindl. 2022. Book Review of *Swamp Peddlers: How Lot Sellers, Land Scammers, and Retirees Built Modern Florida and Transformed the American Dream*. In the *Journal of Florida Studies*. Vol. 1 (10): 4 pp, on-line.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2021. Book Review of *Florida's Healing Waters: Gilded Age Mineral Springs, Seaside Resorts and Health Spas*. In the *Florida Geographer*. Vol. 52: 61-63.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2018. Extended Book Review Essay of *The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea*. In *Florida Historical Quarterly*. Vol. 97 (1): 95-106.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2018. Book Review of *Liquid Landscape: Geography and Settlement at the Edge of Early America*. In *Journal of Historical Geography*. Vol. 61: 122-123.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2016. Book review of *Southern Water, Southern Power: How the Politics of Cheap Energy and Water Scarcity Shaped a Region*. In *AAG (Association of American Geographers) Review of Books*. Vol. 4 (3): 142-144.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2014. Book review of *Florida Sinkholes: Science and Policy*. In *Florida Historical Quarterly*. Vol. 93 (2): 249-251.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2011. Book review of *Raising Cane in the Glades: the Global Sugar Trade and the Transformation of Florida*. In *Geographical Review*. Vol. 101(1): 134-136.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2006. Book review of *Interstate Water Allocation in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia: New Issues, New Methods, New models*. In *Florida Historical Quarterly*. Vol. 85 (2): 245-248.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2006. Book review of *Trembling Earth: A Cultural History of the Okefenokee Swamp*. In *Journal of American History*. Vol. 92 (4): 1483-1484.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2005. Book review of *The Greening of the South*. In *Historical Geography*. Vol. 33: 278-280.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2005. Book review of *Green Empire: The St. Joe Company and the re-making of Florida's Panhandle* in the *Professional Geographer*. Vol. 57 (1): 149-151.

Christopher F. Meindl. 2004. Book review of: *The Greening of Georgia: The Improvement of the Environment in the Twentieth Century*. In *The Journal of Southern History*, Vol. 70 (3): 710-711.

Christopher F. Meindl. 1993. A review of Peggy F. Barlett's *American Dreams, Rural Realities: Family Farms in Crisis*, in *Cultural Ecology Newsletter*. Number 23, Summer 1993.

College Level Courses Taught

Current (USF St. Petersburg) Courses: Intro to Graduate Study; Human Geography; Human Footprint on the Landscape; Natural Hazards; Water Resources Management; Wetlands, People and Public Policy; Florida Springs; Seminar in Advanced Regional Geography (Florida).

Previous Course Offerings: Intro to Physical Geography; Geography Senior Seminar; Water Quality Policy and Management; Research Methods in Florida Studies; Seminar in Advanced Human Geography (Sustainability); Global Conservation; World Regional Geography; Global Issues; Intro to Geography; Intro to Human Geography; Geography of Europe; Geography of the U.S. and Canada; Seeking Small-Town Florida; Intro to Social Science; Economic Geography; Historical Geography of the U.S.; Weather and Climate.

Graduate and Undergraduate Honors Students Supervised (THESIS track)

Alexander Krest. ????. PhD. (Geography Environmental Science and Policy)

Ron Matus. ????. M.A. (Florida Studies)

Alexandra Shostak. 2023. M.S. (Environmental Science and Policy). *Booker Creek: Wet Season Water Quality Trends in a Florida Urban Stream*.

Michael F. Johnson. 2021. B.A. (Honors, Environmental Science and Policy). *Analysis of City of St. Petersburg Comprehensive Plan with Special Reference to Coastal Management Considering Climate Change*.

Benjamin Stanley. 2020. M.S. (Environmental Science and Policy). *Determination of Summer Thermal Stratification, Winter Circulation, Water Quality and Heat Budget of an Urban Florida*

Lake.

Stephanie M. Leonard. 2019. M.S. (Environmental Science and Policy). *Seasonal Water Quality Trends of Bayboro Harbor, a Humid Subtropical Urban Estuary in Tampa Bay, Florida.*

Ana Maria Quintero. 2018. B.A. (Honors, Geography). *The Politics of Organic Food Consumption, Recycling and Solar Power Use.*

Emma Dontis. 2018. M.S. (Environmental Science and Policy; co-chair with Dr. Ryan Moyer). *Mangrove Encroachment into Ecologically Restored Salt Marshes: Quantifying Vegetative and Soil Carbon in Tampa Bay, Florida.*

Haley Burnaman. 2018. B.S. (Honors, Environmental Science and Policy). *Paying For Environmental Services: Comparing Progress in Costa Rica and Florida.*

Sydney Alhale. 2017. M.S. (Environmental Science and Policy). *Who Should Manage Red Snapper (Lutjanus campechanus) in the Gulf of Mexico?*

Kira Barrera. 2015. M.S. (Environmental Science and Policy). *Springs: Source or Sink? Determining Carbon Fluxes of Five First Magnitude Springs on Florida's Springs Coast.*

Ryan Ballogg. 2014. B.S. (Honors, Journalism and Media Studies): *Parks of Pinellas.*

Leigh Ann Elgin. 2014. M.S. (Environmental Science and Policy): *An Analysis of Wetland Mitigation Success in Hillsborough County, Florida 2000-2007.*

Dana Parkinson. 2013. B.S. (Honors, Environmental Science and Policy): *County level wetland protection in the Southwest Florida Water Management District.*

Andrew Hayslip. 2013. M.S. (Environmental Science and Policy): *From a Culture of Consumption to a Culture of Conservation: Will changes in Georgia Water Policy Introduce Sustainability to Metropolitan Atlanta and the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin?*

Matt Miller. 2013. M.S. (Environmental Science and Policy): *A comparison of avian abundance and species richness in palustrine emergent wetlands in southwest Florida.*

Andrew Fairbanks. 2012. M.L.A. (Florida Studies): *The Good, the Bad and the Garbage: The Making of Modern Florida Solid Waste Policy.*

Britni Tokotch. 2010. M.S. (Environmental Science and Policy): *Stakeholder Perceptions of the Gulf of Mexico Grouper and Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota Program.*

Diane Wakeman. 2009. M.L.A. (Florida Studies): *Workin' from cain to cain't: Challenges within Florida's Gulf Coast Oyster Industry.*

Ally Bennett (now Smith). 2008. M.L.A. (Florida Studies): *The Builders versus the Birds: Wetlands, People and Public Policy in the United States, Florida, and Hillsborough County.*

Ph.D. Committees (member):

Doug Ponticos (USF Tampa, History). 2025. *Springscape: Modern Florida and the Making of a Nature Coast, 1820s-present*.

Juan Carlos Pena-Philippides (USF Tampa, GESP). 2025. *Assessment and Integration of Socioeconomic and Demographic Factors in Determining Accomplishments of Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Governance in the Rimac River Basin, Peru*.

Becca David (USF Tampa, GESP). 2017. *What makes Water Policy Sustainable? An Analysis of Water Policies in U.S. Cities*.

Noah Mueller. (University of Florida, Geography). 2016. *How Long is Eternal? The Vulnerability of Small Caribbean Island Cemeteries to Sea Level Rise*. I served as de-facto co-chair for Noah's committee.

Nicole Caesar (USF Tampa, GESP). 2014. *Managing Regional Water Resources Amidst Rapid Urbanization in Southwest Florida: A Case Study*.

Johnny Wong (USF Tampa, GESP). 2014. *Troubled Waters: Georgia, Florida and Alabama's Conflict Over the Waters of the ACF River Basin*.

Supervised many more non-thesis students and participated in many more master's committees.

Public Programs Organized or Co-Organized:

Florida Studies Book Festival, 11 speakers (Craig Pittman, Cynthia Barnett, Andy Huse, Gary Mormino, Deb Carson, Tom Hallock, Julie Armstrong, Taylor Hagood, Kim Love, Roy Gardner, Chris Meindl) and book sales, USF St. Pete Library, 5 April 2025.

Forces of Nature: A History of Land Conservation in Florida, Book Talk by Clay Henderson, 4 October 2023.

Lost Voices for St. Augustine's Parish Archive, 1594-1821, Update on the La Florida Project by J. Michael Francis, 20 April 2023 (livestream and recorded event).

Florida Landmarks, Lodgings and Legends, Book talk and moderated discussion with Charles Greecen and Gary Mormino, on 28 March 2023.

The Bald Eagle: The Improbable Journey of America's Bird, Book Talk by Jack E. Davis, on 28 February 2023.

Sunbelt Blues: The Failure of American Housing, Book Talk by Andrew Ross, on 10 March 2022.

Wetlands: The Kidneys of our Planet, Guest Lecture by William J. Mitsch, on 25 October 2017.

Heroes Return: USF Alum and Their New Books, Book Talks by Dr. Jack Davis and Lee Irby, on 22 March 2017.

Fracking in Florida, Guest Lecture by Dr. Mark Stewart, on 7 April 2016.

Fathoming Florida Springs, Presentations by Christopher F. Meindl and John Moran, on 4 April 2016.

Environmental Consulting: Real Jobs for Real People, Presentations and Conversations with Storm and Jeanne Richards, Leigh Ann Elgin/Anderson, and Nancy Scott (Environmental Consultants) on 29 January 2015.

Prepared five field trips at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Spring 2014, Tampa, FL: 1) Celebration: Disney's attempt at developing a new urbanist community; 2) Homosassa Springs: Sea Level Rise, Flooding, Manatees and Springs; 3) Frank Lloyd Wright architecture and Florida Southern College; 4) Weedon Island: canoe trip through the mangrove swamps; 5) Hillsborough River: three rivers in one (cancelled due to lightning).

Hurricanes and Memory, Harry Schaleman Memorial Lecture by Dr. Craig Colten (LSU) on 9 April 2014.

Florida Estuaries: Connecting Landscapes to Oceans, program featuring guest speakers Nathaniel Reed (former adviser to Gov. Claude Kirk and U.S. Department of Interior), Holly Greening (Tampa Bay Estuary Program) and Troy Rice, Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program) on 3 April 2014.

The [Fading?] Promise of Urban and Regional Planning in Florida, with guest speakers Karl Nurse (St. Petersburg City Council), Dr. Bruce Stephenson (Rollins College), and Tom Pelham (former Florida Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs) on 22 January 2014.

Jim Crow Florida: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Race, a Chautauqua performance by Betty Jean Steinshouer as MK Rawlings on 14 October 2013.

Meet the Editors, Open conversations with editors from several Florida academic journals (including *Florida Historical Quarterly*, *Tampa Bay History*, *The Journal of Florida Studies*, *The Tampa Review* and *The Florida Scientist*) on 23 September 2013.

Water Management in Florida, A Conversation with former Executive Directors of the Southwest Florida Water Management District Sonny Vergara and Peter Hubbell 18 April 2013.

Water's Journey: The River Returns, Film followed with a Guest Lecture by Bill Belleville (author and documentary film maker) on 27 February 2013

The Florida Wildlife Corridor Exploration, Guest Lecture by Carlton Ward Jr. on 12 September 2012.

Water in Florida: Environmental Humanities Meets Public Policy, Guest Lectures and Panel Discussion with the following speakers: Governor Bob Martinez, Dr. Jack Davis (University of Florida), Dr. Steven Noll (University of Florida), John Moran (photographer), Margaret Ross Tolbert (artist), Bill Belleville (author and documentary film maker), Cynthia Barnett (author), and Tom Swihart (author and former administrator in the Office of Water Policy, Florida Department of Environmental Protection) on 29 March 2012.

Sea Level Rise in Florida, Guest Lecture by Dr. Harold Wanless (University of Miami) on 1 March 2012.

Blue Revolution: Unmaking America's Water Crisis, Guest Lecture by Cynthia Barnett (author) on 9 February 2012.

Florida's Water: A Fragile Resource in a Vulnerable State, Guest Lecture by Tom Swihart, (author and former administrator in the Office of Water Policy, Florida Department of Environmental Protection) on 24 October 2011.

Invited Presentations

Florida Springs book talks, 2024-2025, (Miami Book Fair, Sulphur Springs Museum, Sierra Club Nature Coast, Sierra Club Tampa Bay, Tombolo Bookstore.....)

“Historical Geography of Florida’s Springs” Invited presentation at the Historic Hernando (Co.) Preservation Society, 7 November 2024.

“Physical Geography of Florida’s Springs” Invited (virtual) presentation at Carthage College, 1 November 2024.

“Florida’s Changing Landscapes” Invited presentation at the USF Provost’s Post-Doc Symposium: *Planet of Weeds: Natural Histories of the Homogeocene*, Tampa, FL, 1 March 2019.

“Florida Springs: People, Pumping, Pollution and Politics” Invited presentation at the University of Florida *Geography Department Colloquium Series*, Gainesville, FL, 23 March 2017.

“Florida’s Water: Resources, Challenges, Solutions” Invited Presentation at the *Super Environmental Week Panel Discussion of Florida Environmental Issues* at USF St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, FL, 29 March 2016.

“Aquiferious” Invited to select several clips from Florida Springs films, develop questions for panelists, and emcee a discussion with panelists and the audience, at Hillsborough Community College (Ybor City campus), Tampa, FL, 4 February 2016.

“From the Clean Water Act to the EPA’s Clean Water Rule” Invited Presentation at a gathering called *Let’s Talk Clean Water* at the St. Petersburg Museum of History, St. Petersburg, FL, 7 December 2015.

“Water and Growth: Problems and Policy Rx” Invited presentation before the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Legislative Policy Committee of the Florida League of Cities, Orlando, FL, 10 October 2014.

“Taken for Granted: Florida’s Springs and their Place in the Cultural Landscape” Keynote address before the Annual Meeting of the Pinellas County Historical Society, Heritage Village (Largo), FL, 19 September 2014.

“Spain’s impact on Florida’s biogeography” one of five papers delivered at The Land Ponce de Leon Found: La Florida Symposium Celebrates State’s 500th Anniversary, University of Florida, Gainesville, 6 April 2013.

“Florida Water Challenges” Keynote address before the annual Spoonbill Bowl (a high school marine science competition) St. Petersburg, FL, February 2013.

“Seeking Sustainability in Water Resources Management” AND “Messin’ Around with the Everglades for more than a Century.” Invited presentations at the University of Mary Washington (Dept. of Geography), Fredericksburg, VA, Spring 2011.

“Water, Water Everywhere: (Re)defining Sustainable water resources management in Florida.” Invited presentation at the University of South Florida (Dept. of Geography), Tampa, FL, Spring 2010.

“Florida Wetlands: A Primer” Invited presentation for the Florida Center for Teachers, St. Petersburg, FL, Summer 2007.

“People’s Perceptions of Wetlands” Invited presentation for the Great Dismal Swamp in Myth and Memory Symposium at Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, NC, Spring 2006.

Presentations at Professional Meetings

“Florida Springs and the Struggle for Truth” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Spring 2025, Detroit, MI.

“Florida Springs and the Struggle for Truth” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Florida Society of Geographers, Spring 2024, St. Augustine, FL.

“The Anthropocene, Capitalocene and the Struggle to save Florida’s Springs” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Spring 2019, Washington, DC.

“Florida’s Springs: Pollution, Pumping, Politics and Policy” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Spring 2016, San Francisco, CA.

Organizer and Chair of a paper session entitled *Experience the Real Florida*. Presented Paper in this session entitled “Florida’s Springs: Canaries in a Coal Mine” at the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers, Fall 2015, Pensacola, FL.

“Florida’s Springs: Canaries in the Coal Mine” Paper presented at the Meeting of the International Conference of Historical Geographers, Summer 2015, London, England.

“Seeking Sustainability in Water Resources Management” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers, Fall 2010, Birmingham, AL.

“Probing Sustainable Water Management in Florida” Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Spring 2010, Washington, D.C.

“Seeking Paradise in the Swamps” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Environmental History, Spring 2009, Tallahassee, FL.

“Floridians and Their Wetlands” Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Spring 2006, Chicago, IL.

“The South and its Swamps.” Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Spring 2005, Denver, CO.

“Florida’s Fenholloway River: Pollution, Power and the Smell of Money.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Florida Society of Geographers, Spring 2005, Orlando, FL.

“On the Importance of Environmental Claims Making: The Role of James O. Wright in Promoting the Drainage of Florida’s Everglades in the Early 20th Century.” Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the American Society for Environmental History, Spring 2003, Providence, RI.

“Southerners and Their Swamps: The View from Middle Georgia.” Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Spring 2003, New Orleans, LA.

“Toward an Historical Geography of Florida.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Historical Geography Association, Spring 2003, St. Augustine, FL.

“Wetlands: Science, Politics, and Public Policy.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers, Fall 2002, Richmond, VA.

“Southerners and Their Swamps: Using the Internet to Survey People’s Perceptions of Wetlands.” Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Fall 2001, Lexington, KY.

“Southerners and Their Swamps: Using the Internet to Survey People’s Perceptions of Wetlands.” Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Spring 2001, New York, NY.

“Florida’s Forest Fires: Drought, The Media, and Population Growth.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Spring 2000, Pittsburgh, PA.

“Utah and El Nino, 1998.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Utah Geographical Society, Fall 1998, Ogden, UT.

“Selling Florida’s Everglades using Climatological Misconceptions.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Spring 1998, Boston, MA.

“Comparing South Florida Wetlands and Northern Utah Drylands.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Utah Geographical Society, Fall 1997, Ogden, UT.

“The Origins of Controversy in Florida’s Everglades: Past Perceptions of the Great American Wetland.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Spring 1997, Fort Worth, TX.

“Is South Florida Part of the South?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Spring 1996, Charlotte, NC.

“Demographics of Florida’s Cultural Divide.” Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Fall 1995, Knoxville, TN.

“Past Perceptions of Strange Places: The Great American Wetland and the Great American Desert.” Paper presented at the 9th International Conference of Historical Geographers, Summer 1995, Perth, Western Australia.

“The Great American Wetland: Historical Geography and Florida’s Everglades.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Spring 1995, Chicago, IL.

“Comparative Historical Geography: The Great American Desert and the Great American Wetland.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Florida Society of Geographers, Winter 1995, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

“Tampa, Florida and the Storm of the Century.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Spring 1994, San Francisco, CA.

“Paynes Prairie: Biography of a Wetland.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Fall 1993, Greensboro, NC.

Honors and Awards

Appointed to a term as the Frank E. Duckwall Professor of Florida Studies at USF St. Petersburg, 1 July 2013—30 June 2016.

Received a \$500 matching grant from the Florida Humanities Council to defray the cost of bringing author Carlton Ward to St. Petersburg for a public lecture, Fall 2012.

Received a competitive, full pay sabbatical for the spring 2011 semester at USF St. Petersburg.

Received a \$900 matching grant from the Florida Humanities Council to defray the cost of bringing author Susan Cerulean to St. Petersburg for a week-long visit, Spring 2008.

Received a \$4,300 New Investigator Research Grant from the University of South Florida to further develop a wetland survey methodology. This study compares responses to identical survey instruments administered by telephone (with help from Ray Oldakowski at Jacksonville University) and through the Internet (with help from college professors throughout Florida), Fall 2005-Spring 2006.

Received a \$969 grant from the Georgia College Faculty Research Committee to develop a pilot study regarding people’s perceptions of wetlands in Baldwin County, Georgia, Summer 2002.

Received an \$800 grant from Weber State University’s Research, Professional Growth and Development Program to pursue research on Wildfire in Florida, Fall 1999.

Invited to serve as a facilitator at TEACH-IN ‘96, a round table discussion sponsored by the University of Florida’s Center for teaching Excellence, Spring 1996.

University of Florida Dissertation Fellowship, presented by the College of Liberal Arts and

Sciences, June 1995.

University of Florida Graduate Student Teaching Award, issued by the Dean of the Graduate School to the university's top 14 graduate students who teach, 28 April 1995.

University of Florida Presidential Award, issued in recognition of outstanding contributions to the university, 30 March 1994.

Student Paper Award, Coastal and Marine Geography Specialty Group of the AAG, Spring 1993. "Tampa, Florida and the Storm of the Century."

Book and Article Manuscript Reviews

Reviewed Honey Rand's book manuscript for *University Press of Florida*, spring 2023

Reviewed Clay Henderson's book manuscript for *University Press of Florida*, summer 2021

Reviewed Tom Swihart's book manuscript for *Resources for the Future Press*, summer 2010

Reviewed Craig Pittman's book manuscript for *University Press of Florida*, summer 2007

Reviewed Elizabeth F. Shores' book manuscript for *LSU Press*, spring 2007

Reviewed article manuscript for *Environment and Planning E*, spring 2024

Reviewed article manuscript for *Limnologica*, spring 2020

Reviewed article manuscript for *Florida Geographer*, summer 2017

Reviewed article manuscript for the *Journal of Political Ecology*, spring 2013

Reviewed article manuscript for the *Journal of Rural Studies*, summer 2013

Reviewed article manuscript for *Geoforum*, spring 2011, summer 2012

Reviewed article manuscripts for *Southeastern Geographer*, spring 2004, fall 2004, summer 2006, spring 2007, spring 2011, summer 2013, fall 2014

Reviewed article manuscript for *Florida Historical Quarterly*, fall 2007

Reviewed article manuscript for *Professional Geographer*, spring 2005

Reviewed article manuscripts for *Historical Geography*, summer 2002, summer 2003.

Reviewed grant proposal for the *National Science Foundation*, spring 2000.

Service Activity

USF St. Petersburg

Director, Florida Studies Program, August 2011 to present.

Provost's Task Force to refine proposal to create a new College of the Environment, spring 2024.

Chair, search committee to hire a Natural Hazards assistant professor, September 2023 to March 2024.

Associate Chair, School of Geosciences, August 2021 to August 2022; and again from August 2023 to August 2024.

Clean Energy and Resource Conservation Committee (CERCC), August 2015 to August 2018

Environmental Science Faculty Search Committee (Chair), October 2017 to April 2018.

Geography Program Coordinator, September 2017 to January 2018.

ESPG Undergraduate Coordinator, November 2015 to February 2016.

Led four separate field trips during the 2014 conference of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) meeting in Tampa, Fla.: *Celebration, Fla.*; *Homosassa Springs, Fla.*; *Florida Southern College, Lakeland Fla.*; *Weeden Island (St. Petersburg, Fla.) canoe trip.*

ESPG Department Internship Coordinator, November 2013 to February 2016.

ESPG Department Undergraduate Committee Chair, August 2013 February 2016.

President's Advisory Council (Committee to search for a new campus leader [Regional Chancellor] at USF St. Pete), August 2012-March 2013.

Member, two faculty search committees (Math), summer 2013-fall 2013

Member, two faculty search committees (Limnology; and Environmental Policy), August 2012 to January 2013.

College of Arts and Science Faculty Council, August 2011 to May 2013; (Chair from August 2011 to August 2012)

Graduate Coordinator, Environmental Science and Policy Program, August 2008 to December 2010.

Member, USF St. Petersburg Faculty Senate, August 2009-May 2010.

Book Review Editor for *The Southeastern Geographer*, Summer 2003 to Summer 2008.

Interim Director, University Honors Program, USF St. Petersburg, August 2007 to August 2008.
Program Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Social Science (ISS) Program, Fall 2003 to Summer 2008.

Chair, Graduate Committee of the Environmental Science and Policy Program, April 2007 to December 2010.

Chair, Academic Grievance Committee, Summer 2007.

Member, College of Arts and Science Dean Search Committee during the 2006-2007 school year.
Member, two advisor search committees, and on the anthropology search committee during 2005-2006 school year.

Member, College of Arts and Science Faculty Council, Fall 2007 to Spring 2009.

Member, Executive Committee of the *Florida Society of Geographers*, Spring 2004-Spring 2007.

Member, Campus Library Committee, Fall 2003-Summer 2010 (Chair, Fall 2006-Summer 2010).

Georgia College

Acting Department Chair, Dept. of History and Geography, 1 January 2002 to 31 July 2002.

Service on Committee to Review the B.S. in Biology program at Georgia College, Spring 2003.

Service on Audit Committee of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Spring 2003.

Co-Chair of the State Level competition of the *National Geography Bee*, 4 April 2003, Georgia College, Milledgeville, Georgia.

Faculty Mentor to new geographer, Doug Oetter, 2002-2003; Coordinator of geography program; strengthened and reorganized the lower division geography curriculum; ongoing strengthening and reorganization of upper division geography curriculum.

Search Committee Chair (Physical Geography/GIS), 2001-2002.

Member, College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum and Instruction Committee, fall 2001 to summer 2003.

Member, International Education Committee, fall 2001 to summer 2003.

Co-Chair of the State Level competition of the *National Geography Bee*, 6 April 2001, Georgia College, Milledgeville, Georgia.

Co-Chair of "Teaching Geography 2000" (A Conference for Future Geography Teachers) 10 November 2000, Georgia College, Milledgeville, Georgia.

Weber State University

Co-Chair of the *Utah Geographic Alliance's* Annual Spring Conference, 17 March 2000, Weber State University, Ogden, Utah.

Presentation made to Weber State University's *S4 (Science Seminars for Superior Students)* program, "Geography as Science: It's Not Just States & Capitals." January 1998, Ogden, Utah.

Presentation made to the *Utah History Alliance*, "Environmental Issues at the Millennium." in June 1999, Ogden, Utah.

Leader of a day long seminar on economic geography for the *Utah Geographic Alliance*, in July 1999, Logan, Utah.

Presentation made to participants in Weber State University's *Academy for Lifelong Learning*, "El Nino in Utah, 1998." November 1999, Ogden, Utah.

Member, College of Social and Behavioral Science Curriculum Committee.