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Current Position: Associate Professor of Geography and Department Chair

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Previous Academic Appointments

2004-2005 Visiting Fulbright Scholar, School of City and Regional Planning, Cardiff University, Wales, U.K.

1999-2004 Assistant Professor of Geography, Gustavus Adolphus College

2002 Visiting Scholar, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia

1998-1999 Instructor, Department of Geography, Gustavus Adolphus College

1997 Instructor, Urban Studies Program, University of Minnesota

Education

Ph.D. Geography, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 2000
Dissertation: Recycling the Industrial City: Brownfield Site Cleanup and Redevelopment in Minneapolis-St. Paul and Vancouver, B.C.
Subject Specialties: Urban Geography, Environmental Justice, Urban Planning
Regional Specialty: U.S. and Canadian Metropolitan Regions
Committee: John S. Adams, Eric Sheppard, Dwight Brown, Ken Sexton, Steve Taff

M.C.S. Interdisciplinary Studies, Regent College, Vancouver, B.C., 1995
Comprehensive Examination: Environment, Technology, Culture and Theology
Committee: Loren Wilkinson, Craig Gay

M.S. Civil Engineering, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 1988
Concentration: Environmental Engineering and Science
Thesis: Kinetics of Methanotrophic Biodegradation of Chlorinated Aliphatic Hydrocarbons
Advisor: H. David Stensel

B.C.E. Civil Engineering, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 1986
Graduated with High Distinction
Concentration: Water Resources and Environmental Engineering

Professional Experience

- 2003 Brownfields Policy Expert in Residence, Brantford, Ontario
 Consulted with city on brownfields revitalization plans.
- 1999 Independent Environmental Consultant
 Client: North Jackson Company, Negaunee, Michigan
 Oversaw environmental site assessments.
- 1997 University of Minnesota, Center for Transportation Studies
 Researcher, Urban and Regional Dynamics Project
 Researched the effect of urban growth on municipal finances.
- 1995-96 University-Minnesota, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs
 Researcher, Reuse of the Twin City Army Ammunition Plant
 Worked to communicate environmental restoration and site reuse alternatives
 to local communities.
- 1993-94, 96 Environmental Engineering Project Manager
 Golder Associates Ltd., Vancouver, B.C.
 Managed numerous environmental site assessments, and served as field
 project manager for the \$3.0 million environmental restoration of Esquimalt
 Indian Reservation lands.
- 1988-92 Environmental Engineer
 Barr Engineering Company, Bloomington, MN
 Managed numerous environmental investigations, prepared community right-
 to-know reports for industrial clients, and served as project engineer for New
 Brighton, MN water supply system restoration.
- 1988 Environmental Engineer
 Gray and Osborne, Inc., Seattle, Washington
 Prepared water and wastewater planning studies for municipal clients in the
 Puget Sound Basin.
- 1985 Engineering Soils Technician
 Twin City Testing Company, St. Paul, MN
 Field and laboratory testing for construction projects.
- 1984 Civil Engineering Technician
 Minnesota Department of Transportation, St. Paul, MN
 Final engineering design for the I-94 and I-35E commons.
- 1982-84 Physics and Calculus Tutor
 University of Minnesota, Institute of Technology, Minneapolis, MN

Courses Taught

Normal Teaching Assignment

Introduction to Human Geography
Urban and Regional Analysis
Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
Weather and Climate
Water Resources
Senior Seminar

Interim Semester Experiential/Travel Courses

Urban Planning and Design
The Future of Sustainability
Sustainable Development in the Pacific Northwest (2001)
City and Regional Planning in the United Kingdom (2009)

Other Courses

Urban Geography
Cities and the Environment
Introduction to Environmental Studies
The City: Visions, Plans, and Realities
Environmental Attitudes and Landscape Change
Climate and Human Affairs

Senior Geography Honors Theses Supervised

Angela Magnusson, (2009) "Cultivating a Sense of Place: Community Gardens and the Role of Civic Agriculture in Refugee Resettlement."

Alye Bohn, (2009) "Bassett Creek: Perceptions of an Urban Stream."

Anne Bortscheller, (2008) "Geography Education in the United States."

Bradley Utecht, (2008) "Spatial Dynamics of Church Members: The Changing Faces and Spaces of Lutheranism in the Minneapolis Synod."

Kurt Wayne, (2007) "The Identity and Function of a Small Town: Ottawa, Minnesota."

Amanda Varley, (2007) "The Geography of Coffee: The Global and the Local."

Caroline Rew, (2007) "Food Cooperatives in Minnesota."

Hattie Carvalho, (2006) "Nicollet Meadows: A New Urbanist Small Town Innovation."

Amanda Peterson, (2003) "White Flight in Minneapolis-St. Paul, 1990-2000."

Alison Doppelhammer, (2003) "Teardowns and McMansions on Lake Minnetonka."

Heather Brandon, (2001) "Upscaling the North Woods: Rural Gentrification in Cook County, Minnesota"

Refereed Journal Articles

Bjelland, M., Cowger, L, Maley, M., and Barajas, L. 2006. The Quest for Authentic Place? The Production of Suburban Alternatives in Minnesota's St. Croix River Valley, *Urban Geography*, Vol. 27, No. 3, 253-270.

Wood, J., Curry, J., Bouma-Prediger, S., Bjelland, M., and Bratton, S. 2005. Christian Environmentalism: Cosmos, Community and Place, *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*, Vol. 57, No. 1, 1-5.

Bjelland, M. 2004. Brownfield Sites in Minneapolis-St. Paul: The Interwoven Geographies of Industrial Disinvestment and Environmental Contamination. *Urban Geography*, Vol. 25, No. 7, 589-630.

Bjelland, M. 2004. A Place for Geography in the Liberal Arts College? *The Professional Geographer*, Vol. 56, No. 3, 326-336.

Bjelland, M. 2002. Until Justice and Stewardship Embrace: Or, How a Geographer Thinks About Brownfield Sites. *Christian Scholar's Review*, Vol. 31, No. 4, 393-412.

Strand, S., M. Bjelland, and H. D. Stensel. 1990. Kinetics of Chlorinated Hydrocarbon Degradation by Suspended Cultures of Methane-Oxidizing Bacteria. *Research Journal of the Water Pollution Control Federation*, Vol. 62, pp. 124-129.

Strand, S., R. Seamons, M. Bjelland, and H. D. Stensel. 1988. Competitive Kinetics of Methane-Oxidizing Biofilms for Degradation of Toxic Organics. *Water, Science and Technology*, Vol. 20, No. 11/12, pp. 167-173.

Chiesa, S. C., J. Postiglione, and M. Bjelland, 1987. Effects of Variable Influent Loading on Biological Phosphorus Removal. *American Society of Civil Engineers Journal of Environmental Engineering*, Vol. 113, No. 5, pp. 1058-1073.

Books in Preparation

Fellmann J., Bjelland, M, Getis, A., and Getis, J. forthcoming 2010, *Human Geography: Landscapes of Human Activities*, 11th Edition, New York: McGraw-Hill.

Getis, A., Getis, J. , Fellmann, J., and Bjelland, M. forthcoming 2011, *Introduction to Geography*, 13th Edition, New York: McGraw-Hill.

Book Chapters, Encyclopedia Entries and Monographs

Bjelland, M. 2009. "Love Canal," in *Encyclopedia of Geography*. Warf, B. ed., Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Bjelland, M. 2009. "Landfills," in *Encyclopedia of Geography*, Warf, B. ed., Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Bjelland, M. 2006. Faith, Social Justice and Service Learning in Environmental Studies: The Struggle for Integration. In *Spirit of Service*, Brian Johnson and Carolyn O'Grady, eds. Boston, MA: Anker Publishing.

Bjelland, M. 2006. The Homes Where We Live. In *Living the Good Life on God's Good Earth*, Grand Rapids, MI: CRC Publications.

Bjelland, M. 2004. Reclaiming Brownfield Sites: From Toxic Legacies to Sustainable Communities. In *WorldMinds: Geographic Perspectives on 100 Problems*, D. Janelle, B. Warf, and K. Hanson eds., Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers.

Bjelland, M., 1999. *Thinking Regionally: Justice, Nature and City Planning*, Crossroads Monograph Series on Faith and Public Policy, No. 29, Wynnewood, PA, 66 pp.

Reports, Non-Refereed Articles, and Instructional Materials

Bjelland, M. 2009. "Reflections on Geography's Contributions to the Social Scientific Study of Religion," *AAG Newsletter*, Vol. 4, No. 4, p. 13.

Bjelland, M. 2009. *Instructor's Resource Manual for Introduction to Geography*, 12th edition, New York: McGraw-Hill

Bjelland, M. 2009. *Test Bank for Introduction to Geography*, New York: McGraw-Hill.

Bjelland, M. 2005. Called to Completion. *The Cresset: A Review of Literature, The Arts, and Public Affairs*, Easter.

Bjelland, M. 2003. Land-Use Planning and the Quest for Shalom. *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*. Vol. 3, No. 10.

Bjelland, M. 2000. Brownfield Sites: Causes, Effects, and Solutions. *Center for Urban and Regional Affairs Reporter*, Vol. 30, No. 1, 1-10.

Bjelland, M. 1997. Reusing the Arsenal: How the University Was Involved in the Planning Process. *Center for Urban and Regional Affairs Reporter*; Vol. 27, No. 2, 17-23.

Bjelland, M. 1997. Metropolitan Growth and Local Government Finances," in *Sustainable Metropolitan Growth: The Transportation-Land Use Connection, Report No. 1: The Role of Housing Markets, Regulatory Frameworks, and Local Government Finance*, Adams, J. S. and VanDrasek, B. J. eds., prepared for the Minnesota Department of Transportation, University of Minnesota Center for Transportation Studies, and the Metropolitan Council.

Chiesa, S. and M. Bjelland. 1988. Plastics in the Waste Stream: Potential Problems and Management Alternatives. *Center for Urban and Regional Affairs Reporter*, Vol. 18, No. 2, 7-11.

Book Reviews

Rob Krueger and David Gibbs, Eds., "The Sustainable Development Paradox: Urban Political Economy in the United States and Europe," Guilford, 2007, reviewed for *Economic Geography* (January 2009) Vol. 85 (1): 113-114.

Thomas Fletcher, "From Love Canal to Environmental Justice: The Politics of Hazardous Waste on the Canada-U.S. Border," Peterborough, Ontario: Broadview Press, 2003, reviewed for *Urban Geography* (February 2006), Vol. 27, 2, 194-195.

Mira Engler, "Designing America's Waste Landscapes," Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004, reviewed for *The Professional Geographer* (February 2006) Vol. 58, 1, 120-121.

Jon Pahl, "Shopping Malls and Other Sacred Spaces: Putting God in Place," Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2003, reviewed for *Crux* (September 2004) Vol. 15, 3, 37-38.

Michael R. Greenberg, "Restoring America's Neighborhoods: How Local People Make a Difference," New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 1999; reviewed for *Urban Geography*, Vol. 24, 1, 94-95.

Peter Marcuse and Ronald van Kempen, eds. "Globalizing Cities: A New Spatial Order?" London and Cambridge: Blackwell Publishers, reviewed for *H-Urban* (August, 2001). Reprinted in *Perspectivas Urbanas/Urban Perspectives* (2003).

Conference Presentations

2009. Congregations and Religious Diversity, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV

2008. Beyond the Parish Bounds: The Changing Faces and Spaces of Minneapolis' Lutherans, Association of American Geographers Geography of Religion and Belief Systems Specialty Group, Boston, MA.

2007. Millennial Dreams: The Challenges of Creating Sustainable Communities, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA.

2006. The Ivory Tower and the Bulldozer: Colleges as Accidental Developers and Urban Planners. Conservation, Land Management and Stewardship: A Cross-Campus Symposium, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI.

2005. London's Greenwich Millennium Village: A Template for Sustainable Brownfields Regeneration?" Association of European Schools of Planning Annual Conference, Vienna, Austria.

2005. Brownfields, Globalization, and the Livable City. Nordic Geographers Meeting, Lund, Sweden.

2004. The Moral Landscape of Suburban Alternatives, American Scientific Affiliation Meeting, Vancouver, B.C.
2004. The Quest for Authentic Place: The Production of Suburban Alternatives in Minnesota's St. Croix Valley, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, PA.
2003. Environmental Sustainability Indicators Applied to Rural Cluster and New Urbanist Development Projects. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, LA.
2003. The Status of Geography in Liberal Arts Colleges. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, LA.
2002. How Green is Smart Growth? West Lakes Regional Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Minneapolis, MN.
2002. A Place for Geography in the Liberal Arts College? Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA.
2001. Competing Agendas and Diverse Needs: A Geographical Framework for Evaluating Brownfield Site Restoration Projects. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, NY.
2000. Minneapolis' Bassett's Creek: A Century of Civil Engineering and Social Engineering, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Pittsburgh, PA.
1999. The Geography of Environmental Contamination: Implications for Environmental Policy. West Lakes Regional Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Dekalb, IL.
1998. Brownfield Sites in Geographic Context. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA.
1997. Recycling the Industrial City: Brownfield Site Restoration in Minneapolis-St. Paul and Vancouver, B.C. Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Toronto, ON.
1988. Kinetics of Chlorinated Hydrocarbon Degradation by Suspended Cultures of Methane-Oxidizing Bacteria. Annual Meeting of the Water Pollution Control Federation, Houston, TX.

Invited Academic Lectures

2007. Brownfields and the Divergent Faces of Sequent Occupance, Geography Coffee Hour Lecture Series, University of Minnesota, Department of Geography, Minneapolis, MN
2006. Towards an Urban Renaissance in the U.K., Geography Colloquium, Minnesota State University-Mankato, Mankato, MN.
2005. Stumbling Towards Sustainability: Smart Growth and the American Dream. Cardiff University, School of City and Regional Planning, Planning Research Group Seminar.

2005. Brownfields and the Janus-Faced Spaces of Globalisation. Cities Programme, London School of Economics.
2005. Urban Planning in the USA. Cardiff University, School of City and Regional Planning, International Planning Seminar Series.
2005. Challenges of Rural Sustainability in the Corn Belt, Cardiff University, School of City and Regional Planning, Sustainability in Practice Graduate Seminar.
2003. Urban and Environmental Planning in Post-Reunification Germany. Minnesota State University-Mankato, Geography Colloquium, Mankato, MN.
2003. Brownfields and Watershed Health. Wilfred Laurier University-Brantford, Brantford, Ontario.
2001. Valuing Groundwater: The Confluence of Science, Society, and Ethics. Minnesota Groundwater Association Annual Conference, Saint Paul, MN.
2001. Urban Stream Restoration: Tales From the Twin Cities. Minnesota State University-Mankato, Geography Colloquium, Mankato, MN.
1998. Brownfields, Deindustrialization, and Metropolitan Planning. Augsburg College, Urban Studies Seminar, Minneapolis, MN.

Public Speaking

2007. Young Adults in Minnesota: A Geographical Analysis, Presented to the Board Meeting of the Center for Rural Policy Development, Minneapolis, MN
2007. The Changing Spatial Patterns of Lutherans in Minneapolis. Presented to the District Council Meeting, Minneapolis Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
2007. Wales 2007, St. David's Day Luncheon Keynote Speaker, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN
2006. Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue: The Future of British Cities, Faculty Shoptalk, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN
2006. Hurricanes, Natural Hazards and the Gulf Coast Region, Seniors Active Learning Together, Spring Seminar Series, Burnsville, MN
2006. Cardiff Today, St. David's Day Luncheon Keynote Speaker, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN
2006. One World, Many Peoples: Theology, Geography, and the Problem of the One and the Many, University Graduate Christian Fellowship, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2005. Hurricanes and Natural Hazard Vulnerability, Partners in Education Forum, St. James Lutheran Church, Burnsville, MN.

2005. Three Rival Versions of Britain's Urban Future, Faculty Forum, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN
2005. What's Natural About Natural Disasters in New Orleans? Hurricane Katrina Teach-In, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN
2003. The Brownfield Challenge in Brantford. Kiwanis Club, Brantford, Ontario.
2003. Brownfield Sites: Challenges and Opportunities. Rotary Club, Brantford, Ontario.
2002. The Triune Creator and the Ecological Complaint Against Christianity. University of Minnesota, Graduate Christian Fellowship, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2001, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008. Chapel Homilist. Gustavus Adolphus College.
2000. Guest on Twin Cities Viewpoints radio program, KQQL-FM, Minneapolis, MN.
2000. What Does Social Justice Have to Do With Environmentalism? Gustavus Adolphus College Controversy Speaker Series.

Externally Funded Grants

- 2008 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Minneapolis Synod, "Socio-Spatial Analysis of Lutheran Churches in the Hiawatha Corridor ," Amount: \$600
- 2007 Center for Rural Policy Development, "Young Adults in Minnesota: A Geographical Analysis," Amount: \$1,800
- 2007 University of Minnesota College of Design, Designing the Future: Community Strategies Partnership between Saint Peter, MN and Waseca, MN, (wrote grant as Chair of St. Peter City Planning Commission), Amount: \$2,000
- 2007 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Minneapolis Synod, "Changing Faces and Spaces of Lutherans in Minneapolis: A Spatial Analysis." Amount: \$3,500
- 2005 Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science, Course Curriculum Development Grant, Amount: \$1,000.
- 2005 National Science Foundation, Course Curriculum Laboratory Instrumentation Adaptation and Implementation Grant, "Establishing an Interdisciplinary Watershed Research Program at Gustavus Adolphus College. Co-investigator with Dr. Jeff Jeremiason. Amount: \$106,500.
- 2004 U.S.-U.K. Fulbright Commission, Cardiff University Fulbright Scholar, September 2004-June 2005. Amount: £12,500 GBP.
- 2002 Council of Christian Colleges and Universities Networking Grant, "Christian Environmentalism." Co-Investigator with Susan Bratton, Jan Curry, Steve Bouma-Prediger, and John Wood. Amount: \$15,000

Internally Funded Grants

- 2004-6 Gustavus Adolphus College, Service Learning Course Implementation Grant.
Amount: \$1,000
- 2003 Gustavus Adolphus College, Research, Scholarship and Creativity Grant, “Christian Environmentalism With/Out Boundaries.” Amount: \$1,700
- 2002 Environmental Studies Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Grant, “How Green is Smart Growth,” Amount: \$16,000
- 1999 Gustavus Adolphus College, Research, Scholarship and Creativity Grant. “Post-Tornado Recovery in St. Peter, MN,” Amount: \$1,700

Professional Development

- 2008 “Congregations and Religious Diversity in Contemporary America,” Calvin College Seminar in Christian Scholarship, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2005 Computers in Urban Planning and Urban Management Conference, University College London.
- 2004 “Spatial Perspectives for Analysis Curriculum Enhancement,” San Diego State University, Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science, San Diego, CA.
- 2003 “Social Justice and Indigenous Rights in Guatemala,” Center for Global Education, Augsburg College
- 2002 “Spatial Pattern Analysis in a Geographic Information System Environment,” Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science, University of California at Santa Barbara
- 2002 “Digital Orthophotography,” Minnesota Geographic Information/Land Information Consortium Workshop
- 2001 “Urban Planning in Germany,” Fulbright Commission, German Studies Seminar

Professional Service

External Department Reviewer, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, 2009

Session Co-Organizer, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 2009.

Conference Organizer, Minnesota Undergraduate Geography Symposium, Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, 2008

Service Learning Community Partnership, Olmsted County and City of Rochester, MN Planning Department, "Analysis of Housing Value Changes in Rochester, MN, 1994-2008." Spring 2008

External Pre-Tenure Candidate Reviewer, Department of Geography, Macalester College, St. Paul, 2006

Service Learning Community Partnership, USDA Three Rivers Conservation District, "Mapping Community Projects," Spring 2006

Service Learning Community Partnership, Minnesota Rural Partners, "Online Clickable Map of Rural Development Resources," Spring 2006.

Mentor, University of Minnesota, Preparing Future Faculty Program, Fall Semester 2005

External Tenure Candidate Reviewer, Department of Geography, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, 2005

Session Organizer and Chair, Geographic Perspectives on Brownfield Sites, March 16, 2004, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, PA

Session Organizer, Minnesota Academy of Sciences Geography Symposium, April 26, 2003, Saint Paul, MN

Session Organizer: "Geography in the Liberal Arts College: Negotiating the Special Challenges and Opportunities." 2003, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, LA.

Conference Organizer: "Geography and the Private Liberal Arts College," August 24, 2001, St. Peter, MN, funded by a Bush Foundation Teaching and Learning Grant.

Session Organizer, "Geographical Perspectives on Brownfield Redevelopment," sponsored by the AAG urban geography specialty group, February 28, 2001, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers.

Referee for:

National Science Foundation CCLI Grant No. 9950628 to University of St. Thomas
McGraw-Hill (4 geography textbooks)

Environmental Management (1 manuscript)

Environment and Planning A: Society and Space (3 manuscripts)

Environment and Planning B: Planning and Design (1 manuscript)

Landscape Planning (1 manuscript)

Water International (1 manuscript)

Journal of Environmental Planning and Policy (3 manuscripts)

Journal of Geography (1 manuscript)

Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith (2 manuscripts)

Gustavus Adolphus College Service:

Nobel Conference 2009 Committee Co-Chair, "Water: The Critical Resource Issue for the 21st Century"

Campus Co-Director for Civic Engagement Assessment: “Measuring Intellectual Development and Civic Engagement Through Value-Added Assessment at Six Midwestern, Private Liberal Arts Colleges (Alma, Augustana, Gustavus Adolphus, Illinois Wesleyan, Luther, and Wittenberg),” Funder: Teagle Foundation (2006-2008)

Academic Operations Committee, Secretary (2008-present)

External Evaluator for pre-tenure faculty reviews in Chemistry and Biology

Academic Operations Committee (2008-present)

Advisor, Soros Fellowship for New Americans (2006-present)

Nobel Hall of Science, Space Needs Assessment Team (2005-present)

Lilly Fellows Program Campus Coordinator (2005-2008)

Session Organizer, “One Earth, Many Worlds,” Presidential Inauguration Symposium (2004)

Geography Department Chair (2001-2004, 2005-present)

Faculty Development Committee (2000-2001)

Lilly Endowment Grant Planning Committee, “Theological Exploration of Vocation.”

Campus Beautification Committee (1999)

Environmental Studies Advisory Committee (1998-present)

Pre-Architecture Faculty Advisor (1998-present)

Gustavus Adolphus College Student Activities:

Prepare Ministries, Faculty Advisor (2007-present)

Gamma Theta Upsilon Geography Honor Society, Faculty Advisor (2002-present)

Geography Club, Faculty Advisor (2002-2004)

Architecture Club, Faculty Advisor (2001-present)

Awards and Fellowships

1997-1998 University of Minnesota, Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship

1996-1997 University of Minnesota, CURA/Borchert Fellowship

- 1996 University of Minnesota, Geography Department Summer Research Fellowship
- 1993 Project Engineer for Superior Plating Groundwater Remediation - Voted One of Eight Engineering Wonders of the Year by the Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers
- 1992-1993 Regent College Tuition Scholarship
- 1987 Pacific Northwest Water Pollution Control Federation, Graduate Student Paper Contest, 2nd Place
- 1986-1987 University of Washington, Valle Graduate Scholarship

Community Service

- Board Member, PACT Ministries (food shelf and thrift store), Mankato, MN, (2007-present)
- Member, Board of Zoning and Appeals, City of St. Peter, MN (2007)
- Member, Project Advisory Committee, U.S. Highway 169 in St. Peter, MN Preliminary Highway and Landscape Design, (2006)
- Chair, City Planning Commission, Saint Peter, MN, (2002-2007)
- Member, Historic Preservation Commission, Saint Peter, MN, (2000-2002)
- Board Member, Neighborhood Transportation Network, Minneapolis, (1990-91)

Memberships and Professional Registration

- American Planning Association
- Association of American Geographers
 - Urban Geography Specialty Group
 - Canadian Studies Specialty Group
 - Water Resources Specialty Group
 - Geography of Religion and Belief Systems Specialty Group
- Minnesota Geographic Information Systems/Land Information Systems Consortium
- Professional Engineer (Civil Engineering), State of Washington, No. 28990 (inactive)