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Summary Curriculum Vitae
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Academic Qualifications

2002 - 2008, Queen's University – PhD Candidate – (Geography)

In process: Current research is focused on the historical development of Algonquin Provincial Park in connection with historical and contemporary issues concerning the Aboriginal Algonquin land claim in this area. Specifically the research addresses the development and context of historical and present-day land use policies in parks and protected areas and how historical issues of native land appropriation impact on the current negotiations. The current problematic negotiation of native land claims in the park area are a direct result of the initial failure of park policy to address Aboriginal interests at the time of the creation of the park. Historical discourses reveal an evolution of ideas connecting political and social conceptions of nature/wilderness with park development and management and the place of Aboriginal people in nature and society. These culturally constructed perceptions and the related processes of dispossession mirror contemporary global issues regarding the displacement of indigenous peoples from established parks and protected areas.

2001, Queen's University – Master of Arts (Geography)

Studies focused on historical land use development and legislation in Upper Canada, and the cultural and social history of Aboriginal peoples. These included; the construction of identity and the social construction of race; perceptions of space and place in relation to environment and resource use; cultural ecology – the interaction of human culture with the environment; the historical development of the colonial treaty process; religious beliefs of Native peoples; the impacts of colonialism on indigenous nations; and the theoretical application of research methodology and utilization of data bases. Thesis: "Land of Which the Savages Stood in No Particular Need": Dispossession of the Algonquins of Southeastern Ontario of Their Lands, 1760-1930.

1992, Queen's University – Bachelor of Arts, Honours (Geography)

Studies focused on historical land use and development in south-eastern Ontario; public policy and ethnicity; and economic, cultural and social impacts of colonialism in Third World countries. Completed courses in quantitative methodology, economic geography and field methods.

1989, University of Western Ontario, Bachelor of Arts (Geography), Resource Conservation

Focused on geology, pedology, resource management, rural development, and statistical analysis. Research Assistant: Soils Laboratory, Department of Geography.

(Selected) Professional Experience

Consultant: *Land Conservancy for Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Municipally Owned Land Inventory – Phase 2*

January – March 2008. Contact: President: Ms. Vicki Schmolka

Currently undertaking research and inventory of natural spaces/conservation lands owned by North Frontenac, The Township of Frontenac Islands, Loyalist Township, Township of Greater Napanee, Township of Addington Highlands and the City of Kingston to document and identify natural spaces, which could support ecosystem sustainability and provision of natural area linkages within Ontario communities and within the Algonquin Park and Adirondack Mountains corridor.

Consultant: *Land Conservancy for Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Municipally Owned Land Inventory*

August, 2007 – December, 2007 Contact: President: Ms. Vicki Schmolka

Completed a detailed inventory and report of natural spaces/conservation lands owned by South Frontenac, Central Frontenac, and Stone Mills Townships documenting vacant municipal lands. The objective was to identify natural spaces, which could support ecosystem sustainability and provision of natural area linkages within Ontario communities and within the Algonquin Park and Adirondack Mountains corridor.

Teaching Assistant – Tutorial Leader

1994 – 2007 Department of Geography, Department of Environmental Sciences, Department of Development Studies – Queen's University, Kingston, ON.

Courses of Instruction:

2002 – 2007 - Historical Geography of Canada; Geography and the Environment; Economic Geography – Global Issues; Environmental Sociology; Introduction to Development Studies: Canada and the Third World; Development and Culture

1994 – 1997 - Introduction to Human and Physical Geography; Geography and the Environment

Data Analyst/Researcher – “*Homeland, Third Space, Identity: The Landscapes of the Alderville Mississauga.*”

2001 – 2003 Contract Position: SSHRC, Dept. of Geography, Queen's University, Kingston, Dr. B. Osborne; Dept. of Geography, Brock University, St. Catherines, Dr. M. Ripmeester

Research addressed historical Algonquin First Nation and Mississauga land use patterns in South-Eastern Ontario through the compilation and coordination of historical data. This included research on historical ethno-geographic issues surrounding the validity and content of the Williams Treaty and construction of a detailed historical resource/location map compiled from original surveyor and land registry records in the Alderville/Mississauga study area as a basis for historical Mississauga land use and occupation.

Co-ordinator: *Demographic Research Project – Women in Own-Account Self-Employment in Canada: a Policy Perspective*

2001 Sept.-Oct. Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo. Dr. Judy Bates. Completed a research and interview program to produce a cross-demographic sample of self-employed women in the Kingston, Ontario area for inclusion in the federal “Status of Women” report.

Guest Lecturer – “*Geographies of Aboriginal Peoples*”

2001 Queen's University, Kingston, ON.

Lectured on issues relevant to historical land ownership for Aboriginal people and monitored open discussion on theoretical issues.

Researcher: *Historical-Geographical Community Development*

1996 – 2000 Ardoch Algonquin First Nation and Allies (AAFNA), Ardoch, ON.

Undertook extensive historical genealogical and individual land ownership research. Accessed and utilized historical documentation from National and Provincial Archives and from local archival resources in relevant township offices. Interacted and corresponded with community elders regarding their ancestral occupancy and use of the area surrounding Ardoch and compiled and interpreted genealogical charts which demonstrated the cultural and geographical survival of a distinct Aboriginal community in the area.

Data Analyst/Researcher

1999 Joan Holmes & Associates, Inc. Ottawa, ON.

Completed research utilizing statistical, demographic and economic factors to determine genealogy and historical land use patterns of Non-Status Algonquin families in the Ottawa Valley. Compiled and recorded research and synthesized and composed a coordinated study for inclusion in a final report –“Report on Non-status Algonquin Communities: Antoine First Nation, Ardoch Algonquins, and Bonnechere Métis Association.”

Business Owner and Operator

1990 – 2007 Gardener's Edge. Kingston, ON.

Operated a seasonal horticultural business – landscape and garden design and maintenance. Employed casual staff and budgeted financial operations.

Business Owner and Operator.

1976 – 1989 The Hair Loft, London, ON.

Managed a successful business with an operating budget in excess of \$160,000.00 annually and employed up to twelve staff. Performed budgeting, accounting, payroll, and inventory. Negotiated contracts, organized operation of the business, delegated responsibility, hired appropriate staff, trained and assumed responsibility for apprenticeships.

Publications

Huitema, M. (forthcoming), "Constructs of Nature: The Establishment of Algonquin Provincial Park and the Dispossession of the Ottawa Valley Algonquin First Nation." *Canadian Studies*, Paris-Sorbonne.

Huitema, M. 2005, "Dissonant Ideologies: The Algonquin -Mississauga Presence in the Ottawa-Huron Tract in Nineteenth Century Ontario." *Social Science in Parks and Protected Areas*, Ontario Parks, Algonquin Provincial Park/Parks Research Forum of Ontario (PRFO), 39-46.

Osborne, B., Huitema M. and Ripmeester, M., 2004 "Shared Places, Shifting Spaces: The First Nations of the Thousand Islands." *Life on the Edge: The Cultural Landscape of the Thousand Islands Area*. Canadian Thousand Islands Heritage Conservancy in association with St Lawrence Islands National Park - Thousand Islands Publishers, 13-26.

Huitema, M., 2003, "Aboriginal Stewardship and Participation in Cultural and Natural Heritage Planning and Policy: The Algonquin Nation in the Ottawa Valley." *Protected Areas and Watershed Management*, Parks Research Forum of Ontario (PRFO), 235-242.

Huitema, M., B. Osborne and M. Ripmeester, 2002 "Imagined Spaces, Constructed Boundaries, Conflicting Claims: A Legacy of Postcolonial Conflict in Eastern Ontario", *International Journal of Canadian Studies*, *Post-Canada*, 25, Spring Issue, 87-112.

Huitema, M.E., 2001, "'Land of Which the Savages Stood in no Particular Need': Dispossession of the Algonquins of South-Eastern Ontario of their Lands, 1760-1930," M.A. Thesis, Queen's University, Kingston.

Presentations/Conferences

AFEC/FACS International Conference, Saumur (France), June 8-10, 2006, National and Provincial Parks, Open Spaces and Wilderness in Canada, "The Establishment of Algonquin Provincial Park and the Dispossession/Dislocation of the Ottawa Valley Algonquin First Nation."

CAGONT, October 24-25, Queen's University, 2003, "'Homeland' or 'Wilderness'? National Parks Development and the Algonquin Nation in the 19th-20th Century Ottawa Valley."

Parks Research Forum of Ontario (PRFO) Annual Conference on Protected Areas and Watershed Management, 2003, University of Western Ontario (UWO), May 8-10th. "Aboriginal Stewardship and Participation in Cultural and Natural Heritage Planning and Policy: The Algonquin Nation in the Ottawa Valley."

Algonquin Research Symposium 2003: Social Science in Parks and Protected Areas, Algonquin Park, March 26-27, “Dissonant Ideologies: The Algonquin -Mississauga Presence in the Ottawa-Huron Tract in Nineteenth Century Ontario.”

34TH Algonquian Conference: Queen’s University, Nov. 2002. “The Power of Mapping –(De)constructing Culture Through A Symbolic System.”

Third Annual Symposium: Aboriginal Studies, Queen’s University, Nov 3-4, 2001
“Colonial Settlement Policy, Dispossession, Resistance, and Renewal: The Ardoch Algonquin First Nation.”

Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting – June 2001
“Colonial Legislation and Policy - An Effective Barrier to Historical Land Ownership for Non-Status Aboriginals? A Case Study.”

Ban Righ Centre, Queen’s University, Kingston – September 25, 2000
“Overcoming Obstacles.”

Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting – June 2000
“The Dispossession of Native People from their Lands: The Mississauga-Algonquin Conflict.”

Personal Data

Hobbies – Gardening, Bird watching, Bush tracking, Travel throughout Africa.
Sports – Canoeing, Hiking, Scuba Diving (NAUI certified).