

Kate M. Syfert
Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2002-present

Doctoral Student, The State University of New York, University at Buffalo
Department of Anthropology, Specialization in Cultural Anthropology
National Science Foundation Research Fellow
Advanced Certificate in Geographic Information Science
Primary advisor: Charles Frake, PhD
Projected date of completion: June 2004

2001

M.A. Anthropology, The State University of New York, University at Buffalo
Title: "Cognitive Geographic Research: Inserting Culture into the Equation"

1999

B.A. Anthropology, B.A. Religion, Syracuse University, College of Arts and Sciences
Summa cum Laude

SPECIALIZATIONS

Areas:

Japan, United States

Concentrations:

Cultural Anthropology, Geographic Information Science, Technology and Society, Gender

Languages:

Japanese (advanced beginner), French (intermediate)

PROFESSIONAL AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2002

Adjunct lecturer: The State University of New York, College at Geneseo. Department of Anthropology. Anthropology 243: "Women in Cross-cultural Perspective".

1999

Substitute teacher: Byron-Bergen High School, Bergen, New York.

1997-1998

Tutor: Syracuse University Center for Academic Achievement, Syracuse, New York.

1997

Intern: The Cultural Resources Council of Syracuse and Onondaga County.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2003
National Science Foundation and Monbukagakusho (Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) East Asia Summer program for U.S. Graduate Students in Science and Engineering. Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan.
- 1999-2003
National Science Foundation IGERT Geographic Information Science Fellowship
- 1999-2003
Tuition Scholarship, SUNY Buffalo
- 2001
National Science Foundation and Monbukagakusho (Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) Summer Program: Research Experience Fellowships for Young Foreign Researchers. Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan.
- 2001
Mark Diamond Research Fund, Graduate Student Association, SUNY Buffalo. For M.A. project "Cognitive Geographic Research: Inserting Culture into the Equation".
- 1998
Class of 1956 Scholarship, Syracuse University
- 1997-1998
Dr. Lyman Spire Scholarship, Syracuse University
- 1996-1998
Chancellor's Scholarship, Syracuse University

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2001
University Consortium of Geographic Information Science Poster Presentation Award of Excellence
- 1999
The National Dean's List
- 1999
Kenmore Wesley Haight Memorial Award for outstanding senior in the Religion Department, Syracuse University
- 1999
Lambda Alpha Delta (Anthropology)
- 1999
Theta Chi Beta chapter of Theta Alpha Kappa (Religion)
- 1998
Phi Beta Kappa (early induction)
- 1998
Phi Kappa Phi (Social Sciences)
- 1998
Eta Pi Upsilon (Senior Women's Leadership Honorary)
- 1997
Golden Key National Honor Society
- 1996-1999
College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List, Syracuse University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2003

Kate Syfert, "The Geography of Biological and Chemical Terrorism: The Case of Aum Shinrikyo, 1993-1995". Milton Plesur Graduate History Conference (February 22), Buffalo, New York.

2002

Kate Syfert and John Rock, "A Hierarchical Model for Collaborative Wayfinding". GIScience 2002 (September 26), Boulder, Colorado.

2002

Kate Syfert, "Apology and the Construction of Identities: The Tragedy of *Ehime Maru*". Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences (June 12), Honolulu, Hawaii.

2001

Kate Syfert, "Discourse Analysis: How People Talk about their Geographic Surroundings". Kyoto Linguistics Conference (July 12), Kyoto, Japan.

2001

Kate Syfert, poster presentation: "Cognitive Geographic Research: Inserting Culture into the Equation". University Consortium for Geographic Information Science June 22), Buffalo, New York.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

2002

Kate Syfert, "The Gender Gap in Japan: Language, Employment, Education". Geography 800: The Art of Teaching (October 24), SUNY Buffalo.

2002

Kate Syfert, "Qualitative Geographic Information Research in Japan". Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training Program in Geographic Information Science Colloquium (September 6), Buffalo, New York.

2002

Kate Syfert and John Rock, poster presentation: "Stumbling through the geographic darkness: Strategies for wayfinding in cross-linguistic situations, a case study from Kyoto, Japan". Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training Program in Geographic Information Science Site Visit Meeting (March 7), Buffalo, New York.

2001

Kate Syfert and John Rock, "Stumbling through the geographic darkness: Strategies for wayfinding in cross-linguistic situations, a case study from Kyoto, Japan". Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training Program in Geographic Information Science Advisory Board Meeting (November 30), Buffalo, New York.

PUBLICATIONS

REFERENCE ENTRIES

In preparation

Kate Syfert, "Japan, relations with" and "Central Park Jogger Case". *In* Postwar America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural, and Economic History.

ABSTRACTS

2002

Kate Syfert and John Rock, "A Hierarchical Model for Collaborative Wayfinding". GIScience 2002 Conference Proceedings.

2002

Kate Syfert, "Apology and the Construction of Identities: The Tragedy of *Ehime Maru*". Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences Conference Proceedings.

WEB PUBLICATIONS

2001

Kate Syfert, "Cognitive Geographic Research: Inserting Culture into the Equation". University Consortium of Geographic Information Science. www.geog.buffalo.edu/studentposter.html

RESEARCH REPORTS

2001

Kate Syfert, "Research Report: Monbusho Research Experience Fellowships for Young Foreign Researchers". Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture and the Graduate University for Advanced Studies.

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE AND WORKSHOPS

2003

Continuing research on internet culture. Topics: conflict resolution among members of internet communities, creating senses of place on line, gender and the internet.

2003

Kyoto, Japan. Two months of field research. Topics: women working in the GIS field, how foreigners create senses of place in Japan (visual anthropology project). Supervisor: Masa-aki Yamanashi, PhD; Kyoto University.

2003

The Mystery of Capital and the Construction of Social Reality Workshop (April 12-15), SUNY Buffalo.

2001

Categories Workshop (October 26-27), SUNY Buffalo.

2001

Kyoto, Japan. Two months of field research. Topics: wayfinding, categorization of geographic objects, collaboration. Supervisor: Masa-aki Yamanashi, PhD; Kyoto University.

1997

Syracuse, New York. The Cultural Resources Council of Syracuse and Onondaga County. Topics: preservation of Hmong culture and arts, women in Hmong culture, museum practices. Supervisor: Daniel Ward, PhD.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association
Association for Feminist Anthropology

Society for Cultural Anthropology
National Association of Student Anthropologists
East Asian Studies in Anthropology
Society for Social Studies of Science

ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Geographic Information Science Multidisciplinary Organization, SUNY Buffalo.