



## *Curriculum Vitae*

Gary Cummisk, Ph.D.  
Professor of Geography & Anthropology  
Dickinson State University  
Dickinson, North Dakota 58601

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### **DEGREES AWARDED**

Doctor of Philosophy in Geography, University of Oregon  
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, Cornell University  
Master of Science in Natural & Cultural Resource Management, Central Washington University  
Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts, Virginia Wesleyan College

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Professor of Geography and Anthropology, Dickinson State University, Dickinson, North Dakota, August 2011-2018.

Visiting Professor and EPSCoR Scholar in Natural Resources and Environmental Science, University of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, V.I. 2009-2010.

Associate Professor of Geography and Anthropology, Dickinson State University, Dickinson, North Dakota, August 2006-2012.

Assistant Professor of Geography and Anthropology, Dickinson State University, Dickinson, North Dakota, August 2003-2006.

Assistant Professor of Geography and Anthropology, TriCounty Technical College, Pendleton, South Carolina, 2000-2003

Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Environmental Studies, & Humanities, Central Washington University, the William O. Douglas Honors College, and the McNair Scholars Program, Ellensburg, Washington, 1995-1999

Assistant Director of Academic Programs, Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program. Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington, 1998-1999

Assistant Editor, *Small Town*, Small Towns Institute, Ellensburg, Washington, 1995-1996

Graduate Teaching Fellow and Instructor in Geography & Environmental Studies, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, 1992-1995

Geography & Environmental Studies Instructor, Oregon Institute of Marine Biology, Charleston, Oregon, 1994

Instructor, Environmental Writing, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, 1991-1992

Conservation Chair, Kittitas Audubon Society, Ellensburg, Washington, 1988

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, 1986-1987.



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Graduate Teaching Assistant, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1985  
Instructor, The James Stokely Scholars Program, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1984  
Naturalist/Intern, Pine Mountain Settlement School, Bledsloe, Kentucky, 1984  
Naturalist/Environmental Interpreter, The Sharon Audobon Center, Sharon Connecticut, 1982  
Teacher, The Hindman Settlement School, Hindman, Kentucky, 1982-1984  
Historical and Natural History Interpreter, Chippokes State Park, Surry, Virginia, 1981

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Outstanding Teacher of the Year in Arts & Sciences, Dickinson State University, 2012  
The Aspen Institute, Wye Faculty Seminar participant, Wye River, Maryland, July 2011  
EPSCoR Fellow (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, National Science Foundation), University of the Virgin Islands, Spring 2010  
Emmy Award as an Academic Advisor and Script Editor for the documentary series *Physical Anthropology: The Evolving Human*, 2008.  
Innovative Teacher of the Year, Dickinson State University, 2006.  
Minigrant to travel to regional AAG Conference, TriCounty Technical College, 2002.  
Sustainable Universities Grant (to incorporate ecological content into course development), State of South Carolina, 2001  
First Place, Yakima Allied Arts Poetry Contest, 1998  
First Place, Yakima Allied Arts Poetry Contest, 1996  
Geography Research Travel Grant, University of Oregon, 1994  
Roland Bradley Scholarship, University of Oregon, 1993-1994  
Winner, The Corson-Bishop Prize for Poetry, Cornell University, 1991  
Alumni Federation Fellowship, Louisiana State University, 1988-1990  
Scholarship for Science and Literature, Central Washington University, 1987



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James Stokely Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching (a Mellon Grant for Studies in the Humanities), The University of Tennessee, 1983

### **COMMITTEE WORK**

Dickinson State University Curriculum Council, 2007-present

City of Dickinson Urban Forestry Committee, 2006-2009

Theodore Roosevelt Symposium Planning Committee, 2005-present

State Representative to the Diversity Council for Dickinson State University, 2005-2007

Everett C. Albers Humanities Committee, Dickinson State University, 2004-present

Transportation Committee, Dickinson State University, 2004-present

South Carolina International Education Consortium, Executive Committee Member representing TriCounty Technical College, 2000-2002

Chair, Cultural Enrichment Committee, TriCounty Technical College, 2001-2002

### **RECENT CONFERENCES AND PAPERS**

“Toward a Model of Sustainable Eco-tourism: Maho Bay and Estate Concordia, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands,” presentation at the annual meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division of the Association of American Geographers, Denver, Colorado, October 6-8, 2011.

“Robinson Jeffers Geographical Imagination,” paper presented at Association of Pacific Coast Geographers 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, September 28-October 1, 2011.

“Toward a Model of Sustainable Eco-tourism: Maho Bay and Estate Concordia, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands,” presentation at the annual meeting of the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS), Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon, June 17-20, 2010.

Faculty Panelist and Presenter on Kermit Roosevelt at the “Theodore Roosevelt: Family Man in the Arena” Symposium, Dickinson State University, October 15-17, 2009.

Participant and discussant at the Inaugural Conference of the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS) at the University of Wisconsin—Madison, October 8-11, 2009.



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Paper Presentation: "Making Geographic Streaming Video." Annual Meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division of the Association of American Geographers, Grand Forks, ND September 12-12, 2008.

Poster Presentation with Gia Cummisk: "Mapping Theodore Roosevelt's North Dakota." Geography & the Humanities Symposium, Charlottesville, VA, June 22-24, 2007.

Faculty Response Panelist: "Theodore Roosevelt: The Adventurer Symposium." Dickinson State University, October 12-14, 2006.

Paper Presentation with Gia Cummisk: "Mapping Theodore Roosevelt's North Dakota." Annual Meeting of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, University of Oregon, Eugene OR, September 6-9, 2006.

Paper Presentation: "Restoring the Legacies of Davant." Annual Meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division of the Association of American Geographers, University of Wyoming, Laramie WY, September 22-24, 2005.

Paper Presentation: "Logging Camp Ranch: As Far East as West Gets." Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Annual Meeting, San Luis Obispo, CA, September 8-12, 2004.

Paper Presentation: "Logging Camp Ranch and the Dakota Forest." Annual Meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division of the Association of American Geographers, Sioux Falls, SD, September 30-October 2, 2004.

Article: "Logging Camp Ranch and the Dakota Forest," *North Dakota Geographic Alliance Magazine*, Spring 2004, Vol. 3, No. 3.

Co-chair of the South Carolina International Education Consortium's annual meeting. The theme for the Winter 2003 session is "The Indigenous World." I arranged for presentations by representatives of South Carolina's indigenous peoples, including Cherokee and Catawba .

Presentation: "Writing the Land: Geopoetics and the Differentiation of Landscape," Oct. 12, 2002 Rocky Mountain and Great Plains Division Meeting, Association of American Geographers, University of Montana.

Presentation: "Risks of Globalization" in The Plight of Humanity Seminar, Fall Semester, Clemson University, 2002.

Participant in Rudy Mancke's natural history seminar at the Palm Key Nature Reserve in coastal South Carolina, 2001.

### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

---. "Appalachian Nature Writing." Appalachian Mountain Books 4.3.



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- . "Appalachian Springs: Nature Writing and Environmental Views of the Southern Mountains." PhD Dissertation, University of Oregon, 1995.
- . Review of Boundaries of Home: Mapping for Local Empowerment, ed. Doug Aberley. Small Town 26.3, November-December, 1995: 30.
- . "Discovered Country: How the West Reacts to the New Tourism." Review of Discovered Country, edited by Scott Norris. Small Town 26.4, January-February, 1996: 31.
- . "Errant Journeys: Learning the Lessons of Tourism at Home and Abroad." Review of Errant Journeys by David Zurick. Small Town 26.4, January-February, 1996: 30-31.
- . "The Literary Naturalists of the Southern Appalachians." MS Thesis, Central Washington University, 1987.
- . "Logging Camp Ranch and the Dakota Forest," North Dakota Geographic Alliance Magazine, Spring 2004, Vol. 3, No. 3.
- . "Olsburg's Optimal Catchment Market Area." (Map) Small Town 26.4, January-February 1996: 15.
- . "Simple Living: Finding Happiness by Abandoning the City," Review of Simple Living: One Couple's Search for a Better Life by Frank Levering and Wanda Urbanska. Small Town 26.3, November-December 1995: 31.
- . "Tepotzlan." Allied Arts Council of Yakima, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Poetry Reading (Chapbook). 1998: 3.
- . "There is No Patience Like a River." MFA Thesis, Cornell University, 1992.