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**EDUCATION**

- University of Florida** Gainesville, FL  
Ph.D. - Geography August 2004  
Minor in Natural Resource Use and Conservation  
Dissertation: "Human Use of River Turtles (*Podocnemis* sp.) in Lowland Eastern Bolivia"
- University of Florida** Gainesville, FL  
M.A. - Latin American Studies/Tropical Conservation & Development December 1997  
Thesis: "Gender and Culture Influences on Attitudes about National Park Punta Izopo, Honduras: An Assessment for Participatory Conservation and Management"
- Macalester College** St. Paul, MN  
B.A. - Environmental Studies & Religious Studies Majors, Biology Minor May 1992

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Pomona, CA**  
• **Assistant Professor:** *Geography/Anthropology Department*, September 2006- present  
Courses taught: Biogeography, Human Geography, Geography of Latin America, Physical Geography, and Introduction to GIS.
- Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville, FL**  
• **Adjunct Assistant Professor:** *Behavioral and Social Sciences Department*,  
Taught World Regional Geography (enrollment 34) and Cultural Geography (enrollment 35).
- Academic Technology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**  
• **Tutor Coordinator:** *The Teaching Center*, Fall 2001-Spring 2003  
Managed 140 weekly hours of tutors in advanced math and sciences. Interviewed and hired tutors.  
• **Tutor:** *Wildlife Issues*, Fall 2002  
Assisted student athletes in weekly review sessions and developing study skills (class 656, study group 17).
- Department of Geography, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**  
• **Instructor:** *World Regional Geography*, Fall 1999  
Developed syllabus, wrote and delivered all lectures, tests and review materials for course (enrollment 150).  
• **Instructor:** *Physical Geography Lab*, Fall 1998 & Spring 1999  
Developed syllabus and lab manual. Wrote and delivered all lectures and exercises for course (enrollment 35).
- Department of Instruction and Curriculum, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**  
• **Teaching Assistant:** *PRO-Teach Program*, Spring 1996 & Fall 1997  
Supervised undergraduate education majors in teaching practicum placements in five elementary schools.  
Coordinated programs with school principals and led weekly seminar meetings.
- La Suerte Biological Field Station, Cariari, Costa Rica**  
• **Teaching Assistant:** *Tropical Ecology Field Methods*, Summer 1996  
Taught quantitative social science methodologies and ecological field methodologies for undergraduate tropical rainforest ecology field course. Supervised students' final projects (enrollment 20).

**PUBLICATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

- Lipman, A., L. Saucedo, K. Conway-Gómez. (under review). Locally-based conservation of Amazon River turtles in Noel Kempff Mercado National Park, Bolivia
- Conway-Gomez, K. (under review). Cross Cultural Research: Implications for Data Collection.
- Conway-Gómez, K. 2008. Market integration, perceived wealth and household consumption of river turtles (*Podocnemis* sp.) in eastern lowland Bolivia. *Journal of Latin American Geography* 7(1): 85-108.
- Conway-Gómez, K. 2007. Effects of Human Settlement on Abundance of *Podocnemis unifilis* and *P. expansa* Turtles in Northeastern Bolivia. *Chelonian Conservation and Biology* 6(2): 199-205.
- Conway, K. 1999. Valorización de las Influencias del género en el conocimiento de la historia natural en las comunidades locales hacia el Parque Nacional Punta Izopo (Propuesto), Honduras. In Fang, T.G., Montenegro, O.L., Bodmer, R.E. (Eds.). *Manejo y Conservación de Fauna Silvestre en América Latina*. 159-164.
- Conway, K. 1999. Resumen de las influencias del género y la cultura en las actitudes hacia el Parque Nacional Punta Izopo, Honduras: Una valoración para el manejo y la conservación participativa. Report to Collaborators. J. Barborak (Ed.) Gainesville, FL: The Wildlife Conservation Society.
- Conway, K. 1998. Una comparación entre las actitudes de la gente aledaña hacia la conservación en áreas protegidas en Costa Rica, Panama y Honduras. In Swisher, M.E., and J.M. Mora (Eds.). *Proceedings of the 1997 OTS Agroecology Field Course*. 183-192.
- Moffat, P., V. Fuentes, S. Langel, K. Conway. 1998. A model for incorporating community participation in the establishment and management of a protected area. *Journal of the Public Interest Environmental Conference*. 2(1): 119-125.
- Conway, K. 1997. Propuesta y resultados preliminares. In *Plan de Manejo y Desarrollo del Área Protegida Punta Izopo*: 50-66.
- Conway, K. 1993. State Expenditure on Federally Listed Threatened & Endangered Species. *University of Michigan Endangered Species Bulletin*. 10(8): 5-6.

## PRESENTATIONS

**Association of American Geographers**, Annual Meeting, Boston, April 2008, “Discussing Sustainable Development Across Borders – An International Online Discussion In Undergraduate Geography Classes”

**Geography in the Americas: Collaboration on Research and Education**, La Serena, Chile, May 2007, “Natural resource conservation geography in Bolivia – learning by doing.”

**Association of American Geographers**, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 2007, “Cross Cultural Research: Implications for Data Collection.”

**California Geographical Society**, Annual Meeting, Borrego Springs, March 2007, “Human Use of Two Species (*Podocnemis* spp.) of River Turtles in Lowland Eastern Bolivia.”

**Field Museum of Natural History**, Chicago, July 2003, “Human Use and Abundance Counts of River Turtles (*Podocnemis* sp.) in Eastern Lowland Bolivia.” Invited talk.

**Association of American Geographers**, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, March 2003, “River Turtle Use in Lowland Eastern Bolivia – Scenarios for Conservation or Extirpation?”

**Association of American Geographers**, 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, March 2002, “Human Use of River Turtles in Lowland Bolivia”.

**V Congreso Internacional sobre Manejo de Fauna Silvestre en la Amazonía y Latinoamérica**, Cartagena, Colombia, September 2001, "Uso por comunidades y la conservación potencial de petas del agua (*Podocnemis* sp.) en las tierras bajas del Oriente Boliviano".

**Annual North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference**, Orlando, Florida, March 1998, "Mexico's Wildlife Conservation Program: A Strategy of Management for Biodiversity Compatible with Development". Paper translated and presented for Carlos Llorens-Cruset.

**III Congreso Internacional sobre Manejo de Fauna Silvestre de la Amazonia**, Santa Cruz, Bolivia, December 1997, "Una Evaluación de Participación Local en un Área Protegida en Honduras".

**Annual North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference**, Washington, D.C., March 1993, "State T/E Spending".

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

**Wildlife Conservation Society**, Gainesville, FL

- **Research Assistant:** *Mesoamerican & Caribbean Program*, September 2004-June 2005  
Conducted research related to Amazon-Andes protected areas & program writing.

**United States Geological Survey**, Gainesville, FL

- Contractor: Biological Services, July-September 2004  
Georeferenced maps of south Florida in Imagine.

**Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida**, Gainesville, FL

- **Research Assistant:** *Wetlands Legislation*, Fall 1997  
Researched federal and state wetland regulations. Designed attitude and knowledge assessment instruments.

**Universidad Nacional & Organization of American States**, Carara Biological Reserve, Costa Rica

- **Field Researcher:** *Scarlet macaw Project*, July 1993-July 1994  
Collected population data of Scarlet macaw (*Ara macao*) population in Carara Biological Reserve for management plan. Designed and implemented species- and reserve-specific phenology studies. In partnership with Reserve staff, designed and implemented a community education program.

**International Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies**, Washington, D.C.

- **Wildlife Diversity Specialist**, *Watchable Wildlife Project*, 1994-1995  
Assisted Director in raising \$350 million for conservation of nongame species. Collated information to build support for passage of Federal enabling legislation.
- **Policy Research Assistant**, 1992-1993  
Implemented ongoing congressionally-mandated program to monitor state endangered species spending. Developed survey instrument to assess national spending.

**National Fish & Wildlife Foundation**, Washington, D.C.

- **Neotropical Migrant Research Intern**, 1992-1993  
Solicited financial information and data on "Partners in Flight" neotropical migratory bird program grants.

**Public Technology, Inc.**, Washington, D.C.

- **UNCED Research Assistant**, 1992  
Examined local, state and federal positions on comprehensive array of national issues relating to Agenda 21. Final paper presented by PTI's president at the Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro.

**The Nature Conservancy**, Minneapolis, MN

- **Research Intern**, 1991  
Conducted biological database search of rare plant species for Great Lakes Coastal Diversity Project.

## APPLIED WORK

### **St. Johns River Water Management District, Palatka, FL**

• **GIS Analyst Intern:** *Information Resources*, January-April 2004

Assisted in web page design for GIS database. Received training in ArcGIS Spatial Analyst. Assisted with editorial tasks showcasing IR Department.

### **Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**

• **Planning Committee Member:** *Patterns & Processes of Land Use & Forest Change in the Amazon*, 1998-99

Assisted in Conference organization and coordination, maintained participant database.

## ACADEMIC HONORS AND GRANTS

- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Provost Teacher Scholar Program \$11,000 [2007&2008]
- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Faculty GIS Workshop \$1,000 [2007]
- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Program summer stipend [2007]
- University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dissertation Writing Fellowship \$3,750 [2002]
- University of Florida, O. Ruth McQuown Scholarship—Women's Studies \$3,000 [2001]
- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Award \$10,000 [2000]
- Chelonian Research Foundation Grant for field research in Bolivia \$2,000 [2000]
- Inter-American Foundation Grant for field research in Bolivia \$3,800 [Summer 2000]
- Title VI (FLAS) Fellowship to study Portuguese in Brazil \$5,000 [Summer 1999]
- Tropical Conservation and Development Program Field Research Grant \$1,000 [Summer 1999]
- Wildlife Conservation Society Grant for field research in Honduras \$3,000 [Summer 1997]
- Tinker Foundation Research Grant for field research in Honduras \$1,500 [Summer 1997]
- Dickinson Grant for Organization for Tropical Studies Agroecología Course \$1,800 [June 1997]
- DeWitt Wallace Scholarship - overall academic merit [1991-1992]
- Kagin Scholarship - promising Religious Studies Major [1990-1991]

## CERTIFICATES

ESRI Certificate in ArcGIS Spatial Analyst (January 2004)

Summer Institute in Social Theory, GIS and Remote Sensing – participant. Center for the Study of Institutions, Population and Environmental Change, Indiana University (May-June 2003)

Trimble Certificate in Applied GPS Mapping for GIS (February 2003)

## FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Spanish - Strong reading, writing and speaking ability

Portuguese - Basic conversational, writing and reading ability

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### **IUCN Species Survival Commission - Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group**

Invited member of TFTSG, which aims to mobilize global efforts to help preserve turtles and their habitats

### **University of Florida**

Representative to Graduate Student Council, Geography Department; President, Student Association for Latin American Studies; construction volunteer, Alachua County Habitat for Humanity

### **Macalester College**

Alumni Admissions Committee; President of SEED (Students for Environmental & Economic Development); Visiting Volunteer, Home for Alzheimer's Patients; Math tutor (grades K-6), Head Start Program

## MEMBERSHIPS

Association of American Geographers, Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers

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