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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Environmental and Natural Resource Policy 2008

State University of New York,
College of Environmental Science and Forestry,
Syracuse, New York, USA

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Fulbright Scholar	2004
GE&RI Research Fellowship (SUNY ESF)	2006
ESF Teaching Fellowship (SUNY ESF)	2007
Technology, Entertainment and Design Fellow	2009

Dissertation Title: *Evaluating Environmental Awareness: A Case Study of the Nariva Swamp, Trinidad*

Advisors: Dr. Richard Smardon, Dr. Brenda Nordenstam
Committee: Dr. Peter Castro

Certificate of Advanced Studies in Latin America and Caribbean Studies 2008

Program on Latin America and the Caribbean
Syracuse University,
Syracuse, New York, USA

M.Sc. in Environmental Management 2004

University of the West Indies, St. Augustine,
Trinidad, W.I.

Masters Project: *Profits b4 People: A Case Study of the physical, social and economic impacts of Atlantic LNG on Point Fortin and surrounding villages.*

B.Sc. in Chemistry and Management 2002

First Class Honors
University of the West Indies,
St. Augustine, Trinidad, W.I.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor	2009 –	July
Environmental Studies Colgate University		Present
Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow	Dec	Jan –
African American Studies Department, Syracuse University		2008

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Environmental Justice; Sustainability and Development; Natural Resource Conservation and Management/Policy; Environmental Thought (Attitudes, Concerns, Behaviors); Climate Change; Latin America and Caribbean

PUBLICATIONS

Most Recent Articles

- The Impact of Oil and Gas Drilling on the Environmental Awareness of Three Rural Wetland Communities, *Environmental Conservation*, 2009, Vol. 36, No. 1, 14-21
- Environmental Perceptions and Action: Villagers Response to Oil and Gas Drilling in the Wetlands of Rural Trinidad, *Research in Social Problems and Public Policy*, 2010, Vol. 18, 289-321
- Nariva Swamp, (forthcoming), *Biomes and Ecosystems: An Encyclopedia*, Salem Press: Pasadena, CA
- Abstract: “Using the Environmental Justice Frame to Understand Environmental Concern Toward Oil and Gas drilling in Trinidad”. *Faculty and Student Research Diversity Symposium*, June 2007.
- Abstract: “The Impact of Oil and Gas Drilling and Environmental Concern of Wetland Communities.” *Great Lakes Research Consortium Program and Abstracts*, March 2007.
- Abstract: “Evaluating Environmental Awareness: A Case Study of Nariva Swamp, Trinidad”, *ESF Alumni News*, Winter 2007.

Articles under Review

- A review of the wetland use and management of the Nariva Swamp, Trinidad
- Trouble in paradise: A case study of environmental justice in Trinidad and Tobago

Works in submission stage

- Shall we go green? Citizen's reception to the implementation of green infrastructure as an alternative to traditional stormwater management controls.

Work in Progress

- Livelihood Vulnerability to Climate Change in Wetland situated Rural Communities: A Case Study of Trinidad and Tobago
- Climate Change: Voices of the Vulnerable – The Fisherman's Plight – A documentary of the impacts of climate change on the fishing industry in Trinidad and Tobago: June 2012
 - This documentary talks a practical approach to research by allowing the researcher to not only report the views of a marginalized community with respect to climate change, but allows for these voices to be visible to a wider audience through the use of film. The video, which is sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, through their Climate Frontlines Grant program, follows fishers in three villages of Trinidad and Tobago.

Work in Pipeline

- Green Infrastructure Perception Differences; Neighborhood to Neighborhood?
- Environmental barriers and influence factors toward green infrastructure

ACADEMIC GRANTS AND AWARDS

Submitted

August 2011: NSF General submission proposal to Geography and Spatial Sciences and Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences Programs

Title: RUI: Understanding vulnerability, environmental psychology and adaptive capacity to climate change among the fishing community in the Caribbean

Awarded

UNESCO Climate Frontlines Grant		2010
Program on Latin America and the Caribbean Summer Grant		2006
SUNY ESF	Alumni Memorial Scholarship	April 2007
SUNY ESF	Certificate of Accomplishment	April 2006,
2007		
Berger Paints Ltd	Best Year II Chemistry Student	Oct 2001
Chromospec Ltd	Best Year II Chemistry and Management Student	Oct 2001
Penta Paints Trinidad Ltd	Best Graduating Student in Chemistry	Oct 2002

Industrial Gases Ltd	Best Year III Performance in Chemistry	Oct 2002
Western Scientific Co. Ltd	Best Year III Performance in Chemistry and Management	Oct 2002
U.W.I Endowment and Oct	Outstanding Academic Performance	Oct 2000 and
Development Fund Bursary		2001
Book Prizes	Best Graduating Student Geography	Oct 1999

In Preparation

Colgate Major grant
Colgate University Upstate Institute