

Cary William de Wit

EDUCATION

B.S. Journalism. University of Kansas, 1984.

M.A. Geography. University of Kansas, 1992. Thesis title: "Sense of Place on the Kansas High Plains."

Ph.D. Geography, with Honors. University of Kansas, 1997. Dissertation title: "Sense of Place on the American High Plains."

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Instructor. Department of Geography, University of Kansas. August 1992–May 1996.

Lecturer. Department of Geography, University of Alaska Fairbanks. January 1997–May 1998.

Visiting Assistant Professor. Department of Geography, University of Alaska Fairbanks. August 1998–May 1999.

Assistant Professor. Department of Geography, University of Alaska Fairbanks. 1999–2006.

Associate Professor. Department of Geography, University of Alaska Fairbanks. 2006–Present.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Culture Theory Seminar	Cultural Geography of the United States
Geography of United States and Canada	Natural Resource Mgt. Issues at High Latitudes
Geography of Asia	Cultural Landscape Theory (Graduate)
Geography of Alaska	Local Places, Global Regions: Introduction to Geography
Geography of Europe	People, Places, & Environment: Principles of Human Geography
Geopolitics of Energy	

PUBLICATIONS

- 1992 "Food-Place Associations on American Product Labels." *Geographical Review* 82: 323-330. Also reprinted 1998 (see below)
- 1994 "Sense of Place on the High Plains." *Environmental & Architectural Phenomenology Newsletter* 5, No. 2 (Spring): 10-11.
- 1998 "Food-Place Associations on American Product Labels." In *The Taste of American Place*, eds. B. Shortridge and J. Shortridge. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.
- 2000 Review of Visions of Paradise: Glimpses of our Landscape's Legacy, by John Warfield Simpson. *Geotimes*, November 2000.
- 2001 "Women's Sense of Place on the American High Plains." *Great Plains Quarterly* 21: 29-44.
- 2004 "Emptiness." In *Encyclopedia of the Great Plains*, ed. David J. Wishart, 384-385. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press.
- 2004 "Gender and Sense of Place." In *Encyclopedia of the Great Plains*, ed. David J. Wishart, 329-330. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press.
- 2005 "Field Methods for Investigating Sense of Place." *North American Geographer* 5, no. 1-2: 5-30.
- 2006 "Flyover Country." In *The American Midwest: An Interpretive Encyclopedia*, eds. Richard Sisson, Christian Zacher, and Andrew Cayton, 66-68. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
- 2008 Article revisions for *World Book Encyclopedia* (print and online versions): "Barrow," "Fairbanks," "Ketchikan," "Nome." Chicago: World Book.

WORKS IN PREPARATION

Under Review: *Sense of Place on the American High Plains*. Book manuscript.

"Perceptual Geography of Alaska." Manuscript in preparation.

RADIO PROGRAMS

Following is a list of radio programs co-produced with the staff of KUAC (FM 89.9) and broadcast on Alaska Public Radio's "Alaska Edition" program. Each program covered current international geopolitics and the geographical underpinnings of situations in various parts of the world. Each program was broadcast throughout Alaska, and was available nationally and internationally through the KUAC web site www.kuac.org.

- 10/10/01 Effect of 9/11/01 terrorist attacks on world power balance.
- 10/17/01 Afghanistan Series, pt. 1: Basic geography, ethnic groups, historical empires.
- 10/24/01 US Foreign Policy in Southwest and Central Asia.
- 10/31/01 Afghanistan Series, pt. 2: Past U.S. involvement in Afghanistan and Iran.
- 11/7/01 Afghanistan Series, pt. 3: Afghanistan's ethnic composition, the rise of the Taliban.
- 11/14/01 Afghanistan Series, pt. 4, Agriculture, opium exports, Taliban, borders drawn by European powers.
- 11/21/01 Afghanistan's neighboring post-Soviet republics.
- 1/30/02 India-Pakistan Series, pt. 1, Colonial history, independence and partition.
- 2/6/02 India-Pakistan Series, pt. 2, Ongoing conflicts, the role of religion.
- 2/19/02 Interrelation of Middle Eastern, Central Asian, and South Asian Conflicts.
- 3/20/02 Israel/Palestine Series, pt. 1, World context, ethnic and political divisions, Occupied Territories.
- 3/27/02 Israel/Palestine Series, pt. 2, Historical Jewish Diaspora, Zionist movement, creation of Israel and Palestine.
- 4/3/02 Israel/Palestine Series, pt. 3, 1993 peace accords, unresolved issues.
- 4/10/02 Israel/Palestine Series, pt. 4, Rabin assassination, political changes, interrelated Asian conflicts.
- 11/28/02 Iraq Series, pt. 1, Iraq's critical geographic context.
- 1/6/02 Iraq Series, pt. 2, Basic physical and cultural geography, ethnic divisions.
- 1/13/02 Iraq Series, pt. 3, Mesopotamia, cultural and economic history.
- 1/27/02 Iraq Series, pt. 4, Ottoman Empire, British Mandate, 20th century political developments.
- 2/3/03 Iraq Series, pt. 5, Past U.S. relations with and involvement in Iraq.
- 2/10/03 Iraq Series, pt. 6, Development of OPEC.
- 2/24/03 Venezuela Series, pt. 1, Oil industry politics.
- 3/3/03 Venezuela Series, pt. 2, Colonial history, independence from Spain.
- 3/17/03 Venezuela Series, pt. 3, Nationalization of oil industry, rise of Hugo Chavez.
- 3/24/03 Venezuela Series, pt. 4, Oil politics and the attempted ouster of Hugo Chavez.
- 3/31/03 Argentina Series, pt. 1, Basic geography, recent economic turmoil.
- 4/7/03 Argentina Series, pt. 2, Argentina's similarities to Alaska: physical, latitude, population.
- 4/28/03 Argentina Series, pt. 3, Economic reforms, short-lived growth, recent recession.
- 5/6/03 Argentina Series, pt. 4, Collapse of currency, political ramifications of free-market failure.
- 5/12/03 Columbia Series, pt. 1, Economics of drug trade, U.S. War on Drugs.
- 5/19/03 Columbia Series, pt. 2, Social conditions, economic dependence on drug trade.
- 6/2/03 Columbia Series, pt. 3, Colonial history, independence, U.S. interests in Latin America.
- 6/16/03 Columbia Series, pt. 4, Revolutionary movements and competing rebel groups, fight for control of drug trade.
- 6/30/03 Columbia Series, pt. 5, Escalation of violence by both rebels and government forces.
- 7/7/03 Columbia Series, pt. 6, U.S. military funding, War on Terrorism vs. War on Drugs.
- 7/14/03 Brazil Series, pt. 1, Brazil's dominance of South America, economic relationship with U.S.
- 7/21/03 Brazil Series, pt. 2, Physical geography, Amazon Rainforest destruction.
- 7/28/03 Brazil Series, pt. 3, Ethnic mix and origin of ethnic groups.
- 8/4/03 Brazil Series, pt. 4, Brazil's 20th century economic transformation.
- 8/11/03 Brazil Series, pt. 5, Election of Lula da Silva, a new leftist president, and the international reaction.
- 8/25/03 Cuba Series, pt. 1, U.S. economic, diplomatic, and travel embargo.
- 9/8/03 Cuba Series, pt. 2, History of development under shadow of U.S.
- 9/15/03 Cuba Series, pt. 3, 1949 revolution and the rise of Fidel Castro.

- 9/22/03 Cuba Series, pt. 4, U.S. stubborn continuation of isolation policy.
 9/29/03 Cuba Series, pt. 5, Cuba when Castro's gone.
 9/8/05 Hurricane Katrina and the Geography of New Orleans.

PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

- 1992 "Food-Place Associations in American Product Labels." Abstracts of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, p. 11.
- 1993 "An Experiential Approach to Depicting Sense of Place." Abstracts of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting.
- 1993 "Sense of Place on the Kansas High Plains." *Geographical Abstracts: Human Geography* 1993/12 (93H-07847), p. 1127.
- 1994 "Sense of Place on the Kansas High Plains." *Abstracts of the Association of American Geographers 90th Annual Meeting*, p. 83. San Francisco, March 29-April 2.
- 1999 "Women's Sense of Place on the American High Plains." *Abstracts of the Association of American Geographers 95th Annual Meeting*. Honolulu, March 23-27.
- 2000 "Mythologies of Rural Virtue and Urban Vice on the American High Plains." *Abstracts of the Association of American Geographers 96th Annual Meeting*. Pittsburgh PA, April 4-8.
- 2001 "Us versus Them: Resentment of Urban Agencies and Influences on the American High Plains." *Abstracts of the Association of American Geographers 97th Annual Meeting*. New York, February 29-March 4.
- 2001 "The Perceptual Geography of Alaska." *Abstracts of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Annual Meeting*. Santa Barbara, CA, September 21-24.
- 2002 "Frontier Ideology Expressed in the Alaskan Cultural Landscape." *Abstracts of the Association of American Geographers 98th Annual Meeting* (on CD). Los Angeles, March 19-23.
- 2003 "The Perceptual Geography of Alaska." *Abstracts of the Association of American Geographers 99th Annual Meeting* (on CD). New Orleans, March 4-8.
- 2008 "Evolving Images of Alaska: Igloos, ANWR, and Sarah Palin." *Abstracts of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers 71st Annual Meeting*. Fairbanks, Alaska, October 8-11.
- 2009 "Techniques for Assessing Sense of Place." *Abstracts of the Association of American Geographers 2009 Annual Meeting*. Las Vegas, March 21-27.

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS PRESENTED

- 1992 "Food-Place Associations in American Product Labels." *Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*. Manhattan, Kansas, October 8-10. Best Student Paper Award.
- 1993 "An Experiential Approach to Depicting Sense of Place." *Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*. Boulder, Colorado, September 17-19.
- 1994 "Sense of Place on the Kansas High Plains." *Association of American Geographers 90th Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, California, March 29-April 2. Best Student Paper Award.
- 1994 "Landscape Meanings on the Kansas High Plains." *Mid-America American Studies Association Annual Meeting*. Lawrence, Kansas, April 8-10.
- 1995 "Sense of Place on the American High Plains." Invited colloquium presentation, Department of Geography, University of Oklahoma. Norman Oklahoma, April 7.
- 1996 "Frontier Mystique and Reality in Central Alaska." *Geography Department Colloquium Series, University of Kansas*. Lawrence, Kansas, April 26.
- 1999 "Women's Sense of Place on the American High Plains." *Association of American Geographers 95th Annual Meeting*. Honolulu, Hawai'i, March 23-27.

- 2000 "Mythologies of Rural Virtue and Urban Vice on the American High Plains." Poster presentation, *Association of American Geographers 96th Annual Meeting*. Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, April 4-8.
- 2000 "The Circumpolar Atlas Project at the University of Alaska Fairbanks: Perspectives and Progress." *Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative Conference*. London, England, June 25-29.
- 2001 "Digitization of Alaska Native Culture Archives at the University of Alaska Fairbanks." *Pacific Neighborhood Consortium Annual Conference*. Hong Kong, January 15-20.
- 2001 "Us versus Them: Resentment of Urban Agencies and Influences on the American High Plains." *Association of American Geographers 97th Annual Meeting*. New York, New York, February 29-March 4.
- 2002 "Frontier Ideology Expressed in the Alaskan Cultural Landscape." *Association of American Geographers 98th Annual Meeting*. Los Angeles, March 19-23.
- 2002 "Postcards from L.A." *Association of American Geographers 98th Annual Meeting*. Los Angeles, March 19-23.
- 2002 "Geography and Canadian Studies." Co-presented with Daniel E. Turbeville, Eastern Washington University. *Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium Annual Meeting*. Vancouver, BC, September 25-28.
- 2002 "How to Start and Enhance a Canadian Studies Program." *Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium Annual Meeting*. Vancouver, BC, September 25-28.
- 2003 "The Perceptual Geography of Alaska." *Association of American Geographers 99th Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, March 4-8.
- 2007 "Geographic Education and Experiential Learning on the Balkan Byways." *Association of American Geographers 2007 Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, April 17-21.
- 2008 "Evolving Images of Alaska: Igloos, ANWR, and Sarah Palin." *Association of Pacific Coast Geographers 71st Annual Meeting*. Fairbanks, Alaska, October 9.

CLASSROOM AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

- 1992 "Place Ballets." Invited presentation, Honors Program, University of Kansas. October 20.
- 1995 "The American Great Plains." Invited presentation, Department of Geography, University of Alaska Fairbanks. December 6.
- 1995 "Recent Trends in Cultural Geography Theory and Practice." Invited presentation, Department of Anthropology, University of Alaska Fairbanks. December 20.
- 1996 By invitation, led discussion on ethnic and cross-cultural conflict for a "Conflict Resolution" class at Wichita County High School. Leoti, Kansas, October 30.
- 1997 "The Politics and Reality of the Buffalo Commons Proposal." Invited discussion leader, Department of Geography, University of Alaska Fairbanks. November 10.
- 1998 "Sense of Place in Alaska." Invited presentation, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks. Fairbanks, Alaska, October 18.
- 2003 "The Role of Sense of Place in Resource Management Issues." Invited Presentation, Department of Natural Resource Management, University of Alaska Fairbanks. October.
- 2004 "The Importance of Place Meaning in Conflicts over Natural Resources." Invited Presentation, Department of Natural Resource Management, University of Alaska Fairbanks. September 15.
- 2005 "Strategies and Challenges of Teaching." Invited Classroom Presentation, Department of Natural Resource Management, University of Alaska Fairbanks. September 15.
- 2005 "Applications of Sense of Place in Natural Resource Management." Invited Presentation, Graduate/Faculty Seminary, Department of Natural Resource Management, University of Alaska Fairbanks. November 10.

- 2007 "Cultural and Environmental Impacts of Modernization in China and the Tibetan Culture Realm." *Graduate Seminar Presentation, Department of Natural Resource Management, University of Alaska Fairbanks.*

PUBLISHED MAPS AND GRAPHICS

- 1991 "The Kingdoms of Aragon and Valencia, and the Lands of the County of Barcelona," and "Western Mediterranean in the Reign of Pedro the Great." In Nelson, Lynn H. *The Chronicle of San Juan de la Peña* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press), pp. xx-xxi.
- 1991 "Traditional Culture Areas of the Eastern United States." In Shortridge, James R. "People of the New Frontier: Kansas Population Origins, 1865." *Kansas History* 14, p. 164.
- 1992 "Food-Place Associations." In de Wit, Cary, "Food-Place Associations on American Product Labels." *Geographical Review* 82, p. 326.
- 1993 Charts of energy production and resource availability in Dienes, Leslie. "Prospects for Russian Oil in the 1990s: Reserves and Costs," *Post-Soviet Geography* 34, pp. 79-110.
- 1994 Assorted graphs and charts in Dienes, Leslie; Dobozi, I.; and Tdetzki, M. *Energy and Economic Reform in the Former Soviet Union*. New York: St. Martin's Press.

THESES SUPERVISED

- 2001 Laura Pitkanen. M.A. in Northern Studies. Thesis Title: "Alaska Highway."

THESIS COMMITTEES

- 2001 Annette Watson. M.A. in Northern Studies. Thesis Title: "Evolution in Perceptions of the Aleutian Island Landscape."
- 2002 Laura Walker. M.A. in Northern Studies. Thesis Title: "Exploring the Use of Maps in Natural Resource Planning and Negotiation."
- 2004 Natascha Sontag. M.A. in Northern Studies. Thesis Project: "Linguistic Map of Inuktitut Dialects and Subdialects in the Canadian Northwest Territories and Nunavut Territory."
- 2005 Neva Sherman. M.A. in Northern Studies. Thesis Title: "The Illusion of Knowledge: The Evolution of Early Cartographic Conceptions of Alaska."

GRANTS

- Sep 1999 Visiting Scholar Program Grant. Issued by Graduate School, University of Alaska Fairbanks. \$400.
- Jan 2000 Travel Grant to attend Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative conference, Berkeley, CA. UA President's Office. \$2,018.
- Apr 2000 University of Alaska President's Special Projects Grant. \$2,600.
- Jun 2000 Travel Grant to attend Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative conference, London. UA President's Office. \$911.
- Jun 2000 Travel Grant to attend Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative conference, London. UAF. Graduate School. \$500.
- Jan 2001 Travel Grant to attend Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative conference, Hong Kong. UA President's Office. \$3,750.
- Apr 2001 Travel Grant for Canadian Studies Alberta Summer Research Institute. Canadian Consulate. US \$1,800
- Jul 2001 UAF Faculty Development Grant (to attend Alberta Summer Research Institute). \$250
- Oct 2001 UAF Faculty Development Grant (for travel to professional conference). \$750

- Feb 2002 Travel Support Grant to attend PNWCSC annual board meeting, Vancouver, BC. Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium. US \$200.
- Mar 2002 Travel Support Grant to attend "Canada Weeks" in Anchorage. Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium. US \$400.
- Mar 2002 Travel Grant to attend "Canada Weeks" in Anchorage. UAF Chancellor's Office. \$500.
- Mar 2002 Canadian Studies Travel Grant. Issued by Canadian Consulate. US \$1,000.
- Sep 2002 Travel Support Grant to attend PNWCSC annual board meeting, Vancouver, BC. Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium. US \$224.
- Aug 2002 Canadian Studies Program Enhancement Grant for UAF Nunavut Symposium. Canadian Consulate. US \$3,722.
- Sep 2002 Travel Support Grant. Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium. US \$400.
- Nov 2002 Canadian Studies Alaska Program Grant for UAF Nunavut Symposium. Canadian Consulate. US \$2,300.
- Mar 2003 Canadian Studies Travel Grant for travel to "Canada Week" in Anchorage. Canadian Consulate. US \$1,500.
- Mar 2003 Travel Support Grant. Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium. US \$400.
- Mar 2003 Canadian Studies Campus Support Grant for UAF Nunavut Symposium. Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium. US \$500.
- Mar 2004 Canadian Studies Campus Support Grant for UAF "Canada Days." Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium. US \$500.
- Sep 2004 Canadian Studies Program Enhancement Grant. Canadian Consulate. US \$3,500.
- Feb 2005 Travel Support Grant. Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium. US \$200.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 1998-2002 Faculty Advisor to the student chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon Geographic Honor Society at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Organized presentations, field trips, community service.
- 1999 Initiated Visiting Scholars Program in Department of Geography, University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- 1999-2007 Member, Center for Global Change Science Steering Committee, University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- 1999-date Circumpolar Atlas Editor, Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative.
- 2000-2002 Member, Curriculum Council, School of Agriculture and Land Resource Management, University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- 2000-date Member, Program Review Committee, School of Agriculture and Land Resource Management, University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- 2000-2002 Member, Dean Search Committee, School of Agriculture and Land Resource Management, University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- 2000-2002 Member, Strategic Planning Committee, School of Agriculture and Land Resource Management, University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- 2001 Session Chair, Korea Atlas Session, *Pacific Neighborhood Consortium Annual Conference*. Hong Kong, January 15-20.
- 2001-date UAF Co-Principal Representative to Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium.
- 2002-2004 Member, Unit Criteria Review Committee, School of Agriculture and Land Resource Management, University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- 2002-2005 Member, Marketing and Recruitment Committee, School of Agriculture and Land Resource Management, University of Alaska Fairbanks.

- 2002 Session Chair, "How to Start and Enhance a Canadian Studies Programme." *Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium Annual Meeting*. Vancouver, BC, September 25-29.
- 2003 Session Organizer and Chair, "Sense of Place in North America." *Association of American Geographers 99th Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, March 4-8.
- 2004 Sponsored and arranged public presentation by independent journalist Dahr Jamail, March 11.
- 2004 Sponsored and arranged public presentation by independent Journalist Dahr Jamail, October.
- 2005 Co-Presenter, "Regional Cooperation in Alaska." *Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium Annual Meeting*. Seattle, Washington, February 4-5.
- 2006-2007 Chair, Geography Curriculum Revision Committee, University of Alaska Geography Program, School of Agriculture and Land Resource Management, University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- 2006-2007 Member, University-level Program Review Committee assigned to review University of Alaska Geography Program, University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- 2007 Member, Promotion & Tenure Review Committee, School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences, University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- 2008 Member, Physical Geographer Search Committee, University of Alaska Geography Program, School of Agriculture and Land Resource Management, University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- 2008 Member, Energy Issues Strategic Planning Committee, School of Agriculture and Land Resource Management, University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- 2008 Session Chair, "Urban Landscapes," *Association of Pacific Coast Geographers 71st Annual Meeting*. Fairbanks, Alaska, October 8-11.
- 2008 Session Chair, "International Politics and Issues," *Association of Pacific Coast Geographers 71st Annual Meeting*. Fairbanks, Alaska, October 8-11.
- 2008-date Co-chair, Curriculum and Advising Coordination Committee, University of Alaska Geography Program, School of Agriculture and Land Resource Management, University of Alaska Fairbanks.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 1984 Kappa Tau Alpha National Journalism Scholarship Society.
- 1992 Best Student Paper, Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting.
- 1994 Best Student Paper in the Cultural Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting.
- 1995 Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of American Geographers
 Association of Pacific Coast Geographers
 Association for Canadian Studies in the United States
 Gamma Theta Upsilon Geographic Honor Society
 Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium
 St. George Geographical Society