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Education:

Ph.D.: University of Nebraska-Lincoln (1999)

Dissertation Title: *Dispossession to Diminishment: The Yankton Sioux Reservation, 1858-1998.*

M.A. University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Anthropology, 1990)

Thesis Title: *Termination, Self-Determination and Restoration: The Northern Ponca Case.*

B.S. Nebraska Wesleyan University (major: Anthropology/Sociology, 1983)

Honorary Tribal Member:

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska (#381-H00105); conferred October 14, 2002.

Professional Appointments:

8/2003-8/2010	Director, Native American Studies (UNO)
8/2002-present	Associate Professor, Sociology & Anthropology (UNO)
8/2000-8/2001	Coordinator, Native American Studies (UNO)
8/1997-5/2002	Assistant Professor, Sociology & Anthropology (UNO)
1/1999-8/2000	Consultant, <i>Encyclopedia of the Great Plains</i>
8/1995-8/1997	Editorial Assistant; <i>Encyclopedia of the Great Plains</i>
3/1993-6/1994	Anthropologist, Academic Appointment; National Park Service, Midwest Archeological Center, Lincoln, NE
1992-1997	Adjunct Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Nebraska—Lincoln (UNL)
1990-1994	Instructor of Anthropology, Division of Continuing Studies, UNL
1989-1992	Visiting Instructor of Anthropology, UNO Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology

1987-1990 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Anthropology; University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Courses Taught (partial list):

Introduction to Native American Studies
Introduction to Anthropology
Peoples and Cultures of Native North America
Applied Anthropology
Introduction to Physical Anthropology
Cultural Anthropology
Introduction to Great Plains Anthropology
Introduction to Plains Ethnology (Plains Indians)
Native Peoples and Cultures of the Great Plains
Native Americans and Health
Indians & Anthropologists: Research Ethics in the 21st Century
Anthropology of Native American Film
Native American Oral History

Areas of Specialization and Interest:

Ponca Culture and History; Contemporary Native American Issues; Native American Oral History; Native American Visual Anthropology; Applied Cultural Anthropology; Federal Indian Policy; Research Ethics.

Teaching Award:

2002 University Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Journal Articles:

- 2010 Barone, T. Lynne and Beth R. Ritter "Applied Anthropology and Community Service Learning," *Practicing Anthropology*, 32(2):21-25. (Refereed)
- 2009 Bhardawaj-Badal, Sangeeta and Beth R. Ritter, "Is Fair Trade the Answer? The Fulia Weavers of West Bengal, India," *Journal of Fair Trade Studies*, 1(1). (Refereed)
- 2003 Ritter, Beth R. If We Build It, They Will Come: The Ponca Earthlodge Project, *Green Fire Journal*, Summer (4): 5.
- 2002 Piecing Together the Poncas Past: Reconstructing Degiha Migrations to the Great Plains, *Great Plains Quarterly*, Fall, 271-284. (Refereed)

- 1995 "Reply to Congressman Douglas Bereuter", *Great Plains Research*, 5(2)
- 1994 "The Politics of Retribalization: The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska", *Great Plains Research*, special volume on Plains Indians in the 20th Century@, Beth Ritter, Guest Editor, 4(2):237-256. (Refereed)
- 1994 "Will the House Win: Does Sovereignty Rule in Indian Casinos?"; with Beth M. Wilkins, *Great Plains Research*, 4(2):305-324. (Refereed)
- 1992 "The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska: The Process of Restoration of a Federally Terminated Tribe", with Elizabeth S. Grobsmith. *Human Organization*, 51(1):1-16. (Refereed)

Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Entries:

- 2007 "The Poncas," *Encyclopedia of the Great Plains: Native Americans*, David J. Wishart (ed). Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press. (Invited)
- 2004 "The Poncas," *Encyclopedia of the Great Plains*, David Wishart (ed). Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press. (Invited)
- 1997 "The Plains Culture Area", with Elizabeth S. Grobsmith, *Native North Americans: An Ethnohistorical Approach*. Molly Mignon, ed.; Dubuque: IA: Kendall/Hunt. (Invited)
- 1994 "The Northern Ponca", with Elizabeth S. Grobsmith, IN *Native America in the Twentieth Century: An Encyclopedia*, Mary B. Davis, ed., Garland Publishing, pp. 459-460. (Invited)

Films:

- 2011 "Welcome to the Gallery," short film written, directed, and produced for *The First Peoples of the Plains, Traditions Shaped by Land and Sky* gallery, UNL State Museum, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (4 minutes).
- 2010 *Osni Ponka Wintercount*; screenplay, 60 minute documentary on the culture and history of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, produced by the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska.

Film Reviews:

- 2007 *Conversion*, in *Journal of Religion & Film*, Volume 11, no.1
- 2007 *Four Sheets to the Wind*, in *Journal of Religion & Film*, Volume 11, no.1
- 2007 *Miss Navajo*, in *Journal of Religion & Film*, Volume 11, no.1
- 2007 *The Fighting Cholitas*, in *Journal of Religion & Film*, Volume 11, no.1
- 2007 *Grace is Gone*, in *Journal of Religion & Film*, Volume 11, no.1
- 2006 *Smudge*, in *Journal of Religion & Film*, Volume 10, no. 1
- 2006 *Gesture Down*, in *Journal of Religion & Film*, Volume 10, no.1
- 2006 *Iraq in Fragments*, in *Journal of Religion & Film*, Volume 10, no.1

2006 *The Blossoming of Maximo Oliveros*, in *Journal of Religion & Film*, Volume 10, no.1

Professional Reports:

2010 *Osni Ponka Wintercount: An Historical Narrative* (pp. 32 ms.), prepared for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska.

2010 *Osni Ponka Wintercount: Timeline* (pp. 6 ms.), prepared for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska.

2009 *Ponca Museum Project* (pp. 45 ms.) prepared for Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, with Alan J. Osborn.

2005 Ponca Ethnogenesis: Nineteenth Century Ponca History in Western Iowa and Eastern Nebraska. Produced for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, 40 Ms. + Attachments (with Alan J. Osborn).

2002 Ponca Health and Wellness Center, *Osni Ponka: 1994-2002*, self-published booklet by the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, October.

2002 Education: A Ponca Legacy, @ *Osni Ponka: 1994-2002*, self-published booklet by the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, October.

2002 Ponca Tribe of Nebraska: Legislative Achievements, *Osni Ponka: 1994-2002*, self-published booklet by the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, October.

2002 Service Learning Projects: Final Report, Ponca Health and Wellness Center, Final Report submitted to the Tribal Council, June.

2001 Ponca Earthlodge Project, Final Report submitted to Tribal Council of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, September 2001 (with Alan J. Osborn and J. Chadwick Gerhold).

2000 Final Report: Indian Chicano Health Center "Applied Anthropology Project," Report produced for the Indian Chicano Health Center, Omaha, NE, June 2000. (with T. Lynne Barone)

1999 Migration and Residence of the Ponca Tribe in Iowa: An Analysis of Oral History, Ethnohistory and Archeology. Report produced for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, September, 1999.

1995 "Cultural Anthropological Overview and Assessment of the Niobrara/ Missouri Scenic Riverways", Beth R. Ritter, Senior Author. Report produced by the Midwest Archeological Center of the National Park Service; currently under National Park Service review.

Grants and Contracts:

- 2009 Ponca Wintercount Project, IMLS/Ponca Tribe of Nebraska (\$2,200).
- 2002 Ponca Earthlodge Project, National Park Service Challenge Cost Share Program; Ritter, PI. (Award: \$30,000).
- 2002 Ponca Tribe of Nebraska: Cultural Resources Survey and Preservation Project, National Park Service Historic Preservation Grant; Ritter, PI. (\$8,890)
- 2001 Ponca Oral History Project: Discussion with a Ponca Elder, Part II; Summer Fellowship, UNO Office of Sponsored Programs. (\$4,500)
- 2001 Lewis and Clark/Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Earthlodge Research Project, National Park Service Challenge Cost Share Program: Lewis and Clark Commemorative Trail. (\$4,009.85)
- 2000 Ponca Oral History Project: Discussions with a Ponca Elder, UNO Office of Sponsored Programs Mini-Grant. (\$1,000).

Book Reviews:

- 2010 *Silent Victims: Hate Crimes Against Native Americans*, by Barbara Perry, University of Arizona Press (2008). *Great Plains Research*, 1 (Spring), 20.
- 2009 *High Stakes: Florida Seminole Gaming and Sovereignty*, by Jennifer Catalino. *Choice Magazine*, April 2009.
- 2004 *Native Voices: American Indian Identity and Resistance*, Richard A. Grounds (ed.) *Great Plains Quarterly*, 24(4).
- 1998 *Becoming and Remaining a People: Native American Religion on the Northern Plains*, by Howard L. Harrod, *Ethnohistory* 44(3).
- 1995 *Apache Mothers and Daughters*, by Ruth McDonald Boyer & Narcissus Duffy Gayton, *Great Plains Research*, 5(2).
- 1992 *Contemporary Policy Toward American Indians*, by Emma R. Gross, *Great Plains Research*, 2(2).

Reader Compiled:

- 1997 *Native Peoples of the Great Plains: A Reader*, with Berkley Bailey, Emily Greenwald, Martha McCollough and Susan Miller. Kendall/Hunt: Dubuque, IA (1st edition).

Professional Papers and Posters Presented:

2010 "Cat Herding 101: Directing the Fred LeRoy Collaborative Life History Project," Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings, Seattle, WA (March). Session Organizer & Chair (competitively selected).

2009 "Define Bizarre: Expert Witnessing on Behalf of the Yankton Sioux Tribe," Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings, Santa Fe, NM (March) (competitively selected).

2007 "Ponca Ethnogenesis: Ethnohistory, Oral History, and NAGPRA," Missouri Valley History Conference, 50th Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE (March). (competitively selected).

2006 "Re-Presenting the Ponca: A Tribal Museum on the Edge", with Alan J. Osborn. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings, Vancouver, British Columbia. March. (Chair of session; competitively selected)

2006 "More Than Beads and Blankets: Building A Native American Studies Program at UNO", with Catherine K. Kepler. Poster presented the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings, Vancouver, British Columbia. March (competitively selected).

2006 "Is Fair Trade the Answer? A Case Study from West Bengal," with Sangeeta Badal and Neela Mukherjee. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings, Vancouver, British Columbia. March (competitively selected).

2005 "Indians & Anthropologists: The Ponca Earth Lodge Project," with Alan J. Osborn, poster presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings, Santa Fe, NM, April (competitively selected).

2004 "The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska and Advocacy Anthropology: The Evolution of Little Butterfly," with Fred LeRoy. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings, Dallas, TX, March. (Competitively selected; Chair of session).

2002 "Piecing Together the Poncas' Past: Reconstructing Degiha Migrations to the Great Plains"; Center for Great Plains Studies Annual Symposium, Lincoln, NE, March. (Competitively selected).

2001 "Indians, Anthropologists, and Earthlodges: Planning for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial," with J. Chadwick Gerhold. Annual Meetings of the Plains Anthropological Society, Lincoln, NE, October/November. (Competitively selected).

2001 "It Takes A Community: Applied Anthropology and Service Learning"; with T. Lynne Barone. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings, Merida, Mexico, March 2001. (Competitively selected)

2000 "U.S. Supreme Court, Historical Selectivity, and Allotment Policy: Divining Congressional Intent to Diminish the Yankton Sioux Reservation, 1892-1998", paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA, March. (Competitively selected)

2000 "Walking in Two Worlds: The Ponca Health and Wellness Center," with T. Lynne Barone. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA, March, 2000. (Competitively selected)

1999 "Diminishing the Yankton Sioux Reservation: An Ethnohistory of Dispossession," paper presented at Plains Anthropology Conference, Sioux Falls, SD, October 20-25. (Competitively selected)

1999 "Yankton Sioux Reservation: Dispossession to Diminishment," paper accepted for presentation Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings, April 21-25, Tucson, AZ. (Competitively selected)

1997 "Protecting Turtle Island: Native American Dispossession from Termination to Restoration", American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Washington D.C., November 1997. (Competitively selected)

1997 "In God We Trust: Protecting American Indian Land in Trust", paper presented, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, TX. April 1997. (Competitively selected)

1997 "Reciprocal Surveillance/Reciprocal Obligations: Research Ethics and American Indian Communities"; panelist. Association of American Geographers, Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, TX. April 1997. (Invited Panel)

1996 "Ponca Politics: The Rebirth of a Tribal Nation," paper presented at Politics and Culture on the Great Plains, Center for Great Plains Symposium, April 11-13, Lincoln, NE. (Competitively selected)

1993 "Collaborative Research and Applied Anthropology in the National Parks: The Niobrara/Missouri Scenic Riverways Project", paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, November 17-21, Washington, D.C. (Competitively selected)

1993 "Federal Indian Policy, Dispossession and Human Rights", Paper presented at 1993 Nebraska Academy of Sciences, April 16-17, Lincoln, NE.

1992 "The Politics of Retribalization: The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska", 50th Annual Plains Anthropology Conference, November 1992, Lincoln, NE. (Competitively selected)

1991 "Federal Restoration of an American Indian Tribe: The Case of the Northern Ponca", with Elizabeth Grobsmith, Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, March, Charleston, S. Carolina. (Competitively selected)

1991 "Termination and Restoration of American Indian Tribes: The Northern Ponca Case", with Elizabeth S. Grobsmith, Center for Great Plains Studies Annual Symposium, April 1992, Lincoln, NE. (Competitively selected)

1990 "Native American Self-Determination and Tribalism: The Northern Ponca Case", Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska.

1989 "The Ponca Tribe: Efforts to Obtain Restoration of Tribal Status", invited paper, 47th Annual Meeting of the Plains Anthropological Society, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. (Invited Paper)

1989 "Settlement, Land Use, and Cultural Preconceptions: Socio-political Implications of San-Tswana Interactions", with Robert K. Hitchcock and Rodney L. Brandenburg, Annual Meeting of the American Ethnological Society, Santa Fe, New Mexico. (Competitively selected)

Symposia Organized:

2010 "Fred LeRoy Collaborative Life History Project," Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings, Seattle, WA (April).

1999 "Ethnohistory of the Great Plains," with Martha L. McCollough, Plains Anthropological Society Annual Meetings, Sioux Falls, SD, October.

Invited Discussant/Chair:

2010 "The Sioux," Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha NE (March). Chair.

2006 "Native American Lives and Affiliations", Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE. (March). Discussant.

1998 "Accommodation and Assimilation in Native American History"; Annual Meetings of the Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE, March, 1998. Discussant.

Invited Guest Lectures:

2007 "Brutal Journey," UNO Friends Book Club (*Brutal Journey* by Paul Schneider), October.

2006 "Ponca Ethnogenesis: The Invisible Nebraska Tribe," Keynote Address, Washington County Historical Society. Ft. Calhoun, NE; 11/17/06.

2004 "Ponca Migrations," Keynote Address for UNO Geography Awareness Month, November.

1999 "Dispossession to Diminishment: An Historical Geography of the Yankton Sioux Reservation"; UNO Department of Geography Seminar Series, April 6.

1997 "Reciprocal Obligations: Ethical Research with Native American Communities"; UNO Native American Studies Spring Honoring Ceremony, April 1997.

1996 "Applied Anthropology and Academic Advocacy", lecture presented to the UNL-LPO (University of Nebraska Lincoln Local Practitioners Organization), March 28.

1995 "Ponca History, Culture and Contemporary Political Status", Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Summer Youth Camp. July 16-17, 1995, Niobrara, NE.

1994 "Niobrara/Missouri Scenic Riverways Project: Native Americans, Applied Anthropology and Advocacy"; Spring Colloquium, UNO Department of Sociology and Anthropology, April, 1994.

1992 "Anthropology and Other People's Reality" for Honors Colloquium "Supernatural Phenomena and Culture", University of Nebraska-Omaha, March 30.

Consultation:

2010/2011 Consultant, Curator of Anthropology, UNL State Museum, for *First Peoples of the Plains, Traditions Shaped by Land and Sky* gallery.

2009/2010 Consultant, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Ponca Wintercount Project.

2008/2009 Consultant, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Ponca Museum Project.

2007 Consultant and Expert Witness, Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota

2003 Consultant, Ponca Economic Development Corporation (PEDCO); technical assistance and research for strategic plan.

2002-2004 Consultant, Ponca Education Trust Corporation (PETCO); grant writing, technical assistance, research, report generation.

2000-2012 Consultant, Black Eagle Corporation, a native non-profit; grant writing, application for IRS 501(C)3.

1997-2004 Consultant to Ponca Tribe of Nebraska; Economic Development Plan, NAGPRA; researching and writing materials for the Ponca booklet; Ponca Earthlodge Project

- 1996 Consultant to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska: update of the "Ponca Cultural and Historical Overview" for the re-submitted Economic Development Plan.
- 1995 Contract with Midwest Archeological Center, National Park Service: Cultural Anthropological Overview and Assessment of Niobrara/Missouri Scenic Riverways Project.
- 1993 Consultant to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska: Contract to write Ponca Cultural and Historical Overview for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Congressionally-mandated Economic Development Plan.
- 1992 Consultant, National Park Service, Ethnographic Overview for Niobrara/Missouri Scenic Riverways Designation Planning Meeting.
- 1989-1990 Consultant to Northern Ponca Restoration Committee, preparation for testimony before Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., March 28, 1990; House of Representatives, September 1990.

Referee for Professional Journals:

Human Organization
Great Plains Research
Great Plains Quarterly
Journal of Urban Anthropology
Choice Magazine
Transactions, Proceedings of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences

Referee for Grant Proposals:

National Science Foundation

Service:

Director, Native American Studies (UNO; 8/2003-8/2010)
 Sociology/Anthropology Strategic Planning and Development Committee (Member: 2006-present; Chair/Co-Chair: 2006-2010)
 Member, UNO Sociology/Anthropology Professions Committee (8/2003-2006)
 Faculty Senate, UNO (term 3/2002-8/2004)
 UNO Faculty Senate Representative, Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (8/2003-8/2004)
 Member, Professional Development Committee, UNO Faculty Senate (3/2002-8/2004)
 Coordinator, Native American Studies (8/2000-8/2001)
 Member, Executive Committee; Native American Studies (2002 to present)
 Member, Curriculum Committee; Native American Studies (2001/2002)
 University Adjudicatory Committee, UNO (1999-2001)
 First Year Experience Program, UNO (1999-2002)
 Native American Recruitment and Retention Task Force (ad hoc; Summer 1999)

Native American Scholarship Committee, Plains Anthropological Society;(1995, 1996)
Undergraduate Committee, Sociology & Anthropology, (UNO; 1990-1992, 1997-2002)
Graduate Committee, Sociology & Anthropology, (UNO; 2002-2003)

Fellow:

Society for Applied Anthropology
Center for Great Plains Studies

Member:

American Anthropological Association
Plains Anthropological Society
Society for Applied Anthropology
Association of American University Professors

References: available upon request

