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PUBLICATIONS:

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

O'Lear, S. 2004. Resources and Conflict in the Caspian Sea. *Geopolitics* 9:1, pp. 161-186

O'Lear, S. 2003. Environmental Terrorism: A Critique. *Geopolitics* 8:3, pp. 127-150

O'Lear, S. 2001. Azerbaijan: Territorial Issues and Internal Challenges In Mid-2001. *Post Soviet Geography and Economics* 42, pp. 305-312

O'Lear, S. 1999. Armenian Energy: Establishing or Eroding Sovereignty?. *Journal of Central Asian Studies* Volume 3:2 Fall/Winter (in print Summer 2002), pp. 2-13

O'Lear, S. 1999. Women's Marginalization, Economic Flows, and Environmental Degradation: A Classroom Approach. *Journal of Geography* 98, pp. 295-301

O'Lear, S. 1999. Networks of Engagement: Electronic communication and grassroots environmental activism in Kaliningrad. *Geografiska Annaler* 81, pp. 165-178

S. D. Brunn and S. R. O'Lear. 1999. Research and Communication in the 'Invisible College' of the Human Dimensions of Global Change". *Global Environmental Change* 9, pp. 285-301

O'Lear, S. 1997. Electronic Communication Environmental Policy in Russia and Estonia. *Geographical Review* 87:2 (April), pp. 275-290 (in print July 1998)

O'Lear, S. 1996. Using Electronic Mail (E-mail) Surveys for Geographic Research: Lessons from a survey of Russian environmentalists, *The Professional Geographer* 48:2 (May), pp. 213-222

Book and book chapters

(Forthcoming) Archer, J. Clark, Brunn, Stanley D., Fiona. Davidson, Shannon O'Lear, Fred Shelley, and Gerald Webster. *World Political Geography*. Guilford Press.

2005. O'Lear, S. "Resources and Conflict in the Caspian" (journal article reprint) in *The Geopolitics of Resource Wars*, (edited by Philippe Lebillon), London: Frank Cass, pp. 161-186

Stanley D. Brunn and O'Lear, S., 2004. "Political Geography" in *A Guide For Teachers of Advanced Placement Human Geography* (edited by Robert Bednarz), Jacksonville, AL: National Council for Geographic Education, pp. 19-30.

O'Lear, S. 2004. "Energy, Territory and Conflict: Research in the Caucasus" chapter in *WorldMinds: 100 Geographic Solutions to Saving Planet Earth* (edited by Barney Warf), Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers, pp. 31-35

O’Lear, S. 2003. “Environmental Terrorism: A Critique” (journal article reprint), in *11 September and Its Aftermath: The Geopolitics of Terror* (edited by Stanley D. Brunn), London: Frank Cass, pp. 127-150

RECENT GRANT AWARDS:

University of Kansas Graduate Research Fund Award to support summer 2005 pilot study in Azerbaijan and Georgia titled, “Oil Pipelines in the South Caucasus: A geographic pilot study of multi-dimensional impacts and political stability”; award amount: \$4,438.00

National Science Foundation grant to support a two-year project titled, “Geography of Environmental Conflict: The Case of Azerbaijan”; Principle Investigator: Shannon O’Lear; award amount: \$147,142.00

International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) and the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson Center grant to participate in the Caspian Sea Regional Policy Symposium, Washington, D.C. and Shepherdstown, WV, 14-16 March 2002.

TEACHING:

Teaching Experience (fall 1998 to present):

University of Kansas (Current tenure track position since August 2004)
Principles of Human Geography (GEOG 102)
Environmental Policy and Analysis (EVRN 320)
Geopolitics of Russia and Eurasia (GEOG 571/772)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Tenure track position August 2001 -- August 2004)
International Conflicts (GEOG 110)
Russia and Eurasia (GEOG 353)
Environmental Policy (GEOG 366)

Illinois State University (Tenure track position August 1998 – May 2001)
World Geography
Human Geography
Conservation
The Former Soviet Union
Russian History, Culture and Ecology (Field study in Vladimir, Russia)

RECENT PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (Selected):

Organized and Chaired a session, “Energy Development and Society”, and presented a paper titled, “Public Perception of Oil, Natural Resources and Political Activity in Azerbaijan” at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Denver, CO, 5-11 April 2005.

Invited Discussant for the Military Geography Specialty Group Plenary Lecture at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Denver, CO, 5-11 April 2005.

Invited presentation to the Center for Russian and East European Studies at the **University of Michigan**; presentation title, “Oil, Environment and Politics in Azerbaijan: A Geographic Perspective on Natural Resource Conflict”, Ann Arbor, MI, 13 October 2004.

Conference co-organizer: Territorial Conflict Management: Approaches and Prescriptions; paper presented: “Resource Concerns for Territorial Conflict”, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL, 1-3 October 2004.

Invited speaker at Communities and Conflicts in Central Asia and the Caucasus, a current affairs forum organized by the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; presentation title,

"Public Perception of Oil, Natural Resources and Political Activity in Azerbaijan", Champaign-Urbana, IL, 30 September 2004.

Invited guest speaker to The Center for Russia, East, Europe, and Central Asia at the **University of Wisconsin, Madison**. Presentation title, "Armenia, Azerbaijan and the U.S.: Squaring Off, Political Triangles, and Coming Full Circle with Post-Soviet Independence", 11 October 2002.

Panelist: "War? A campus forum on Iraq", organized by the Program in Arms Control, Disarmament, and International Security at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1 October 2002.

Invited guest speaker to the **U.S. Air Force Academy**, Colorado Springs, CO. Presentation title, "Armenia and Azerbaijan: Conflict, Energy and Sanctions in Russia's Backyard", 11-12 September 2002.

Invited participant, "Water, Climate, and Development Issues in the Amudarya Basin—Informal Planning Meeting", sponsored by the Environmental and Societal Impacts Groups of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 18-19 June 2002 (See <http://www.esig.ucar.edu/centralasia/summary.html>).

RECENT SERVICE:

Elected President of the Political Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, 2005 (2-year term)

Elected Vice-Chair of the Russian, Central And East European Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, 2003 (2-year term)

Appointed Chair of the International Research and Scholarly Exchange Committee of the Association of American Geographers (2-year term).

Appointed member of the Steering Committee for the Commission on Public Policy, International Geographical Union, 2004.

Elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Human Dimensions of Global Change Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, 2004 (2-year term)

Reviews for:

Geopolitics, Journal of Geography, Journal of Political Ecology, Political Geography (multiple), Professional Geographer, National Identities, The North American Geographer, Annals of the Association of American Geographers, National Science Foundation (multiple), Pearson/Prentice Hall (book manuscript)

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. (1997) Department of Geography, Syracuse University; Dissertation Title: *E-Mail Use in the Contexts of Place, Social Networks and Empowerment: An Examination of Grassroots Environmentalists in Estonia and Russia*

MA. (1992) Department of Geography, University of Colorado at Boulder;
Thesis Title: *Perestroika In Geographic Perspective: An Examination of Soviet Foreign Trade and Civil Unrest in the 1980s*

BA. (1990) University of Colorado at Boulder, Double Major: Geography and Russian