

CURRICULUM VITAE

James R. Shortridge

I. Personal

My roots are six generations deep in the “burnt district” of western Missouri. Two family lines derive from upper Southerners of English and Scottish ancestry, a third from Ireland and Norway, and a fourth from southern Germany and adjacent Switzerland. Half of my ancestors favored the Confederate cause, half the Union. I was raised as a soda jerk and had aspirations to follow the pharmacist life of my father and grandfather. Then came college and the discovery of new possibilities in the study of place and place meaning. Fellow geographer Barbara Gimla and I married in 1967 and we have two daughters: Amy and Katherine.

II. Education

Diploma	Pleasant Hill (Missouri) High School, 1962
A.B.	Dartmouth College, 1966 (Geography) major advisor: Van H. English degree cum laude with distinction in the major
M.A.	University of Kansas, 1968 (Geography) thesis advisor: Walter M. Kollmorgen
Ph.D.	University of Kansas, 1972 (Geography) dissertation advisor: Walter M. Kollmorgen degree with honors

III. Honors

Phi Beta Kappa, 1966
National Defense Education Act, Title IV Fellow: 1966-1967, 1967-1968, 1969-1970
Outstanding Educator Award (K.U. Chapter of Mortar Board), 1979 and 1997
Guggenheim Fellow, 1979-1980
University of Kansas Distinguished Teaching Award, 1984
John Brinckerhoff Jackson Prize (Association of American Geographers), 1990
Zimmerman Memorial Lecturer, Emporia State University, 1991
Principal Speaker, Porter L. Fortune History Symposium on “The New Regionalism,”
University of Mississippi, 1993
Keynote Speaker, Annual Meeting of Southwestern Division of Association of
American Geographers, 1996
Keynote Speaker, 45th Annual Conference on Composition and Literature, University
of Kansas, 1997
Keynote Speaker, Annual Meeting of Kansas Academy of Science, Kansas State
University, 1999

W. T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence, University of Kansas, 1999
 Undergraduate Teaching Award, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Kansas, 2000
 Keynote Speaker, Annual Meeting of the Middle States Division of Association of American Geographers, 2000
 Globe Book Award for Public Understanding of Geography (Association of American Geographers), 2002 and 2005
 George O. Carney Honorary Lecturer, Oklahoma State University, 2002
 Named one of the 14 “most outstanding living cultural geographers” (and one of the top 6 excluding retirees) in a 1998-1999 poll of the AAG’s Cultural Geography Specialty Group (Professional Geographer, Vol. 55 (2003): 18-30).
 Keynote Speaker, Annual Meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division of Association of American Geographers, 2006
 Irvin E. Youngberg Research Achievement Award in the Applied Sciences, University of Kansas, 2006 (one of four annual Higuchi-Endowment Association prizes, the highest university research honors in the state)
 Named one of the 11 “most outstanding living historical geographers” (and one of the top 6 excluding retirees) in a 2004 poll of American historical geographers (Historical Geography, Vol. 34 (2006): 71-85).
 Chancellor’s Club Career Teaching Award, University of Kansas, 2009

IV. Professional Organizations

American Geographical Society
 Association of American Geographers
 Kansas State Historical Society
 Pioneer America Society

V. Positions Held

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Kansas	1968
Graduate Research Assistant, University of Kansas	1969
Teaching Associate, University of Kansas	1971
Instructor, University of Kansas	1971-1972
Assistant Professor, University of Kansas	1972-1977
Associate Professor, University of Kansas	1977-1984
Visiting Scholar, Dartmouth College	1979-1980
Visiting Associate Professor, Dartmouth College	1981
Acting Department Chairman, University of Kansas	1982
Professor, University of Kansas	1984-date
Associate Department Chairman, University of Kansas	1992-1994

VI. Courses Taught

A. Undergraduate

Cultural Geography
Cultural Geography of the United States
Fundamentals of Geography
Geography of Kansas and Missouri
Geography of the United States and Canada
Kansas and the Plains

B. Graduate

Agricultural Geography
Cultural Ecology
Field Methods
Geographic Thought
Humanistic Geography
Introduction to Graduate Study
Seminars on Local Geography, American Religion, Environmentalism,
Material Folk Culture, Cultural Vegetation, Vernacular Regions, Place
Names, The Role of Novels in Creating Place Image, the High Plains,
Foodways, Sense of Place, and Historical Geography

VII. Major Research Supervised

A. Dissertations

Paul E. Phillips (Fort Hays State University)
An Assessment of the Validity of an East-West Cultural Dichotomy for
Kansas (1978)

Joseph T. Manzo (Concord University)
Native Perceptions of the Prairie-Plains Environment (1978)

Gladys A. Emerson (Northeast Louisiana University--retired)
Tobacco Culture in a "Little Dixie" Outlier of Northwestern Missouri
(1978)

Kevin P. Condon (financial consultant, Denver, Colorado)
A Subjective Tradition in American Geography: From Geosophy to
Geometaphysics (1981)

Roger W. Stump (University of Albany, SUNY)
Changing Regional Patterns of White Protestantism in the United States,
1906-1971 (1981)

- Kent M. McGregor (University of North Texas)
Climatic Influence on Agricultural Productivity and Decision-Making in
Kansas, 1951-70 (1982)
- Ronald V. Shaklee (Youngstown State University)
Barrier Use and Urban Territoriality (1982)
- Roger A. Clouser (South Junior High School, Lawrence, Kansas)
The Ranch House in America (1984)
- Robert A. Rundstrom (University of Oklahoma)
Maps, Man, and Land in the Cultural Cartography of the Eskimo (Inuit)
(1987) coadvisor with George F. Jenks
- Tom L. Schmiedeler (Washburn University)
Origin and Evolution of Town Forms in North-central Kansas, 1860-1900
(1990)
- Craig S. Campbell (Youngstown State University)
Images of the New Jerusalem: Latter Day Saint Faction Interpretations
of Independence, Missouri, 1830-1992 (1993)
- Michael J. Handley (refugee counselor, Portland, Oregon)
The Idea of the Pacific Northwest (1996)
- Cary W. de Wit (University of Alaska--Fairbanks)
Sense of Place on the American High Plains (1997)
- Scott C. Roper (Castleton State College)
The Role of Elite Perceptions in the Transformation of Landscape in
Peterborough, New Hampshire, 1907-1933 (1997)
- Steven M. Schnell (Kutztown University)
Little Sweden, U.S.A.: Ethnicity, Tourism, and Identity in Lindsborg,
Kansas (1998)
- Steven V. Foulke (Ottawa University)
Shaping of Place: Mennonitism in South-Central Kansas (1998)
- Amanda Rees (Columbus State University)
Envisioning the Great Plains: Contemporary Narratives of the Landscape
(1998)
- Michael G. Noll (Valdosta State University)
Prince Maximilian's America: The Narrated Landscapes of a German
Explorer and Naturalist (2000)

- David E. Schul (Ohio State University at Marion)
Community Pride in American Small Towns (2002)
- Soren C. Larsen (University of Missouri)
Modernity and Sense of Place in Southside, A Rural Region in
North-Central British Columbia (2002)
- Langdon Smith, Jr. (Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania)
The Democratization of Nature: State-Park Development During
the New Deal (2002)
- Laura Moley McClain (Northwest Missouri State University)
The Look of Overland Park: Landscape Creation and Meaning in an
American Suburban Environment (2004)
- Aaron K. Ketchell (The Barstow School, Kansas City))
Holy Hills: Religion and Recreation in Branson, Missouri (2004)
- John T. Bauer (University of Nebraska at Kearney)
Stability and Change in United States Religious Regions, 1980-2000
(2006)
- Christopher W. Post (Kent State University, Stark Campus)
In Memory: Landscape Memorialization of the Guerilla Warfare on the
Kansas-Missouri Frontier (2006)
- Lucius F. Hallett IV (Western Michigan University)
The Geographies of Contemporary Food Networks in Kansas City
(2007)
- Henry A. Way (James Madison University)
The Chimera of Kansas: An Exploration of Place, Politics, and Culture
(2008)
- Rex J. Rowley (University of Wisconsin--Platteville)
Bright Light City: Sense of Place Beyond the Las Vegas Strip (2009)
- David T. McDermott (Haskell Indian Nations University)
The Naming, Identification, and Protection of Place in the Loess Hills of
the Middle Missouri Valley (2009)
- Brent J. Piepergerdes
A Cinematic Nation: Representation, Regionalism, and the National
Question in Postwar Italy (2009)

B. Theses

Joseph T. Manzo (Concord University)

Strawberry Hill: An Ethnic Urban Neighborhood (1975)

Kevin P. Condon

The Cultural Geography of Jefferson County, Kansas: An Experiential Approach (1975)

Kent M. McGregor (University of North Texas)

Evaluation of Huntington's Ozone Hypothesis as a Basis for His Cyclonic Man Theory (1975)

David M. Lee

What is Geography? (1981)

Laura G. Lunsford

Small Town Stability in the Hispanic Community of Dixon, New Mexico (1984)

Tom L. Schmiedeler (Washburn University)

Perceptual Regions of Lawrence, Kansas (1985)

Elizabeth Hines (University of North Carolina--Wilmington)

Farming and Ranching in Morton County through 1915: The Historical Geography of a High Plains Frontier (1985)

Jeffrey J. Miller (Community College of Aurora, Colorado)

The Vernacular Pacific Northwest (1985)

Lawrence A. McGlenn (State University of New York--New Paltz)

A Humanistic Approach to Landscape Conception and Appreciation (1988)

Melanie K. Brown

Community Level Topophilia: The Effects of Mobility History, Environmental Background, and Regionality (1990)

Kevin S. Blake (Kansas State University)

Zane Grey's Impact on Images of the American West (1991)

Taylor E. Mack (Louisiana Tech University)

Patterns and Images of Greyhound Racing in the United States (1991)

- Daniel A. Gilewitch (United States Military Academy)
The Border Fence at El Paso, Texas: Symbolism, Perceptions and Effectiveness of the "Tortilla Curtain" (1992)
- Cary W. de Wit (University of Alaska--Fairbanks)
Sense of Place on the Kansas High Plains (1992)
- Vickie B. Long
The Airplane Bungalow: An Architectural Relic in Lawrence, Kansas (1993)
- Helen Sheumaker (Miami University)
The Gravemarkers of Nicodemus, Kansas, as a Test of Black Town Isolation (1993)
- Michael J. Handley
Methodological Problems of Place-Image Study (1994)
- Steven M. Schnell (Kutztown University)
The Kiowa Homeland in Oklahoma (1994)
- John R. Avellanet
Landscape Symbols and their Role in Establishing Sense of Place: A Case Study of Kansas (1995)
- Benjamin Y. Dixon (State University of New York--Oneonta)
Ecological Impacts of Euro-American Frontier Advancement on the Kansa Indians (1996)
- Amy Rork
Sense of Place in Montgomery County, Kansas: Perceptions of an Industrialized Rural Area (1997)
- David E. Schul (Ohio State University at Marion)
A State-Fair View of Midwestern Food (1997)
- Thomas A. Pratt
The Multicultural Mosaic in Canada: Sovereignty, Identity and Cultural Hegemony (1997)
- John H. Teeple
Cognitive Geography: Metaphor and Meaning in the Making of Geographical Language (2000)

- Mary R. Gage
Agri-tainment in the United States: A Case Study of the Pendleton's Corn
Maze (2000) coadvisor with Barbara G. Shortridge
- John T. Bauer (University of Nebraska at Kearney)
The Expansion of the Settlement Frontier in Illinois (2001)
- Lucius F. Hallett IV (Western Michigan University)
The Production of Jam in Southern Coastal Maine: A Sense-of-Place
Study (2001)
- Christopher W. Post (Kent State University, Stark Campus)
Company Town on the Plains: Sunflower Village, Kansas, from 1942
to 1959 (2003)
- Shawna Wright Brinson
The Development and Preservation of Character in Downtown Lawrence,
Kansas (2005)
- Nathan W. Brinson
Political, Economic, and Cultural Revival in Kansas City, Kansas (2006)
- Jason M. Woods
A Historical Geography of Kansas City's Jazz District (2006)
- Aaron H. Gilbreath
"A Little Place Getting Smaller:" The Depopulation and Social
Spatialization of Gove County, Kansas (2007)
- Stephan R. Fuchs
Migration Routes and Settlement Patterns of German Immigrants in
Douglas County, Kansas, 1860-1880 (2007)
- Christopher J. Fertig
Vail, Colorado, as a Voluntary Culture Region (2008)
- Thomas Hornbeck
Historical Geography of the Catholic Church in Kansas City, Missouri:
1822-1930 (2008)
- Jennifer L. Brackhan
Restaurant Growth in Lawrence, Kansas, 1950 to 2007 (2009)
- Stephanie L. Day
Home Away from Home: The Evolution and Meaning of American Truck
Stops (2009)

C. Undergraduate Honors Papers

Bryan M. Iwamotu

The Distribution of the Episcopal Church in the United States (1974)

Greg G. Cole

Stone Fences in Douglas County, Kansas (1975)

Jeffrey J. Schloesser

Boomtown Weston: The Rise and Fall of a Frontier Community (1976)

Janet R. Ringer

Ethnic Landscapes in Topeka, Kansas (1978)

Lisa E. Chismire

The Role of the Thames River in Our Mutual Friend (1979)

Rebecca R. Domermuth

Perception of Environmental Quality in the United States (1979)

Cynthia A. Dunham

Diffusion of Bottle Bill Legislation in the United States (1983)

Jefferson S. Rogers (University of Tennessee--Martin)

The Impact of Interstate 70 on Towns in Western Kansas (1986)

Taylor E. Mack (Louisiana Tech University)

Patterns of Church-Related Higher Education in the United States (1989)

Chris Scafe

Branson, Missouri: The Growth of an Entertainment Phenomenon (1992)

Kevin Spradlin

A Regional Image of Oklahoma Based on New York Times Articles from 1894 to 1910 (1992)

Peter McCormick (Fort Lewis College)

The Secessionist Movement in Southwestern Kansas (1993)

Wendy Kirkpatrick

How Branson Came to Be: The Factors Behind Branson, Missouri's Growth (1995)

Brent Piepergerdes

Deciphering Images in Southeast Kansas: Examples of How the Cultural

Landscape Reflects, Neglects, and Distorts the Historical Record (1997)

Corey Johnson (University of North Carolina--Greensboro)

Hanover, Kansas: The Life and Times of a German Railroad Town (1998)

Matthew Duran

Viewing the Mexican-American Borderlands: A Reception Study
Examination of John Sayle's Lone Star (1998)

Shawna K. Wright

An Inside Look: The Ups and Downs of Hailing from "Junktown" (2000)

David M. Mitchell

The Need for Speed: Historical Justifications for Embracing High-Speed
Rail (2001)

Blake M. Huff

Spatial Perceptions of Gay Friendliness in the United States (2005)

VIII. Major Professional Service

Association of American Geographers

Member, Local Arrangements Committee, 1971-1972

Member, Nominating Committee, 1996-1997

President, Historical Geography Specialty Group, 1998-2000

Member, Research Grants Committee, 1999-2002

Member, Archives and Association History Committee, 2000-2003

National Councillor, 2000-2003

Member, Census Advisory Committee, 2002-2003

Member, Globe Award Selection Committee, 2003-2004

Member, Nominating Committee, 2008-2009

Member, John Brinkerhoff Jackson Prize Committee, 2008-date

University of Kansas

Member, Steering Committee, American Studies Program, 1977-1978 and
1991-date

Member, College Committee on the Budget, 1986-1989

Member, University Committee on Named and Distinguished Professors,
1996-1998

Member, University Senate Library Committee, 1997-2000

Member, Higuchi-Endowment Association Research Awards Selection
Committee, 2007-2008

Advisory Boards

- Coronet Instructional Media (Chicago), a series of filmstrips on the Great Plains, 1975-1977
- 1980 Church Membership Study of the United States (National Council of Churches and other agencies), 1978-1980
- Kansas Folk Arts Commission (Kansas State Historical Society and other agencies), 1982-date
- 1990 Church Membership Study of the United States (Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies), 1989-1990
- Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, Sustainable Management Panel (National Park Service), 1998-date
- “Barn Again!: Celebrating an American Icon” (a traveling exhibition of the Smithsonian Institution), Scholarly Consultant for the Kansas tour, 1999-2000
- Max Kade Center for German-American Studies (University of Kansas), 2000-2004

Boards of Directors

- Society for the North American Cultural Survey, 1978-1982
- Woodrow Wilson Center (Fellowship Review Board), 1990-2000
- Kansas State Historical Society, 1997-date

Editorial Boards

- Material Culture: Journal of the Pioneer America Society, 1983-1986
University Press of Kansas, 1985-1989
- Professional Geographer, 1994-1997
- Historical Geography, 1999-2004
- The American Midwest: An Interpretive Encyclopedia (Indiana University Press), 1999-2006
- The North American Geographer, 2000-date
- Geographical Review, 2003-2006
- Geographies of Religions and Belief Systems, 2004-date

IX. Publications

Books

- Kaw Valley Landscapes: A Guide to Eastern Kansas (Lawrence: Coronado Press, 1977), 211 pages. Revised edition Kaw Valley Landscapes: A Traveler's Guide to Northeastern Kansas (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1988), 240 pages.

The Middle West: Its Meaning in American Culture (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1989), 201 pages.

Winner of the John Brinckerhoff Jackson Prize (Association of American Geographers) for the best book in American geography.

Peopling the Plains: Who Settled Where in Frontier Kansas (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1995), 254 pages.

Two maps herein reprinted in Andrew K. Frank, The Routledge Historical Atlas of the American South (New York: Routledge, 1999).

The Taste of American Place: A Reader on Regional and Ethnic Foods (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1998), 298 pages (with Barbara G. Shortridge).

Our Town on the Plains: J. J. Pennell's Photographs of Junction City, Kansas, 1893-1922 (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2000), 242 pages.

Winner of the Globe Award for Public Understanding of Geography (Association of American Geographers).

Cities on the Plains: The Evolution of Urban Kansas (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2004), 470 pages.

Winner of the Globe Award for Public Understanding of Geography (Association of American Geographers).

Major Articles and Book Chapters

"Prairie Hay in Woodson County, Kansas: A Crop Anomaly," Geographical Review, Vol. 63 (1973), pp. 533-552.

"The Post Office Frontier in Kansas," Journal of the West, Vol. 13 (1974), pp. 83-97.

"Patterns of Religion in the United States," Geographical Review, Vol. 66 (1976), pp. 420-434.

Subject of feature story in New York Times, October 10, 1976 (picked up by a wire service) and in Kansas City Star, Dec. 26, 1976 (again picked up by a wire service). Maps herein reprinted in John F. Rooney, Jr., A Social and Cultural Atlas of the United States (Chicago: Denoyer-Geppert, 1979) and in Wilbur Zelinsky, et al., This Remarkable Continent: An Atlas of United States and Canadian Society and Culture (College Station: Texas A & M Press, 1982). Named one of the best 75 articles (of over 3,300) published in the Geographical Review 1916-2006 (Paul Starrs survey, 2007)

"The Collapse of Frontier Agriculture in Alaska," Annals, Association of American Geographers, Vol. 66 (1976), pp. 583-604.

"The Evaluation of the Agricultural Potential of Alaska: 1867-1897," Pacific Northwest Quarterly, Vol. 68 (1977), pp. 88-98.

"A New Regionalization of American Religion," Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Vol. 16 (1977), pp. 143-153.

Map herein reprinted in Terry G. Jordan and Lester Rowntree, The Human Mosaic, second and subsequent editions (New York: Harper and Row, 1979, 1982, 1986, 1990) and in Wilbur Zelinsky, et al., This Remarkable Continent: An Atlas of United States and Canadian Society and Culture (College Station: Texas A & M Press, 1982).

"The Pattern of American Catholicism 1971," Journal of Geography, Vol. 77 (1978), pp. 56-60.

"The Alaskan Agricultural Empire: An American Agrarian Vision, 1898-1929," Pacific Northwest Quarterly, Vol. 69 (1978), pp. 145-158.

Reprinted in Mary Mangusso and Stephen Haycox eds., Interpreting Alaska's History: An Anthology (Anchorage: Alaska Pacific University Press, 1989), pp. 333-357.

"Vernacular Regions in Kansas," American Studies, Vol. 21, No. 1 (Spring, 1980), pp. 73-91.

"Traditional Rural House Types Along the Missouri-Kansas Border," Journal of Cultural Geography, Vol. 1, No. 1 (Fall/Winter, 1980), pp. 105-137.

"The Expansion of the Settlement Frontier in Missouri," Missouri Historical Review, Vol. 75 (1980), pp. 64-90.

"Some Relationships Between External Housing Characteristics and House Types," Pioneer America, Vol. 13, No. 2 (September 1981), pp. 1-28.

"Religion," chapter in This Remarkable Continent: An Atlas of United States and Canadian Society and Culture, edited by Wilbur Zelinsky, John F. Rooney, Jr., and Dean Louder (College Station: Texas A & M Press, 1982), pp. 177-203.

"Patterns of American Rice Consumption, 1955 and 1980," Geographical Review, Vol. 73 (1983), pp. 417-429 (with Barbara G. Shortridge).

Reprinted in Barbara G. Shortridge and James R. Shortridge, eds., The Taste of American Place: A Reader on Regional and Ethnic Foods (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1998), pp. 85-100.

"The Emergence of 'Middle West' as an American Regional Label," Annals, Association of American Geographers, Vol. 74 (1984), pp. 209-220.

"Introduction," The WPA Guide to 1930s Kansas (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1984), 12 pages, not numbered.

"The Vernacular Middle West," Annals, Association of American Geographers, Vol. 75 (1985), pp. 48-57.

Subject of feature stories by Associated Press, March 16, 1985 and by Susan Wintch, "Where is the Midwest Anyway?" TWA Ambassador, March, 1988, pp. 50-51, 76, 86. Maps herein reprinted in James F. Fryman, Human Geography (St. Paul: West Publishing Co., 1986) and in Roger Brunet, La Carte Mode D'Emploi (Paris: Fayard-Reclus, 1987).

"Cowboy, Yeoman, Pawn and Hick: Myth and Contradiction in Great Plains Life," Focus, Vol. 31, No. 4 (October 1985), pp. 22-27.

Reprinted in Gerald R. Pitzel, ed., Annual Editions: Geography 87/88 (Guilford, Conn.: Dushkin Publishing Group, 1987), pp. 109-113; and in Paul K. Stuewe, ed., Kansas Revisited: Historical Images and Perspectives (Lawrence: University of Kansas Division of Continuing Education, 1990), pp. 27-34.

"Changing Usage of Four American Regional Labels," Annals, Association of American Geographers, Vol. 77 (1987), pp. 325-336.

Subject of story in The Chronicle of Higher Education, November 18, 1987.

"The Heart of the Prairie: Culture Areas in the Central and Northern Great Plains," Great Plains Quarterly, Vol. 8 (1988), pp. 206-221.

Reprinted in Mary K. Cayton, Elliott J. Garn, and Peter W. Williams, eds., Encyclopedia of American Social History, 3 volumes (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1993), Vol. 2, pp. 1001-1015.

"Consumption of Fresh Produce in the Metropolitan United States," Geographical Review, Vol. 79 (1989), pp. 79-98 (with Barbara G. Shortridge).

"The Concept of the Place-Defining Novel in American Popular Culture," Professional Geographer, Vol. 43 (1991), pp. 280-291.

"People of the New Frontier: Kansas Population Origins, 1865," Kansas History, Vol. 14 (1991), pp. 162-185.

Winner of the 1992 Edgar Langsdorf Award for Excellence in Writing (Kansas State Historical Society). Reprinted in Virgil Dean, ed., Kansas Territorial Reader (Topeka: Kansas Territorial Sesquicentennial

Commission and the Kansas State Historical Society, 2005).

"Cultural Geography of American Foodways: An Annotated Bibliography," Journal of Cultural Geography Vol. 15, No. 2 (Spring/Summer, 1995), pp. 79-108 (with Barbara G. Shortridge).

"Keeping Tabs on Kansas: Reflections on Regionally Based Field Study," Journal of Cultural Geography, Vol. 16, No. 1 (Fall/Winter, 1996), pp. 5-16.

"The Expectations of Others: Struggles Toward a Sense of Place in the Northern Plains," chapter in Many Wests: Place, Culture, and Regional Identity, edited by Michael C. Steiner and David M. Wrobel (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1997), pp. 114-135.

"The Persistence of Regional Labels in the United States (Reflections from a Midwestern Perspective)," chapter in The New Regionalism, edited by Charles R. Wilson (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 1998), pp. 45-63.

"Kansas Barns in Time and Place," Kansas History, Vol. 22 (1999), pp. 2-25.
Winner of the 2000 Edgar Langsdorf Award for Excellence in Writing (Kansas State Historical Society).

"The Round Barns of Kansas," Kansas History, Vol. 22 (1999), pp. 48-89.

"A Working Landscape," chapter in Remembering the Family Farm: 150 Years of American Prints, edited by Stephen H. Goddard (Lawrence: Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas, 2001), pp. 1-12 (with Barbara G. Shortridge).

"Yankee Town on the Kaw: A Geographical and Historical Perspective on Lawrence and its Environs," chapter in Embattled Lawrence: Conflict and Community, edited by Dennis Domer and Barbara Watkins (Lawrence: University of Kansas, Division of Continuing Education, 2001), pp. 5-19 (with Barbara G. Shortridge).

"The 'Missing' Railroad Cities Along the Union Pacific and Santa Fe Lines in Kansas," chapter in Tallgrass Essays: Papers from the Symposium in Honor of Dr. Ramon Powers, edited by Michael Hoeflich, Gayle R. Davis, and Jim Hoy (Topeka: Kansas State Historical Society, 2003), pp. 105-131.

Revised version reprinted in Kansas History, Vol. 26 (2003), pp. 186-205.

"Images and Icons," interpretive essay for Encyclopedia of the Great Plains, edited by David Wishart (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2004), pp. 373-377.

"A Cry for Help: KansasFreeLand.com" Geographical Review, Vol. 94 (2004), pp. 530-540.

Named one of the best 75 articles (of over 3,300) published in the Geographical Review 1916-2006 (Paul Starrs survey, 2007).

"Regional Image and Sense of Place in Kansas," Kansas History, Vol. 28 (2005), pp. 202-219.

"Images of the Midwest," interpretive essay for The American Midwest: An Interpretive Encyclopedia, edited by Richard Sisson, Chris Zacher, and Andrew Cayton (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2006), pp. 57-60.

"Edward Miller's Town: The Reconceptualization of Pleasant Hill by the Pacific Railroad of Missouri," Missouri Historical Review, Vol. 101 (2007), pp. 205-225.

Encyclopedia Contributions and Other Brief Studies

"Report on the Session: Historical Geography - Case Studies and Delimitation," Historical Geography Newsletter, Vol. 7 (1977), pp. 51-52.

"Kansas," invited contribution to Academic American Encyclopedia (Princeton, N.J.: Arete Publishing Co., 1980), Vol. K, pp. 16-22.

"Kansas," invited revision of an article originally written by Walter Schoewe for The New Book of Knowledge (Danbury, Conn.: Grolier Educational Corp., 1983), Vol. J-K, pp. 176-191.

"The Geography of Southern Religion," invited contribution to The Encyclopedia of Religion in the South, edited by Samuel S. Hill (Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 1984), pp. 284-288 (with Roger Stump).

"Westward Migration," invited contribution to The Encyclopedia of Religion in the South, edited by Samuel S. Hill (Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 1984), pp. 473-477 (with Roger Stump).

"What Cemeteries Tell Us," invited contribution to Middle Border, a newsletter from Johnson County Community College's Center for Local History, Vol. 3, No. 1 (Fall, 1985), p. 11.

"The Dictionary of American Regional English," invited contribution to Geographical Review, Vol. 76 (1986), pp. 94-96.

"Kansas," invited revision of an article for The World Book Encyclopedia (Chicago: World Book, Inc., 1988), Vol. K, pp. 216-240 (with Thomas D.

Isern).

"Religious Regions," invited contribution to The Encyclopedia of Southern Culture, edited by William Ferris and Charles Wilson (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1989), pp. 557-559 (with Roger Stump).

Revised version reprinted in The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture, Vol. 2, Geography, edited by Richard Pillsbury (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2006), pp. 117-121.

"Kansas Without Apologies," invited contribution to Kansas Alumni Magazine, Vol. 88, No. 6 (April, 1990), pp. 2-5 (with Thomas Averill and Paul Stuewe).

"Kansas," invited revision of an article for Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia (Redmond, Wash.: Microsoft Corporation, 1996), CD-ROM.

"Kansas," invited contribution to The New Book of Knowledge (Danbury, Conn.: Grolier Incorporated, 1997), Vol. J-K, pp. 176-189.

"The Heartland's Role in U.S. Culture: It's 'Main Street'," invited contribution to The Public Perspective, Vol. 9, No. 4 (June/July, 1998), pp. 40-42.

"Views from the Chair" (on the composition of the group), Past Place: Newsletter of the Historical Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, Vol. 8, No. 1 (Summer, 1998), pp. 1-3.

"Views from the Chair" (on the interconnections between historical geography and genealogy), Past Place: Newsletter of the Historical Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, Vol. 8, No. 2 (Winter, 1999), pp. 1-3.

"Views from the Chair" (on the awarding of honors), Past Place: Newsletter of the Historical Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, Vol. 9, No. 1 (Fall, 1999), pp. 1-2.

"Out of Date in 1898," Explore: Thought and Discovery at the University of Kansas, Vol. 1, No. 2 (Spring, 2000), 2 page article at www.research.ukans.edu/explore/vin2/barns.html.

"Views from the Chair" (reflections on Pittsburgh), Past Place: Newsletter of the Historical Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, Vol. 9, No. 2 (Spring, 2000), pp. 1-2.

"On Local Studies," invited contribution to Teaching Matters (Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Kansas), Vol. 4, No. 1 (September, 2000), p. 3.

"The Middle West," invited contribution to The Oxford Companion to United States History, edited by Paul S. Boyer (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), pp. 498-499.

"Midwest," invited contribution to Encyclopedia of American Studies, edited by George Kurian, Miles Orvell, Johnella Butler, and Jay Mechling (Danbury, Conn.: Grolier Incorporated, 2001), Vol. 3, pp. 109-114.

"Distribution (of Religions)," invited contribution to Encyclopedia of the Great Plains, edited by David Wishart (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2004), pp. 741-742.

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