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Education

B.A. in Political Science, Dept. of Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security (ACDIS), University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign). Minor: American History. 1983.

M.A. in Latin American Studies, Tropical Conservation and Development Program (TCD), University of Florida. 1999.

Ph.D., Department of Geography, University of Florida. Concentration in Tropical Agriculture. 2004.

Certificate in GPS mapping and GIS from Trimble Corporation. 2002.

Teaching Experience

- 2004-present Assistant Professor of Geography, Department of Geography and Planning. Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI.
- 2005-present Adjunct Professor, Graduate Program. Department of Biology, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC.
- 2003-04 Instructor, Department of Geography and Planning. Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI.
- 2002-2003 Visiting Instructor, Honors Students Program, University of Florida.
- 2000-02 Graduate Assistant Instructor, University of Florida.
- 1997-8 Graduate Assistant Instructor, University of Florida. Latin American Studies Special Topics (LAS 6938), Taught summer agroforestry field courses as part of the "Natural Resource Management at the Community Level" field courses with the Universidad Nacional de la Amazonia Peruana (UNAP) and community participants in Peru.
- 1995-6 Graduate Assistant Instructor, University of Florida. Tropical Studies Special Topics (AAG 6933), Taught summer agroforestry field courses as part of the "Wildlife and Natural Resource Management" field courses with the Universidad Nacional de la Amazonia Peruana (UNAP) professionals from several countries, and community participants in Peru .

Relevant Work Experiences - partial list

- 1995-present Field Director and agroforestry specialist, for the Rainforest Conservation Fund (RCF). Directing the planting, maintenance and monitoring of swidden-fallow agroforestry systems with local communities in the buffer zone of the Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo Community Reserve (RCTT), Peru. Hiring and training of field workers, proposal writing.
- 2001- present Commissioned editor of geography textbooks for Oxford University Press, John Wiley and Sons, Prentice-Hall, and McGraw-Hill Higher Education.
- 1994-95 Conservation and Sustainable Development Consultant, The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Worked with the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve (RNPS) Project in Peru while assisting Peruvian NGO extension efforts with local communities.
- 1991-95 Advisor to the Regional Government of Loreto, Peru. Assisted in the planning and implementation of the Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo Community Reserve (RCTT) project. Served as a liaison between rainforest inhabitants and authorities in Peru, and provided field reports documenting the development of the reserve and community concerns.

Peer-reviewed Publications

- Penn, J.W., Jr.** 2006. The domestication of camu camu (*Myrciaria dubia*): A tree planting programme in the Peruvian Amazon. *Forests, Trees and Livelihoods* 16 (1): 85-101.
- Miller, R.P., **Penn, J.W., Jr.**, and J. van Leeuwen. 2006. Amazonian Homegardens: Their ethnohistory and potential contribution to agroforestry development. Pp. 43 -60 In: Kumar, B.K. and P.K. Nair (eds.) *Tropical Homegardens: A Time-Tested Example of Sustainable Agroforestry. Advances in Agroforestry* 3. Dordrecht: Springer Science.
- Meyer, D., and **J. Penn.** 2003. An overview of the Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo Communal Reserve. *Rapid Biological Inventories*: 11. 176-177. Chicago: Field Museum of Natural History.
- Bodmer, R.E., C.M. Allen, **J.W. Penn**, R. Aquino, and C. Reyes. 1999. Evaluating sustainable use of wildlife in the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, Peru. *America Verde* No. 4a. 36 pp.
- Bodmer, R. E. and **J. W. Penn, Jr.** 1997. Manejo de Vida Silvestre em Comunidades na Amazonia. Pp. 52-69 In: Claudio Valladares-Padua and Richard E. Bodmer (eds.), *Manejo e Conservação de Vida Silvestre no Brasil*. Belém, Brasil, Instituto de Pesquisas Ecológicas.
- Bodmer, R. E., **J. W. Penn**, P. E. Puertas, L. I. Moya and T. G. Fang. 1997. Linking Conservation and Local People through Sustainable Use of Natural Resources: Community-Based Management in the Peruvian Amazon. Pp. 315-358 In: Curtis H. Freese (ed.), *Harvesting Wild Species: Implications for Biodiversity Conservation*. Baltimore, MD: John Hopkins University Press.
- Bodmer, R. E., **J. W. Penn** and Eduardo Durand. 1995. Costos y Beneficios del Establecimiento de una Extracción de Recursos mas Sostenible en la Amazonia Occidental. Pp. 215-222 In: G. A. B. da Fonseca, M. Schmink, L. P. de S. Pinto and F. Brito (eds.), *Abordages Interdisciplinares para a Conservação do Uso de Terra no Novo Mundo*. Belo Horizonte, Brasil: Conservation International do Brasil.
- Bodmer, R. E., T. G. Fang, L. I. Moya, and **J. W. Penn, Jr.** 1990. Management Programmes and Protected Areas: the Case of the Reserva Comunal Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo. *Parks* 1(1): 21-25.

Other publications

Penn, J. and G. Neise. 2004. Aguaje palm agroforestry in the Peruvian Amazon. *The Palmeteer* Vol. 24, No. 1, 15-18.

Penn, J. W., Jr. 1994. Agroforestería orientada a la fauna silvestre y necesidades humanas: desafíos y realidades de la Reserva Comunal Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo. *Kanatari* 490: 6-7 and 493: 5, 11.

Penn, J. W., Jr., C. Rengifo, G. Bertiz, D. Diaz, and G. Saenz. 1993. *Educación Ambiental: Planificación para el Futuro*. Chicago, IL: Amazon Conservation Fund.

Penn, J. W., Jr. and Jose A. Alvarez. 1990. Comunidad Campesina Protege sus Cochas. *Kanatari* 258: 3, 10.

Web pages

Penn, J. and G. Neise (layout editor). 2000- present Agroforestry and Ethnobotany in the Peruvian Amazon. Camu Camu: A Conservation and Development Issue in Peru. The Rainforest Conservation Fund (RCF), Chicago, IL. www.rainforestconservation.org

Grants and awards - partial list

- 2006 Discretionary funds award for field research, Rainforest Conservation Fund (\$2500)
- 2005 Intercultural Studies Faculty Development Grant, Grand Valley State University (\$1000)
- 2005 Rainforest Conservation Fund, Field Research Grant (\$2000)
- 2004 Faculty Teaching and Learning Center Grant, Grand Valley State University (\$3000)
- 2004 Field Research Grant, Dallas Zoo and Aquarium (\$1000).
- 2003 Intercultural Studies Faculty Development Grant, Grand Valley State University (\$2000).
- 2003 Rainforest Conservation Fund, Field Research Grant (\$2335).
- 2003 Latin American Studies Program Travel Assistance, Grand Valley State University (\$300)

Conference presentations - partial list

- October 2006 "Demographic changes and urbanization in the Peruvian Amazon: Examining rural development in the face of resource flow to cities and towns." 9th Conference on the Americas of the Latin American Studies Program. Grand Valley State University. Grand Rapids, MI.
- October 2006 "Prospects for smallholder agriculture in latin America: Case studies from three regions." 9th Conference on the Americas of the Latin American Studies Program. Grand Valley State University. Grand Rapids, MI.
- August 2006 "A comparison between wild populations and agroforestry plantings of moriche palm (*Mauritia flexuosa*) in the Amazon Basin." Annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America. Memphis, TN. Joint presentation with Chris Miller, St. Leo University.
- March 2006 " History and use of palms and fruit trees in the western Amazon." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Chicago, IL.

- December 2005 "Estudio del potencial e impactos de la agro-industria del camu camu en las regiones de Loreto y Ucayali." Instituto de Investigaciones de la Amazonia Peruana (IIAP). Iquitos, Perú.
- June 2005 "The commercialization of camu camu (*Myrciaria dubia*) in Peru: Socioeconomic and environmental implications of a new industry." Society for Economic Botany Annual 44th Meeting. Fort Worth, TX.
- February 2005 "A natural history of the Amazon: Exploring the past and prospects for the future." 8th Conference of the Americas of the Latin American Studies Program. Grand Valley State University. Grand Rapids, MI.
- June 2004 "The domestication of camu camu (*Myrciaria dubia*) in Peru." First World Conference of Agroforestry. Orlando, FL.
- February 2004 "Land use and agroforestry systems in Peru: Comparing two tree-planting programs." 100th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Philadelphia, PA.
- December 2003 "Reserva Comunal Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo: Sumario de una historia de avances." Rapid Biological Evaluation Conference on the Greater Yavari Valley. Instituto Nacional de Recursos Naturales (INRENA). Lima, Perú.
- December 2003 "Reserva Comunal Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo: Sumario de una historia de avances." Rapid Biological Evaluation Conference on the Greater Yavari Valley. Gobierno Regional de Loreto (GOREL). Iquitos, Perú.
- October 2003 "Aspects of culture, politics and rural development in Peru: The Programa Nacional de Camu Camu." 7th Conference on the Americas of the Latin American Studies Program. Grand Valley State University. Grand Rapids, MI.
- July 2002 "El Aguaje (*Mauritia flexuosa* L.F.), investigación de su rol como una especie agroforestal en un proyecto de conservación comunal." Instituto de Investigaciones de la Amazonia Peruana, (IIAP) and the Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT). Pucallpa, Perú.
- March 2002 "The New Camu Camu Industry: Prospects for Another Boom in Amazonia." Association of American Geographers (AAG) 99th Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
- December 1997 "Sembrando palmeras: 'Proyecto Aguaje' y la conservación comunal." Third International Conference on Wildlife Management in the Amazon. Santa Cruz, Bolivia.
- May 1995 "Experiencias sembrando palmeras en Loreto: El aguaje (*Mauritia flexuosa*)." Second International Conference on Wildlife Management in the Amazon. Iquitos, Perú.
- March 1995 "La Reserva Comunal Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo: Desafíos y realidades de la conservación comunitaria." 44th Annual Latin American Conference, University of Florida. Gainesville, FL.
- October 1994 "Educación Ambiental: Desafíos, realidades, y progreso." Technical Committee on Environmental Education, Regional Government of Loreto and the Peruvian Foundation for Nature Conservation (FPCN), Iquitos, Perú.

Colloquia, invited lectures and presentations- partial list

- March 2006 People and Plants (BIO 109). Department of Biology, GVSU.

- December 2005 Honors People and Plants (HNR 242). Department of Biology, GVSU.
- November 2005 Graduate Program Seminar, Department of Biology, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC.
- November 2005 International Relations Organization, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI.
- October 2005 GVSU Colloquium on Global Issues, Grand Valley State University. Allendale, MI.
- October 2005 People and Plants (BIO 109). Department of Biology, GVSU.
- October 2004 History Colloquium. Department of History. Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI.
- March 2004 Seminar on Latin America (LAS 210). Latin American Studies Program. GVSU.
- March 2004 People and Plants (BIO 109). Department of Biology, GVSU.
- December 2003 Seminar on Latin America (LAS 210) Latin American Studies Program. GVSU.
- December 2003 People and Plants (BIO 109). Department of Biology, GVSU.
- December 2003 Geography Awareness Week, Grand Valley State University.
- November 2003 Math and Sciences Divisional Research Colloquium. Grand Valley State University. Allendale, MI.
- 1997,98,99 International Forestry (FOR 6170). Department of Forest Resources and Economics. University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
- 1997, 98 Tropical Wildlife (WIS 3434). Department of Wildlife Conservation and Ecology. University of Florida. Gainesville, FL.

Technical Panels and Workshops - partial list (complete list available upon request)

- 2004 Association of Academic Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean (AAPLAC). Annual workshop. Improving study abroad programs and institutional linkages. .Antigua, Guatemala.
- 2002-3 Member, Technical Team for the National Camu Camu Program (PNCC), Peru. Assisting the development program for the production and export of tropical fruit products.
- 1999 Technical Panel/Workshop participant, Episcopal Social Action Commission (CEAS), Regional Forum for Foreign Debt Relief. Helped draft proposals for investment in social and environmental programs. Iquitos, Perú.
- 1994 Rural Participatory Evaluation Workshop (TERP) conducted by the Peruvian Foundation for Nature Conservation (FPCN). Assisted with a local evaluation of natural resources in the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve (RNPS). Nueva Esperanza, Peru.
- 1994 Technical Panel, National Planning System for Protected Areas of Peru (SINANPE) Helped draft management procedures and technical criteria for protected areas in Peru.
- 1994 Technical Committee for Environmental Education Planning, Department of Loreto, Peru. Presented results and evaluation of environmental education methods utilized during Amazon Conservation Fund (ACF) fieldwork with local communities. Iquitos, Peru.

Professional Societies

Association of American Geographers. American Geographical Society, Congress of Latin American Geographers, The International Palm Society, Society for Economic Botany, American Society of Environmental History, Society for Applied Anthropology, Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society.