

Résumé for

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**Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of
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University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana 70148

EDUCATION

Degree Programs:

- Ph.D. (Geography)** University of Georgia, Athens, 1981. Areas of concentration included urban/industrial, Latin America, and cartography.
- M.A. (Geography)** Arizona State University, Tempe, 1977. Emphasis on economic geography and Latin America.
- B.A. (International Relations)** West Texas State University, (Now West Texas A&M) Canyon, 1974. Political science concentration within 54-hour major. Secondary concentrations in history, education, and Spanish.

Other Higher Education:

- One of two U.S. delegates to the Sixth International Course on Applied Geography, Quito, Ecuador, summer of 1978. Graduated from program "with excellence."
- University of Texas School of Law, 1974-75
- Qualified for Texas teaching certificate in secondary-level social studies, emphasizing political science. Student taught in government and economics.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Academic Positions:

- 2015-present** Colorado State University, **Professor** (held this academic appointment while working at INTO)
- 1981-2015** University of New Orleans, **Assistant Professor** (1981-86), **Associate Professor** (1986-94), **Professor** (1994-2015). Areas of interest include:
- Industrial geography, focusing on the U.S. South.
 - Latin America/urban
 - Political geography
 - Cartography/GIS in education
 - Internet-based virtual worlds.
- 1977-1981** Teaching Assistant, University of Georgia, with full course responsibility at the freshman level.
- 1976** Lab Instructor, Arizona State University.

Administrative Positions:

- 2021-fall semester** **Acting Director, Geography**, Colorado State University, Department of Anthropology/Geography.
- 2015-2016** **Academic Director, INTO CSU**, Colorado State University. General administration, development of pathway programs for international students.
- 2014-2015** **Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs**, Office of Academic Affairs, University of New Orleans. Management authority over an abbreviated list of activities listed for Senior Associate Vice President, below.
- 2013-2014** **Executive Director for Global UNO**, Office of Academic Affairs, University of New Orleans. Management authority over :
- International activities
 - Online Education/L.M.S.
 - Noncredit curricula
 - Adult Education
 - Off-campus sites
 - Summer school

- 2011-2013** **Senior Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs**, Office of Academic Affairs, University of New Orleans. (Title change due to System change in December, 2011.)
- 2009-2011** **Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs**, Office of Academic Affairs, University of New Orleans. Associate Provost duties plus oversight of:
- International activities
 - Distance education/L.M.S.
 - Noncredit curricula
 - Campus website development (until 7-1-12)
 - University Computing/Communications
 - Endowed chairs/centers
- 2008-2009** **Associate Provost**, Office of Academic Affairs, University of New Orleans. Management authority over:
- Courses and curricula
 - Honors Program
 - Summer school/Intersession
 - Promotion/tenure
 - Sabbatical leaves
 - International students and scholars (official signature)
 - Student complaints/retroactive drops/resignations
- 2007-2010** **Coordinator** (unofficial) of the U.N.O. virtual campus project, focusing on the Second Life 3-D Internet platform. A UNO campus was built as part of a larger Louisiana university consortium. I have taught a course in one of the virtual campus classrooms, and I represented the University's initiative to the press and other outside interests.
- 2007-2008** **Interim Director, School of Urban Planning and Regional Studies**, College of Liberal Arts, University of New Orleans. Part of the post-Katrina restructuring process was the consolidation of the planning, geography, and anthropology activities on campus into a single school (which ultimately did not happen).
- 2005-2013** **Director of Latin American Outreach**, College of Liberal Arts, University of New Orleans. Duties included coordination of student recruitment in

Latin American bilingual schools and support of Latin American students at U.N.O. Requires multiple trips to Latin America each year.

2001-2003, 2004-2008

Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts, University of New Orleans. Responsibilities included oversight of:

- College budget (2003-2008)
- Personnel (2003-2008)
- Promotion and tenure procedures
- Sabbatical procedures (2001-2004)
- Graduate faculty appointments (2001-2004)
- College technology
- College international programs
- Grants and contracts

2003-2004

Acting Dean (with Dr. Susan Krantz), College of Liberal Arts, University of New Orleans

2002 (Spring/Summer)

Acting Director, U.N.O. Arts Administration Program

1989-2000

Chair, Department of Geography, University of New Orleans. Duties included the usual departmental budgetary, scheduling, and personnel responsibilities.

2000

GIS Program Coordinator, Department of Geography, University of New Orleans. Done in conjunction with Chair's responsibilities.

RESEARCH AND GRANT ACTIVITIES

Monographs/Books

Johnson, Merrill L. *Social Virtual Worlds and Their Places: A Geographer's Guide* London: Palgrave-Macmillan (Springer Nature Singapore), 2022. ISBN 978-981-16-8625-2 and 978-981-16-8625-9 (eBook).

Published Research:

Rohli, Robert V. and Johnson, Merrill L. "Contribution of John Daniel Gross to American Geography." *Geographical Review* Published online, 04 August 2021, DOI: [10.1080/00167428.2021.1953381](https://doi.org/10.1080/00167428.2021.1953381)

- Rohli, Robert V. and Johnson, Merrill L. "The Legacy of Jedidiah Morse in Early American Geography Education: Forgotten and/or Forgettable Geographer?" *Geographical Review* 106 (2016): 465-483.
- Johnson, Merrill L. "Geographical Reflections on the 'New' New Orleans in the Post-Hurricane Katrina Era." *The Geographical Review* 96 (2006): 139-156.
- Johnson, Merrill L. "To Restructure or Not to Restructure: Contemplations on Postwar Industrial Change in the U.S. South." *Southeastern Geographer* 37 (1997): 162-192.
- Johnson, Merrill L. "GIS in Business: Issues to Consider in Curriculum Decision Making." *Journal of Geography* 95 (1996): 98-105.
- Johnson, Merrill L. "Public Policy and Industrial Location in the Lower Mississippi Delta in an Era of Restructuring." *Southeastern Geographer* 34 (1994): 17-39.
- Johnson, Merrill L. "An Empirical Update on the Product-Cycle Explanation and Branch Plant Location in the Nonmetropolitan South." *Environment and Planning A* 23 (1991): 397-409.
- Johnson, Merrill L. "A Survey-Based Analysis of Race and Manufacturing Branch Plant Location in the Nonmetropolitan South." *Southeastern Geographer* 30 (1990): 79-93.
- Johnson, Merrill L. "Industrial Transition and the Location of High-Technology Branch Plants in the Nonmetropolitan Southeast." *Economic Geography* 65 (1989): 33-47.
- Johnson, Merrill L. "Labor Environment and the Location of Electrical Machinery Employment in the U.S. South." *Growth and Change* 19 (1988): 56-74.
- Johnson, Merrill L. and Fisher, James S. "Regional Wage Productivity Trends in the United States." *Southeastern Geographer* 25 (1985): 46-59.
- Johnson, Merrill L. "Postwar Industrial Development in the Southeast and the Pioneer Role of Labor-Intensive Industry." *Economic Geography* 61 (1985): 46-65.
- Johnson, Merrill L. and Sauder, Robert A. "Land Use Policy and Flood Hazard Mitigation in the Development of Eastern New Orleans." *Papers and Proceedings of Applied Geography Conferences* 7 (1984): 69-79.

Grant Reports:

- Johnson, Merrill; Speaker, Richard; and Hamlin, Lindsey. *Disciplinary Enrichment Using 3D-Web in an Enlarged Statewide Second-Life Grid: Final Report*. Submitted to Louisiana Board of Regents as part of its SELECT program, 92 pages. (June, 2012).

Johnson, Merrill and Speaker, Richard. *Toward Enhanced Statewide Teaching and Administrative Disaster Resilience Using 3-D Web: Final Report*. Submitted to Louisiana Board of Regents as part of its SELECT program, 73 pages. (September, 2009).

Johnson, Merrill L.; Clawson, David; and Lodhi, Mahtab. Report on the Veracruz GeoSpatial Education Project. (2003) (Mainly a Powerpoint presentation, with a brief written report to NASA)

Johnson, Merrill L. *High-Technology Branch Plants as Labor-Oriented Industries in the U.S. South*. Prepared for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, Project Number RED-863-G-86-8 (99-7-13 668), approximately 170 pages (1988).

Encyclopedias:

Johnson, Merrill L. "Virtual and Immersive Environments." *Encyclopedia of Geography*. Edited by Barney Warf (Sage Publications: 2010)

Textbooks and Textbook Chapters:

Johnson, Douglas L.; Haarmann, Viola; and Johnson, Merrill L., editors. *World Regional Geography: A Development Approach*. 11th Edition. (Boston: Pearson, 2015). Also contained in the textbook:

Chapter 1: "Geography and Development in an Era of Globalization," M. Johnson, D. Johnson, V. Haarmann.

Chapter 2: "United States and Canada," M. Johnson.

Johnson, Douglas L.; Haarmann, Viola; Johnson, Merrill L.; and Clawson, David L., editors. *World Regional Geography: A Development Approach*. 10th Edition. (Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 2010). Also contained in the textbook:

Prefatory comments: "A Note About the Global Economic Crisis," M. Johnson (principal author)

Chapter 1: "Geography and Development in an Era of Globalization," M. Johnson, D. Johnson, V. Haarmann.

Chapter 2: "United States and Canada," M. Johnson.

Chapter 3: "Latin America and the Caribbean," D. Clawson and M. Johnson.

Selected online portions of the textbook.

Clawson, David; Johnson, Douglas; Haarmann, Viola; and Johnson, Merrill, editors. *World Regional Geography: A Development Approach*. 9th Edition. (Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice-Hall,

2007). Also in text:

Part One, Chapters 1-3: "Basic Concepts and Ideas," M. Johnson, D. Johnson, V. Haarmann, and D. Clawson. (I wrote the globalization and development sections. Part One was substantially revised relative to previous editions.)

Part Two, Chapters 4-6: "United States and Canada," M. Johnson.

Clawson, David and Johnson, Merrill, editors. *World Regional Geography: A Development Approach*. 8th Edition. (Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 2004). Also in text:

Part 1, Chapters 1-4: "Basic Concepts and Ideas," Clawson and Johnson.

Part 2, Chapters 5-7: "United States and Canada," Johnson and J. S. Fisher.

Johnson, Merrill and Fisher, James. "The United States and Canada," Part Two, Chapters 5-7. *In World Regional Geography: A Development Approach*. Seventh Edition. Edited by David L. Clawson (Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 2001).

Proceedings/Newsletters:

Johnson, Merrill. "Learning to Say 'Eh'? Personal Reflections of an American in Canada." Annual E-Newsletter of the Canadian Studies Specialty Group, 2004.

Rucker, James and Johnson, Merrill. Co-editors. *Proceedings of the 7th Annual Workshop on Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems for Coastal Management in Louisiana*. New Orleans, Louisiana, April 30-May 1, 1991.

Agencies and Journals For Which I Have Reviewed Manuscripts:

- *International Journal of Virtual and Personal Learning Environments* (2009)
- *Urban Geography* (1995, 1997, 2000)
- National Science Foundation (1991, 1994, 1995, 1997)
- *Southeastern Geographer* (1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2005)
- *Growth and Change* (1989)
- *Environment and Planning A* (1989)

Research Grants/Awards/Gifts:

- Louisiana Board of Regents. "Disciplinary Enrichment Using 3D-Web in an Enlarged Statewide Second-Life Grid." With Dr. Richard

Speaker and Ms. Lindsey Graveline. Funded at \$122,812.
Awarded March, 2009.

- Louisiana Board of Regents. "Toward Enhanced Teaching Outreach and Administrative Disaster Resilience Using 3-D Web," with Richard Speaker, U.N.O. This effort will provide guidance for a statewide higher-education implementation of 3-D Web technologies. Funded at \$120,000. January, 2008.
- Louisiana Board of Regents. Legislative apportionment of \$800,000 to add to the \$1.2 million gift from the Zemurray Foundation to create the Doris Zemurray Stone Endowed Chair in Latin American Studies. A center will also be created. This process was begun in the late 1990s by Dr. David Clawson and Dean Phil Coulter. They retired several years ago and I wrote the proposal that led to the State's endowment. Announced in August of 2007.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration, "Causes of Tropical Deforestation in the State of Veracruz, Mexico," with David Clawson and Armond Joyce, \$48,000, 2003-2006. M.A. thesis support for Mark Dalrymple. David Clawson the initial P.I.; transferred to M. Johnson upon Clawson's retirement.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration, "Geospatial Education Pilot Study for the Gulf of Mexico Accord: Using Satellite Imagery to Analyze Agricultural Land-Use Changes Near Veracruz," \$24,838, 2001-2003, with David Clawson and Mahtab Lodhi.
- New Orleans City Planning Commission. "New Orleans Planning Commission Summer Student Worker Project," \$19,580, 2001-02. [Summer employment for students to do GIS work for the city of New Orleans.]
- Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, "GIS Support for Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation," \$15,223, fall, 1998 and spring, 1999. [Departmental graduate assistantship]
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration, "Image Analysis Enhancement for Advanced Environmental and Land Use Study at the University of New Orleans," \$98,162, fall, 1997 to fall, 1998. I was principal investigator. Co-investigators included W. Cibula, K. Holladay, J. Howard, A. Massasati, S. Penland, R. Thayer, T. Marstall.
- Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, "GIS Support for Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation," \$16,483, fall, 1997 and spring, 1998. [Graduate assistantship]

- Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, “Summer GIS Support for LPBF,” \$4,023, spring, 1997.
- Louisiana Educational Quality Support Fund, \$120,000 to support “Computer Enhancement for Proposed Southeast Louisiana Geographic Information Laboratories,” (with Ahmad Massasati and Rick Loggins). Completed in October, 1995. I was lead principal investigator. Substantial University cost-share also included.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration “JOVE” participant, summer of 1994 through summer of 1996. Project mission was to examine the use of GIS/remote-sensing technologies in economic development decision-making. A related task was to evaluate the role of GIS instruction in higher education, focusing on U.N.O. Approximate value: \$25,000 for three years from N.A.S.A., and a roughly equivalent match from U.N.O.
- Louisiana Educational Quality Support Fund, \$110,000 to establish a workstation-based “Spatial and Environmental Analysis Laboratory,” 1991. An additional \$42,000 was provided by U.N.O. as cost-sharing for maintenance, released time, etc. I served as principal investigator.
- University of New Orleans Summer Scholar Award, \$2,743, summer 1988.
- U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, 1986-88, \$28,800. (See citation under *Grant Reports*, above.)
- Atlantic Steel Fellow, dissertation research, University of Georgia, 1980-81 (less than \$1,500).
- Organization of American States Fellow, study in Ecuador, summer of 1978 (travel and maintenance).

Other Grants/Awards/Gifts:

- Johnson, Merrill L. Louisiana Board of Regents. Jefferson West Higher Education Center Proposal, 2010-2011. Approved funding at \$55,000. 2010-11 fiscal year. Served as PI and grant manager.
- Johnson, Merrill L. Louisiana Board of Regents. Jefferson West Higher Education Center Proposal, 2009-2010. Funded at \$120,000. 2009-10 fiscal year. Served as PI and grant manager.
- National Association of College and University Business Officers, in conjunction with ESRI and the Redlands Institute. Grant of \$125,000 to support a campus-wide ESRI software license for three years and the construction of several student labs. Gift announced July, 2007.

Book Reviews:

- Johnson, Merrill L. Review of *An Unnatural Metropolis: Wrestling New Orleans from Nature*. By Craig Colten. In *Geographical Review* 96 (2006): 325-27.
- Johnson, Merrill L. Review of *Making and Selling Cars: Innovation and Change in the U.S. Automotive Industry*. By James M. Rubenstein. In *The Professional Geographer* 55 (2003): 396-97.
- Johnson, Merrill L. Review of *The Second Wave: Southern Industrialization from the 1940s to the 1970s*. Edited by Philip Scranton. In *Southeastern Geographer* 42 (2002): 144-46.
- Johnson, Merrill L. Review of *Government Policy and Industrial Change*. Edited by David Gibbs. In *The Professional Geographer* 43 (1991): 118-119.
- Johnson, Merrill L. Review of *High Tech, Low Tech, No Tech: Recent Industrial and Occupational Change in the South*. By William W. Falk and Thomas A Lyson. In *Geographical Review* 79 (1989): 366-68.

Contributions to Latin America in Books:

- Review of *Theatres of Accumulation: Studies in Asian and Latin American Urbanization*, by Warwick Armstrong and T. G. McGee (New York: Methuen, 1985).
- Review of *Industrialization and Urbanization in Latin America*, by Robert N. Gwynne (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press, 1986).
- Review of *Urban Development in the Third World*, edited by Pradip K. Ghosh (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1984).
- Review of *Spanish City Planning in North America*, by Dora P. Crouch, Daniel J. Garr, and Axel I. Mundigo (Cambridge, Mass.: M.I.T. Press, 1982).
- Review of *Urban Spatial Development in Mexico*, by Ian Scott (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1982).

Unpublished Research:

- *Issues Related to GIS-Based Decision Support Systems and Industrial Location Decision-Making in the Nonmetropolitan Lower Mississippi Delta*. Report submitted to N.A.S.A. in connection with work done at the Stennis Space Center, Mississippi, summer, 1994.
- *A Review of Selected Issues Related to GIS Instruction in Higher Education, Focusing on the Role of Junior Colleges*. Report submitted to N.A.S.A. in connection with work done at the Stennis Space Center, Mississippi, summer, 1994.

- Ph.D. dissertation: *Industrial Evolution in Selected Labor Intensive Environments of the Southern Piedmont: 1947 to 1977.*
- Field research, Latacunga, Ecuador, 1978. Submitted 'mini-thesis' to Centro Panamericano de Estudios e Investigaciones Geográficas, entitled *The Distribution and Function of Abarroterías in Latacunga, Ecuador: A Study of Low-Level Business Centers.* Research partner was Carlos Héctor Sabillón of Honduras.
- M.A. thesis: *The Spread of Development from a Natural Growth Center: A Mexican Case Study.*

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings/Invited Presentations:

Johnson, Merrill L. "A New Fountain of Youth? Place, Community, and Aging in a Virtual World." Presented at the 2018 annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers, April 10, 2018, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Johnson, Merrill L. "The Rise and Fall of Virtual Worlds and the Human Geographer's Role Going Forward." Presented at the 2017 annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers, April 7, 2017, Boston, Massachusetts.

Johnson, Merrill L. "Identity Formation and Expression in Second Life: Implications for the Use of Virtual Places in Education." Presented at the 2009 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 25, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Johnson, Merrill L. "When Geography Meets the Metaverse: Teaching Geography in Emerging 3-D Web Social Worlds." Presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, April 19, 2008, Boston.

Johnson, Merrill L., with Richard Speaker. "Toward Enhanced Statewide Teaching Outreach and Administrative Disaster Resilience Using 3-D Web." Presented at the 2008 Innovations Showcase Conference, April 22, 2008, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Johnson, Merrill. "Implementation of 3-D Web in Higher Ed: Selected Administrative Challenges." Presenter and panelist, American Council on Education Annual Meeting, February 11, 2008, San Diego, California.

Johnson, Merrill L. "3-D Web and Higher Education: A 'Second Life' for the University of New Orleans?" Council of Information Services Directors meeting, October 23, 2007, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Johnson, Merrill L. "The University of New Orleans/University of Veracruz Geo-Spatial Education Pilot Project: Implications for Future Inter-

university Cooperation.” Binational Collaboration Workshop on Red Tide Programs, June 10-11, 2003, New Orleans.

Johnson, Merrill L. “GIS/Remote-Sensing Support for Recruiter-Based Industrial Growth in the South.” Presented at the 1997 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Ft. Worth, April, 1997.

Johnson, Merrill L. “Down the Road: The Future of GIS in Louisiana Higher Education,” for the Louisiana chapter of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association, Baton Rouge, LA, November 19, 1996.

Johnson, Merrill L. “Correlates of GIS/Remote-Sensing Software Developer Location in the U.S.” Presented at the 1996 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Charlotte, April, 1996.

Johnson, Merrill L. “Industrial Development Philosophy and Implications for GIS-Based Decision Support Systems in the Rural U.S. South.” Presented at the 1995 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, March, 1995.

Johnson, Merrill L. “Rural Manufacturing and Economic Development Prospects in the Lower Mississippi Valley.” Presented at the 1992 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Diego, April, 1992.

Johnson, Merrill L. “A Comparison of Locational Needs of Southern and Midwestern Nonmetropolitan Branch Plants.” Paper presented at the 1989 A.A.G. meetings in Baltimore.

Johnson, Merrill L. “A Comment on Race and the Location of Manufacturing Branch Plants in the Nonmetropolitan South.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Division, A.A.G., Mobile, November 1988.

Johnson, Merrill L. “Product-Cycle Expectations and the Location of High-Technology Manufacturing in the Nonmetropolitan South.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the A.A.G., Phoenix, April 1988.

Johnson, Merrill L. “Changing Emphases in the Postwar Location and Structure of Labor-Intensive Manufacturing in the Southeast.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the A.A.G., Detroit, April 1985.

Johnson, Merrill L. “The Application of Selected Measures of Labor Intensity to U.S. Productivity Patterns, 1977.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the A.A.G., Denver, April 1983.

Johnson, Merrill L. and Fisher, James S. “Industrial Evolution in Labor-Intensive Environments of the Southern Piedmont: 1947-1977.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the A.A.G., San Antonio, April 1982.

Selected Community Presentations:

- “The Landscapes of New Orleans before and after Katrina.” Presentation to visiting Austrian university faculty and students, April, 2006.
- “Mapping the New Frontier” A geographer’s perspective on the Louisiana Purchase. Presented as part of the Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Lecture Series, University of New Orleans, October 1, 2002.
- Presentation entitled “Geography and the World of GIS at UNO,” given before UNO Honors Assembly, February 4, 1997.
- Presentation entitled “Cartographic, GIS, and Satellite Image Analysis in the Geography Department at UNO,” given before Lockheed-Martin employees, Stennis Space Center, July 18, 1996.
- Presentation entitled “A Brief (Really Brief) Introduction to GIS for Law Enforcement” for local parish law enforcement officials, Jefferson Parish training facility, June 20, 1996.
- Presentation entitled “Satellites, Computers, and the Geographer’s Craft in a High-Tech Age” before high school guidance counselors (75-100 present) from throughout the New Orleans area, February 15, 1996.

Selected Media Coverage:¹

- McClelland, Mac. “Get a (Second) Life: A Nonbeliever Ventures into the Realm of Virtual Worlds.” *Orion* (March/April, 2010), pp. 38-42.
- Larino, Jennifer. “Virtual Office Space: Law Firm Explores Benefits of Second Life as Businesses Try on Social Media for Size.” *New Orleans Business* (March 22, 2010), p. 14.
- Graves, Lucia. “A Second Life for Higher Ed,” *U.S. News & World Report* (January 21, 2008), p. 50.
- Foster, Andrea L. “Linked in with: Merrill L. Johnson, Who Teaches a Real Geography Course at a Virtual University Campus,” *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (November 2, 2007), p. A24.
- Mayhall, Robin. “The Classroom is Virtual, But the Credits are Real: UNO Has Launched a Campus in the Online 3D World of Second Life,” *Louisiana Next*, www.lanext.com/articles.php?article_id=72, accessed 10-25-2007.

¹ These entries contain interviews with me, and/or references to the virtual-world projects at UNO.

- “A Second Life for Academics,” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, <http://chronicle.com/wiredcampus/article/2450/a-second-life-foracademics?at> , accessed 10-12-2007.
- “Second Life System Provides Online Classes,” KATC3—Lafayette, Louisiana, www.katc.com/Global/story.asp?S=6667723, accessed 10-13-2007.
- McCloskey, Paul. “U New Orleans Opens Virtual Classroom in Second Life,” *Campus Technology* (July 24, 2007), <http://campustechnology.com/articles/49280>, accessed 7-25-2007.
- Pope, John. “UNO Virtual Campus To Be Used After Storms,” *The Times-Picayune*, (June 11, 2007), pp. A-1, A-5.

Other Relevant Research Experience:

- Research Assistant, North Carolina A.&T. State University study on nonmetropolitan Georgia freight transportation usage, summer, 1979.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Courses Taught:

Colorado State University

- GR 100—Introduction to Geography
- GR 102—Geography of Europe and the Americas
- GR/POLS 440—Political Geography

University of New Orleans

- GEOG 1001—World Regional (Europe, Americas)
- GEOG 1002—World Regional (Asia, Africa)
- GEOG 2254—Introduction to Economic Geography
- GEOG 2422—Geography of Western Europe
- GEOG 3310 (now 4310)—Political Geography
- GEOG 3230 (now 4230)—Geography of Manufacturing (introduced this course to the curriculum)
- GEOG 4805—Introduction to Cartography (now called Fundamentals of Mapping and GIS)
- GEOG 6887—Geographic Thought and Research Methods

University of Georgia

- Geography 102—World Regional (Less Developed World)
- Physical geography labs (geomorphology, biogeography)

Arizona State University

- Physical geography labs (climatology/geomorphology)

Other Relevant Teaching Experience:

- Participated in a special videotaped course, including a one-hour lecture, on the Louisiana Purchase, 2003-04.
- Edited the preparation of teaching modules in remote sensing and GIS (with Mahtab Lodhi and David Clawson) as part of the NASA project related to the University of Veracruz, 2001-03.
- Teaching faculty, U.N.O. Innsbruck Summer School, Innsbruck, Austria, summers of 1985 and 1987.

Graduate Students:

- While I have championed the development of graduate programs (e.g., the M.A. in Geography at U.N.O.), my administrative responsibilities have limited the number of graduate-student mentoring opportunities that I have been able to accept. I have supervised one M.A. thesis and served on multiple committees (including those of Ph.D. students in other departments).

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Selected Committee Assignments, Colorado State University

College of Liberal Arts Committees

- International Studies Executive Committee (2016-present)
- Digital Liberal Arts Committee (2016-present)
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies Committee (2017-present)

Department of Anthropology Committees

- CLA Graduation Ceremony

Selected Committee Assignments, University of New Orleans:

System Committees

- LA4LA (Louisiana for Latin America), a statewide committee intended to promote recruitment of Latin American students (2013-present).
- University of Louisiana System Organizational Leadership Work Group, U.N.O. representative/liaison (2011-present)
- University of Louisiana System Study Abroad Cross Promotion Committee, U.N.O. representative (2011-present)
- Louisiana Board of Regents Online Learning Committee (2010-present).

University Committees

- Vice President for Budget Affairs Search Committee, Spring 2013.
- Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of the Graduate School Search Committee, Chair, Spring 2009.
- Doris Zemurray Stone Chair in Latin American Studies Search Committee, Chair, Spring 2008.
- U.N.O. Internationalization Committee, 2007-present
- Director of U.N.O. Human Resource Management Search Committee (2005-06)
- *Ad Hoc* Committee on the future structure of the College of Urban and Public Affairs, University of New Orleans (Summer, 2004)
- Liberal Arts representative, Strategic Technology Planning and Implementation Group (2001 and various times after)
- Liberal Arts Dean's Search Committee (2000)
- University Computing and Communications Hiring Committee, May, 2000
- Liberal Arts delegate to U.N.O. Faculty Senate (1994-96, 1998)
- Metropolitan College Dean's Search Committee, Chair (1993)
- Steering Committee for SACS Reaccreditation (1992-94)
- SACS Subcommittee on Faculty, Chair (1992-93)
- Research and Technology Park Faculty Advisory Committee (1991-present)
- Department Chairs' Steering Committee (1989-92)
- *Ad Hoc* Faculty Grievance Committee (1987)

College of Liberal Arts Committees

- College of Liberal Arts Technology Committee, Convener (2000-present)
- International Studies Committee (1996-present). Led to creation of a B.A. in International Studies.
- Liberal Arts Program for Interdisciplinary Studies in Hypermedia Curriculum Committee (mid-1990s)
- *Ad Hoc* Equipment Committee, Chair (1994)
- *Ad Hoc* Committee on Computer Equipment, Chair (1991)
- Courses and Curricula Committee (1987-1989); Chair (1988-89)
- Admissions Review Board (1983-1985); Chair (1984-1985)
- Advisory Committee (1983-1985)
- Coordinator, United Way Campaign (1983-1984)

Department of Geography Committees

- Library Representative (1982-1989)
- Anthropology/Geography Honors Committee (1981-1983)

Service to Professional Organizations/Accreditation Bodies:

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Reaffirmation Site Visit Team, Jackson State University, April 10-13, 2011.

- Session Chair, Conference on The Privatization of Urban Space: Gated Communities—A New Trend in Global Urban Development? Session: “The World.” February 27, 2004. Sponsored by the University of New Orleans, University of Innsbruck, Austrian Cultural Forum, Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation.
- Local Support Committee and Program Committee, Association of American Geographers 2003 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, March 5-8.
- Experto Internacional, *Taller sobre Ordenamiento Territorial en Nejava*, San Salvador, El Salvador, April 4-6, 2002.
- Editorial Committee, *Southeastern Geographer* (1999-2001)
- Session Chair, A.A.G. annual meeting, Chicago, March 1995.
- Session Chair, “Ethnic Groups in Europe and the Americas,” University of New Orleans/University of Innsbruck Symposium, New Orleans, February 21-22, 1994.
- Session Chair, A.A.G. annual meeting, Miami, Florida, April 1991.
- Session Chair, 7th Annual Workshop on Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems for Coastal Management in Louisiana, U.N.O., May 1, 1991.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAM-DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

As Part of Provost’s Office (Associate Provost, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor, Senior Associate Vice President, Executive Director, Associate Vice President), University of New Orleans:

- General Administration:
 - Updated Intersession and Summer School procedures to enhance profitability of the sessions. Oversaw summer school sessions.
 - Coordinated the redesign of policies regarding university distinguished professorships, endowed professorships, endowed chairs, and oversaw procedures.
 - Reorganized application procedures for sabbaticals and promotion/tenure, focusing on new electronic forms, and managed the processes.
 - Managed and helped to revise procedures for student academic appeals. Earlier managed student-affairs appeals.

- Served as administrative lead in redesign of retroactive withdrawal adjudication procedures, and managed the process.
- Updated forms and procedures for campus courses and curricula initiatives.
- Provided administrative oversight for reorganization of university website presence, focusing on adoption of Omni Update software.
- Re-instituted an Institutional Technology Advisory Committee to review technology, especially software, requests.
- Provided administrative oversight of Honors Program.
- Designed an initial administrative structure for a four-group organization to oversee internationalization, study abroad, online learning, and continuing education.

- Online/Extended Learning:
 - Oversaw Office of Online and Extended Learning, which initially included off-campus teaching sites. Responsibilities included oversight of Learning Management System.
 - Worked with departments to launch online learning programs (22 programs were on the list for consideration, though only a couple were launched before my departure).
 - Served on Board of Regents task force on online education.
 - Assisted with procedures related to outside providers of online services.
 - Drafted protocols for online and non-credit Global UNO initiatives.
 - Appointed and led a task force of faculty and staff to examine Internet-based education strategies for the university, focusing on the use of new concepts and technologies—e.g., personal video, virtual worlds—to augment and to improve existing asynchronous course offerings.
 - Represented U.N.O. in the University of Louisiana initiative to develop a system-wide degree in Organizational Leadership (a completer program).

- International:
 - Continued to work with Latin American Outreach (see below).
 - Assembled a task force to examine international recruiting practices at U.N.O.

- Systematized and streamlined the university approval process for cooperative programs with international universities.
- Worked with faculty to develop programs with international links. Most recently focused on Iraq, Malta, and Nicaragua.
- Engaged and informed potential benefactors about the advantages of supporting international activities at U.N.O.
- Other:
 - Was the administrative representative on the Faculty Senate (2015); faculty representative twice before.

As Associate Dean/Acting Dean, University of New Orleans:

- Coordinated the University's entrance into 3-D Internet. The University is currently using the Second Life platform, although this may not be the final presence as other platforms come online. I am "Merrill John" in Second Life, for those persons who are interested.
- Appointed Director of Latin American Outreach in 2005. I was involved with the program since 1998, but was appointed Director upon the retirement of David Clawson in 2005. I reorganized the program and appointed a faculty team that visits schools in Latin America on behalf of U.N.O. I made as many as eight trips per year, though the pace dropped off due to other administrative duties. In addition, I wrote the proposal that led to an \$800,000 match to produce a \$2 million *Doris Zemurray Stone Chair in Latin American Studies*.
- Helped with the recovery of the College and University after Hurricane Katrina. The University had 17,000 students before the storm and 7,000 after the storm. I focused on budgetary and personnel issues, including designing a "temporary" electronic personnel action form.
- Provided administrative oversight and design recommendations for the construction of a new Social Science/GIS Computer Lab, bringing together the departments of Geography, Political Science, and Sociology (spring semester, 2003).
- Coordinated preparation of College of Liberal Arts technology proposals for 2002 to 2005—approximately \$200,000 generated.
- Created a Liberal Arts Technology Committee to advise the Dean's Office on Liberal Arts computing needs (spring 2001 to present).
- Served as Interim Director, Arts Administration Program (spring semester, 2002).

As Department Chair and Faculty Member, University of New Orleans:

- Redesigned departmental certificates in GIS (approved fall semester, 2002)
- Designed and implemented a GIS track in Geography, with computer, visualization, and photogrammetry options (1995-96).
- Participated in the design and implementation of a Master of Arts in Geography (began Fall, 1994). Included administrative oversight of major curriculum modifications and external review of department by Regents' committee.
- Provided administrative oversight of (and funding for) development of a workstation-based GIS/remote-sensing and PC-based computer cartography labs.
- Served as faculty liaison for the Stennis Space Center, Mississippi. Coordinated efforts to involve NASA and USGS specialists in departmental activities, including teaching of remote-sensing and GIS courses. Several NASA personnel were adjunct members of the U.N.O. Department of Geography.
- Introduced a course on manufacturing location to curriculum; modified existing economic and political courses.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of American Geographers
- Southeastern Division, A.A.G.
- Political Geography, Industrial Geography, and Cartography Specialty Groups of the A.A.G.
- American Planning Association (dormant)
- Association of International Education Administrators (dormant)

AWARDS, HONORS

- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, inducted November 24, 2002
- Golden Key National Honor Society recognition, University of New Orleans, spring, 1993.
- Graduated with Special Honors in Political Science, West Texas State University, 1974.

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Public School Background:

- Attended public schools in Texas, Colorado, Nebraska, and Ontario. Graduated from Oakridge Collegiate Institute in London, Canada (1970) with Grade XIII Honour Diploma.

Selected Volunteer Activities:

- Participant, Loveland Symphony Orchestra (fall, 2016)
- Commissioner, Slidell Louisiana Planning and Zoning Commissions (2006 to present). Chair from 2013 to present.
- Volunteer and participant, Slidell Youth and Community Orchestra (1987 to 2016).
- Past President, Board of Directors, Rainbow Child Care Center of Slidell (1992-96). Board member, 1991-2008. This is a United Way agency that provides child care for low-income working families in St. Tammany Parish.
- Past member, Board of Directors, Methodist Children's Home of New Orleans.