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EDUCATION

Degree	University	Department	Year
PhD	Duke University	Environment	2007
MScPl	University of Toronto	Geography and Planning	2001
BA	McGill University	Anthropology; Minor: Env. Studies	1998

Dissertation title: Wasted visits? Ecotourism in theory vs. practice, at Tortuguero, Costa Rica.

Dissertation supervisor: Dr. Lisa Campbell

RESEARCH AREAS

Human-environment relations; community & environment; development & change; place; perceptions of environment & development; tourism & ecotourism; environmental justice; political ecology; conservation; coastal development; amenity migration & rural gentrification; consumption; solid waste management.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Sept 2009- present	Assistant Professor	Geography	University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC)
Sept 2009- Dec 31, 2009	Sessional Lecturer (GEOG265 <i>Recreational Geography</i>)	Community, Culture and Global Studies, Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences	University of British Columbia-- Okanagan (UBC-O)
Aug 2007- July 2009	Assistant Professor (2 yr Limited Term, Full-time Faculty Appointment); <i>Adjunct Faculty upon end of contract</i>	Geography, Program in Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management	University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC)
Spring term 2007	Teaching Assistant	Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences (NSEES) Marine Lab	Duke University
Spring term 2005	Instructor	NSEES Marine Lab	Duke University
Sept 2003- Aug 2004	Research Assistant	NSEES Marine Lab	Duke University

2001-2003	Teaching Assistant	Department of Geography	University of Western Ontario (UWO)
May- Sept 2002	Research Assistant	Department of Geography	UWO
Spring 2002	Organizational Assistant (contract)	CCUPIDS Annual Conference 2002 Canadian Consortium of University Programs in International Development Studies. Huron University College.	UWO
1999-2001	Teaching Assistant	Dept. of Geography and Planning	University of Toronto (UofT)
May-Aug 2001; Oct 2000; Aug 2000	Research Assistant	Dept. of Geography and Planning	UofT
May- Sept 2000	Summer Research Participant	WASTE ECON: a CIDA/University of Toronto/NISTPASS (Vietnam) project	Hanoi, Vietnam

ACADEMIC AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

Fellowships

2007	<i>Oak Foundation Student Summer Support Award, Duke Marine Lab</i>
2006-2007	<i>Rachel Carson Fellowship and Duke Marine Lab Fellowship, Duke University</i>
2005-2006	<i>Mary Derrickson McCurdy Dissertation Year Fellowship, Duke Marine Lab</i>
2004-2005	<i>Teaching Fellowship (Duke Marine Lab Graduate Award), Duke University</i>
2004-2005	<i>Canadian Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship (SSHRC)</i>
2003-2004	<i>Duke University Graduate Student Tuition Waiver, Duke University</i>
2003	<i>Ontario Graduate Scholarship, declined (due to move to USA)</i>
2001-2002	<i>Special University Fellowship (SUS). Department of Geography, UWO</i>
2000	<i>Geography and Planning Students' Society Bursary, Dept. of Geography and Planning, UofT</i>
1999; 2000	<i>University of Toronto Open Fellowship, Department of Geography and Planning, UofT</i>

Travel & research support

2009	<i>UNBC (competitive) Faculty Conference Travel Grant</i>
2008	<i>UNBC (competitive) Faculty Conference Travel Grant</i>
2006-2007	<i>Franklin Humanities Institute Mellon Dissertation Working Groups Award, Duke University</i>
2005	<i>CAG Student Conference Travel Award</i>
2005	<i>Latin American & Caribbean Studies Conference Travel Award (Duke Centre for Latin American & Caribbean Studies), Duke University</i>
2004	<i>Latin American & Caribbean Studies (Research) Travel Grant (Andrew W. Mellon Foundation & Duke Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies), Duke University</i>
2004	<i>Student Conference Travel Award. International Sea Turtle Symposium, Costa Rica</i>

Prizes

2008	<i>Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) award for Student Environmental Leadership (shared with Green Wave co-founders Elliott Hazen and Leigh Torres)</i>
2004	<i>Runner-up Best Student Conservation Paper. International Sea Turtle Symposium, Costa Rica</i>

- 2002 *The E.G. Pleva Award (in recognition of Graduate Student Teaching Excellence)*
 2001 *Friends of Geography Toronto Award, UTAGA, Department of Geography and Planning, UofT*
 1998 *Montreal Hellenic Chamber of Commerce Award for Academic Distinction, Montreal, Canada*

Nominations

- 2007 *Student nomination for 'TA of the year' by NSEES students at Duke University*
 2003 *UWO nominee for The Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarship*
 2002 *Departmental nominee for The SWAAC Graduate Student Award of Merit*
 2002 *Nominated by students for The Society of Grad. Students/T.A. Union Teaching Assistant Award*

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Professional Member, *Association of American Geographers*
 Member, *Canadian Association of Geographers*
 Member, *The International Sea Turtle Society*

Program Committee member; Session chair (Conservation through social, economic, cultural and legal pathways); Student paper judge. The International Symposium on the Biology and Conservation of Sea Turtles. Brisbane, Australia. February 17-19, 2009.

Session chair. Educational & Sustainable Experiences. BC Protected Areas Research Forum. UNBC, Prince George, BC, Canada. Dec 1-3, 2008.

Paper reviewer for: *Conservation and Society* (August 09; May 09; June 08); *Journal of Ecotourism* (July 08); *Antipode* (July 08).

Student paper judge. The International Symposium on the Biology and Conservation of Sea Turtles. Baja California, Mexico. February 2009; January 2008.

- Workshops Participant. Cascadia Critical Geographies Mini-Conference. UBC-O, October 24th, 2009.
 Participant. Northern Tourism BC Annual General Meeting. Prince George, October 2008.
 Participant. UNBC mentoring lunch: Successful Graduate Supervision. UNBC. October 2008.
 Participant. Teaching Conference. UNBC. August 2008.

- Service CNC Pictures in Motion Film Festival Committee
 Committee member. Prince George, BC. Winter 2009; November 2008- February 2009.
University of Toronto Planning Alumni
 Mentorship program member. Fall 2009-present.
Prince George Rotary Club
 Invited research talk: "What I do in the field". Coast Inn, Prince George. May 26th, 2009.
The Ocean Conservancy: National Marine Debris Program
 Survey site coordinator for Shackleford Banks, NC, October 2003-May 2007.

- University The University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC)
 Convocation volunteer.: Faculty Marshall for CSAM ceremony. May 2009.
 Social organizer and event coordinator. Faculty Lounge Committee. Winter 08-present.
 ORTM slideshow organizer, Winter 2009.
 Review of a commercial in-house Northern Sport Centre customer survey. Winter 2009.
 Judge. So You Think You Can Dance Your Thesis?, March 13, 2009.
 Faculty pouring rights representative, UNBC. October 2008-February 2009.
 Co-debater. UNBC 15th annual Santa Claus Debate. Nov. 28, 2008.
 Two internal 'informal' presentations: NRES speakers' series (Nov. 7, 2008); ORTM

social slide show (Nov. 26, 2008).

Faculty presenter at UNBC Northern Degrees (student orientation event). August 2008.

Activity organizer at UNBC 'Spring into Green' environmental fair. Spring 2008.

Duke University

The Green Wave, DUML (06-present). Founding member and co-designer of *Green by Design* (an innovative course that includes a linked public seminar series; Fall 2007).

DUML Environmental steward 05; 06.

Bookhout Bakery Consortium 03-07. Founding member (interdisciplinary reading/discussion group).

University of Western Ontario

Co-President (elected; 2002-2003), GEOGRAD: Graduate Geography Student Association;

Host (2002-2003) & Co-organiser (2001-2002): United Way Talent Show Committee;

Social Coordinator (elected; 2001-02): GEOGRAD; Member (2002): CAGONT org. committee.

University of Toronto

GGAPSS: Vice President- Social (elected; 2000-2001), Vice President- Social (2001-2002).

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

Undergraduate Courses

University of Northern British Columbia

ENVS 309, *Women in Environmental Studies*. Jan- April 2010

GEOG 303, *Recreational Geography (Tourism & Rec, and Geography)*. Jan-April 2010

University of British Columbia- Okanagan

GEOG 265, *Tourism and Recreational Geography*. Sept- Dec 2009

University of Northern British Columbia

ORTM 333, *Field school to Haida Gwaii (Tourism & Rec, and Geography)* (co-taught). Apr 27-May 15 2009

GEOG 303/ORTM498, *Recreational Geography (Tourism & Rec, and Geography)*. Jan-April 2009

ORTM 202, *Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism*. Jan-April 2009 (co-taught); Jan-April 2008

ORTM 407, *Recreation, Tourism and Communities (marine tourism focus)*. Jan-April 2009; Jan- April 2008

ORTM 499, (Independent study) *Research Methods in Tourism and Recreation*. Jan-April 2008

ORTM 100, *Leisure in Life* (co-taught: intro to tourism, recreation & leisure). Sept- Dec 2008; Sept- Dec 2007

ORTM 200, *Sustainable Tourism and Recreation* (new course design). Sept- Dec. 2008; Sept-Dec. 2007

ORTM 410, *Research Methods in Tourism and Recreation* (new course design). Sept- Dec. 2008; 2007

University of Western Ontario

Geography 358, *Geography of Tourism*. Jan- May 2003 (Teaching Assistant: TA)

Geography 360, *Conservation and Development*. Jan- May 2003 (TA)

Geography 020, *Geography: A Systems Introduction*. Sept 2001- May 2002; Sept 2002- Jan 2003 (TA; Lab leader/lecturer)

University of Toronto

Geography 233Y1Y, *Environmental Impact Assessment*. Jan- June 2001 (TA)

Geography 393H1S, *Resource Management for Sustainable Development*. Sept 2002- June 2001 (TA)

Geog. & Plan. JGE 1420H1F, *Urban Waste Management: an International Perspective*. Sept- Dec 1999 (TA)

Graduate Courses

Duke University

ENV 298.58, *International Conservation and Development*. Spring 2007 (TA)

Environment 256S.01, *Seminar in Ocean Sciences: Introduction to Marine Tourism* (new course topic; new course design). Jan- March 2005 (Instructor)

Graduate Student Supervision

Committee member for Nate Einbinder. Interdisciplinary Master's student (MA in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies). University of Northern British Columbia. Spring 08-present.

Committee member for Claudette Bois. Interdisciplinary PhD candidate (Natural Resources and Environmental Science). University of Northern British Columbia. Fall 08-present.

Guest Lectures (in class)

(2009; 2007; 2006). *Re-Placing Tortuguero: Tracking 15+ years of ecotourism development*. Invited lecture in: ENVIRON 227L. Biology and Conservation of Sea Turtles (2009); International Conservation and Development (upper and graduate level class) (2007; 2006). Duke University.

(2003). *Eco MASS Tourism? What is Weaver talking about???*. Invited lecture in: The Geography of Tourism (300 level class). The University of Western Ontario. London, Ontario. March 20th, 2003.

(2003). *Hot Hot Waste. A snapshot into solid waste economies and challenges here and abroad; To recycle or not to recycle?*. Invited lecture in: Introduction to Resource Management (200 level class). The University of Western Ontario. London, Ontario. February 20th, 2002.

(2002). *Revisiting 'Mass Tourism vs. Ecotourism'. Environmental arguments for 'staying on the path'*. Invited lecture in: The Geography of Tourism (300 level class). The University of Western Ontario. London, Ontario. March 14th, 2002.

(2000). *Women and Waste in Vietnam*. Invited lecture in: Urban Waste Management: an International Perspective (300 level class). University of Toronto. Toronto, Ontario. November 8th, 2000.

RESEARCH FUNDING

Research grants awarded

(co-PI) *Marine Debris Survey for Fishermen in Core and Back Sounds, NC*. Summer 2009. Collaboration with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Beaufort, NC, USA, among other actors. This project has been REB approved and is now (Oct 2009) in the budgeting phase.

(co-PI) *Changing Coastal Communities: Perspectives from Down East, North Carolina*. NC-Sea Grant, Jan. 2008-Feb. 2010. L. Campbell, M. Orbach, C. Norwood, G. Cumming, Z. Meletis. US\$76,000.

(collaborator) *NEERR Marine Debris Survey for Visitors to the Rachel Carson Reserve, NC, USA*. 2009-present. Collaboration with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Beaufort, NC, USA (among other actors).

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed articles (journals and books)

Meletis, Zoë A., and L.M. Campbell. 2009. Benevolent and benign? Using environmental justice to investigate waste-related impacts of ecotourism in destination communities. *Antipode* (special issue: *Environmental Justice* upcoming issue 41(4): 741-780; a book is expected to follow.

Campbell, L.M., Noella J. Gray, and **Zoë A. Meletis**. 2008. Political ecology perspectives on ecotourism to parks and protected areas (ch. 11). *Transforming Parks and Protected Areas. Policy and governance in a changing world. Protected Areas Management: Policy and Design*. K. S. Hanna, D. A. Clark, and D. S. Slocombe (eds). Routledge: New York and London, 200-221.

Meletis, Zoë A., and L.M. Campbell. 2007. Call it consumption! (Re)conceptualizing ecotourism as consumption and consumptive. *Geography Compass* 1(4): 850-870.

Campbell, L.M., Gray, N.J., **Meletis, Z.A.**, Abbott, J.G., and J.J. Silver. 2006. Gatekeepers and keymasters: dynamic relationships of access in geographic field work. *The Geographical Review* 96 (1): 97-121.

In review

Meletis, Zoë A., and E. Harrison (accepted with revisions; in second review). Tourists and turtles: searching for a balance in Tortuguero, Costa Rica. Submitted to *Conservation and Society*, May 2009.

In prep (draft manuscripts available)

Boucquey, Noëlle, Lisa M. Campbell, Gabe Cumming, **Meletis, Zoë A.**, Carla Norwood, and Josh Stoll (under revision). Community Concerns: Contemplating coastal land use change in Down East, North Carolina. For re-submission in Fall 2009.

Meletis, Zoë A. and Mike Finewood (in prep). You can't get there from here: Gentrification and the case of the Carolina docks. Paper presented at AAG 2009: The Annual Meeting of The Association of American Geographers. Las Vegas, NV. March 2009.

Campbell, L.M., and **Meletis, Zoë A.** (in review). Agreement on water and a watered-down agreement: tracking the fate of a proposed development moratorium in Down East, North Carolina.

Silver, Jennifer J. and **Zoë A. Meletis** (in prep). Title TBD; a paper on Aboriginal participation, representation, and resistance in hosting the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games. For submission before January 2010.

Meletis, Zoë A., and L.M. Campbell (in prep). Looking for 'nature' and gazing upon garbage: Aesthetics and tourist perceptions of the environment (Tortuguero, Costa Rica). (for submission to *The Journal of Sustainable Tourism*).

Meletis, Zoë A., and L.M. Campbell (in prep). Appreciation, apprehension, and action? An interpretation of resistance to ecotourism in Tortuguero, Costa Rica.. (for submission to *GeoForum*).

Meletis, Zoë A. (in prep). Re-Placing Tortuguero: An evaluation of ecotourism in Tortuguero, Costa Rica, fifteen years later. (for submission to *Annals of Tourism Research*).

In prep (earlier stages)

Meletis, Zoë A. (in prep). Slow and steady blazes a trail: green conferencing lessons from the International Sea Turtle Society (Baja California, Mexico). (for submission to *Cornell Hospitality Quarterly*).

Abstracts

Meletis, Zoë A, and E. Harrison (2009). *Tourists and turtles: searching for a balance in Tortuguero, Costa Rica*. Proceedings of the 29th Annual International Symposium on the Biology and Conservation of Sea Turtle. Brisbane, Australia. February 2009.

Zoë A. Meletis and L.M. Campbell (2007). *Wanted: dead and alive. Local perceptions of turtle conservation and turtle-based ecotourism in Tortuguero, Costa Rica*. Proceedings of the 27th Annual International Sea Turtle Symposium. Myrtle Beach, SC, USA. February 2007.

Meletis, Zoë A. *La planta esta funcionando?* Proceedings of *Waste- The Social Context*, Edmonton, AB, May 2005.

Meletis, Zoë A. & L.M. Campbell (2004). Talking about Tortuguero: Tourist perspectives on turtle-based ecotourism. Proceedings of the 23rd Annual International Symposium on the Biology and Conservation of Sea Turtles, Costa Rica. February 2004.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Meletis, Zoë A., and Lisa M. Campbell (abstract submitted). *Who's helping, who's hurting, and who's in charge? Conflicting perceptions of conservation, tourism, and change in Tortuguero, Costa Rica*. The International Symposium on the Biology and Conservation of Sea Turtles. Goa, India. April 2010.

Meletis, Zoë A. (abstract submitted). *Dealing with post-dissertation gender guilt: An exploratory exercise in searching for gender in the data*. The Annual Meeting of The Association of American Geographers. Washington, D.C. April 2010.

Zoë A. Meletis and Mike Finewood (2009). *You can't get there from here: Gentrification and the case of the Carolina docks*. Paper presented at AAG 2009: The Annual Meeting of The Association of American Geographers. Las Vegas, NV. March 2009. Special session organized by Meletis and Finewood: 'Development and change in diverse marine contexts'.

Meletis, Zoë A, and E. Harrison (2009). *Tourists and turtles: searching for a balance in Tortuguero, Costa Rica*. The International Symposium on the Biology and Conservation of Sea Turtles. Brisbane, Australia. February 2009.

Zoë A. Meletis (2007). *Just wasting away on vacation: using environmental justice theory to frame ecotourism-related waste management crises*. Paper presented at AAG 2007: The Annual Meeting of The Association of American Geographers. San Francisco, CA. April 2007.

Zoë A. Meletis and L.M. Campbell (2007). *Wanted: dead and alive. Local perceptions of turtle conservation and turtle-based ecotourism in Tortuguero, Costa Rica*. Paper presented at The International Symposium on the Biology and Conservation of Sea Turtles. Myrtle Beach, SC, USA. February 2007.

Zoë A. Meletis (2006). *No hay justicia? Local perceptions of tourism in Tortuguero (Costa Rica) as they related to justice and fairness*. Paper presented at AAG 2006: The Annual Meeting of The Association of American Geographers. Chicago, IL. March 2006.

Zoë A. Meletis and L.M. Campbell (2005). *Re-Placing Tortuguero: An evaluation of ecotourism in Tortuguero, Costa Rica, 15+ years later*. Paper presented at CAG 2005: The Annual Meeting of The Canadian Association of Geographers. The University of Western Ontario. London, ON, Canada. June 2005.

Zoë A. Meletis (2005). *La planta esta funcionando? (The plant is working?)* (approx. 30 minutes; filmed in 2004). Video-documentary on the 'recycling plant' in Tortuguero, Costa Rica. Film presented at the Waste- The Social Context conference. Edmonton, AB, Canada. May 2005.

Zoë A. Meletis and L.M. Campbell (2004). *Talking trash: Tourism and solid waste challenges in Tortuguero, Costa Rica*. Paper presented at AAG 2004: The Annual Meeting of The Association of American Geographers. Philadelphia, PA. March 2004.

Zoë A. Meletis and L.M. Campbell (2004). *Talking about Tortuguero: Local peoples' versus tourists' perspectives on turtle-based ecotourism in Tortuguero; implications for sustainability*. Paper presented at The International Sea Turtle Symposium (runner up best conservation paper). San Jose, Costa Rica. February 2004.

Zoë A. Meletis (2002). *Geographical perspectives on waste-related issues*. Organizer and chair of this special session. CAGONT 2002: The Canadian Association of Geographers – Ontario Division Annual Conference: University of Western Ontario. London, Ontario. Oct 26th, 2002.

Zoë A. Meletis (2002). *Geography and garbage: Investigating how the geographic nature of ecotourism development in Tortuguero, Costa Rica complicates local solid waste management*. Paper presented at CAGONT 2002: The Canadian Association of Geographers Conference – Ontario Division: University of Western Ontario. London, Ontario. Oct 26th, 2002.

Zoë A. Meletis, L.M. Campbell, and C. Smith (2002). *Defining the Ecotourist: Examples from Costa Rica*. Paper presented at CAG 2002: The Annual Meeting of The Canadian Association of Geographers. University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario. May 29th, 2002.

Zoë A. Meletis (2002). *Wasted Visits: An Exploration of the Solid Waste Impacts of Tourism in Tortuguero, Costa Rica*. Poster presented at The Graduate Student Research Forum 2002. The University of Western Ontario. London, Ontario. May 2002.

Zoë A. Meletis and Heather McLean (2001). *Reclaiming Urban Spaces*. Paper presented at CAPS 2001: The Canadian Association of Planners' Conference. York University, Toronto, Ontario. February 13th, 2001.

Zoë A. Meletis (2001). *Women and Waste in Vietnam: Exploring Micro-credit for women waste pickers in the informal waste economy*. Paper presented at CAGONT 2001: The Canadian Association of Geographers – Ontario Division Annual Conference. University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus. Scarborough, Ontario. November 4th, 2001.

Panel presentations

Zoë A. Meletis (2008). *Ethical political ecology I: theory, practice and survival in the academy I* (panelist). Panel organizers: Lisa Campbell and Lucy Jarosz. The Annual Meeting of The Association of American Geographers. Boston, MA. April 2008.

Zoë A. Meletis (2008). *Tourism Geography Education*. Panel organizers: Deborah L. Che. The Annual Meeting of The Association of American Geographers. Boston, MA. April 2008.