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Education:

- 1997 : Ph.D. (Geography), University of Iowa
 - 1994 : M.A. (Geography), University of Iowa
 - 1989 : M.A. (Secondary Education: Social Studies), University of Iowa
 - 1982 : B.A. (Philosophy and German double major), Grinnell College
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Teaching Experience:

2013 & 2014: Visiting Professor (summer semester), Fachhochschule [University of Applied Sciences] Erfurt, Germany

Faculty of Applied Social Sciences: BA Module, Social Work

- Interkulturelle und international Aspekte Sozialer Arbeit- Der Mond am Rand der Wörter: Probleme der Räumlichkeit und Vielfalt in der globalen Agenda für Soziale Arbeit und Soziale Entwicklung [*“Intercultural and International Aspects of Social Work- The moon at the edge of words: Problems of spatiality and diversity in the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development”*] (BA2.4, 2013)

Faculty of Applied Social Sciences: MA Module, Social Work

- Vertiefungsgebiet (International Relations and Social Policy)- Aufstrebender Urbanismus und nachhaltige Entwicklung [*“International Relations and Social Policy specialization- - Emergent urbanism and sustainable development”*] (MA2M8a, 2014)
- Vertiefungsgebiet (International Relations and Social Policy)- Der nächste Himmel: Verdrängung, Entwicklung und Klimawandel [*“International Relations and Social Policy specialization- The next sky: Displacement, development and climate change*] (MA2M8, 2013)

Faculty of Architecture and City Planning: MA Module, Urban and Regional Planning

- Soziologie Urbane Freiräume- Neue Horizonte? Nachhaltiges Design in Städten [*“Sociology of Urban Open Space- New horizons? Sustainable design in cities”*] (MA2M5, 2014)
- Soziologie Urbane Lebensräume- Aufstrebender Urbanismus und nachhaltige Entwicklung [*“Sociology of Urban Habitats- Emergent urbanism and sustainable development”*] (MA2M5, 2013)

2012: Visiting Professor (winter and summer semesters), Fachhochschule [University of Applied Sciences] Erfurt, Germany

Faculty of Applied Social Sciences: BA Module, Social Work

- Interkulturelle und internationale Aspekte Sozialer Arbeit- Als British ging der Stier um den Hügel herum: Internationale und interkulturelle Gemeinwesenarbeit [*“Intercultural and International Aspects of Social Work- When British walked the bull around the hill: International and cross-cultural community work”*] (BA2.4)

Faculty of Applied Social Sciences: MA Module, Social Work

- Vertiefungsgebiet (International Relations and Social Policy)- Ein extra Grashalm: Die anspruchsvollen Räumlichkeiten der Klimaflüchtlinge [*“International Relations and Social Policy specialization- An extra blade of grass: The challenging spatialities of climate refugees*] (MA2M8)
- Vertiefungsgebiet (International Relations and Social Policy)- Aufstrebender Urbanismus und nachhaltige Entwicklung [*“International Relations and Social Policy specialization- Emergent urbanism and sustainable development”*] (MA3M10)

Faculty of Architecture and City Planning: MA Module, Urban and Regional Planning

- Soziologie Urbane Lebensräume- Das Wirtschaftswachstum, Biodiversität und gerechte Entwicklung in Erfurt: Gold, grün oder braun [*“Sociology of Urban Habitats- Economic growth, biodiversity, and equitable development in Erfurt: Gold, green, or brown?”*] (MA2M5)
- Soziologie Urbane Lebensräume- Die Rückseite eines unsichtbaren Teppichs? Probleme von Raum, Zeit, Ort und Technik in der gegenwärtigen urban Semiotik [*“Sociology of Urban Habitats- The back of invisible tapestry? Issues of time, space, place and technics in contemporary urban semiotics”*] (MA2M5)

2011-present: Tenured Professor of Geography, Bemidji State University

Department of Geography (from 2012; previously Department of Geography & Political Science)

- Introduction to Map Use (GEOG 1224)
- World Regional Geography (GEOG 1400)
- Introduction to Planning (GEOG 2400)
- People & the Environment: Cultural Ecology (GEOG 2925)
- People & the Environment: Green Planning (GEOG 2925)
- Geography of North America (GEOG 3410/5410)
- Teaching of Middle & Secondary School Social Studies (GEOG 3460/5460)
- Political Geography (GEOG 3531/5531)
- Political Ecology (GEOG 3532/5532)
- Site and Resource Analysis in Planning (GEOG 3550/5550)
- Metropolitan Land Use Planning (GEOG 3560/5560)
- Public Lands Planning (GEOG 3570/5570)
- Regional Development Planning (GEOG 3580/5580)
- Geography of the Polar Regions (GEOG 3800)

- Geography of South America (GEOG 3800)
- Geography of Europe (GEOG 3810/5810)
- Geography of Asia (GEOG 3820)
- Geography of Africa (GEOG 3840/5840)
- Directed Group Study in Kenya (GEOG 3920)
- Qualitative Methods in Geographic Research (GEOG 4190/5190)
- History & Development of Geographic Thought (GEOG 4210/5210)
- Directed Independent Study: Children's Geography (GEOG 4910)
- Directed Independent Study: Dendrology of Kenya (GEOG 4910)
- Directed Independent Study: GIS and land use in Kenya (GEOG 4910)
- Directed Independent Study: Kenya Service (GEOG 4910)
- Directed Independent Study: Mapping the Foodshed (GEOG 4910)
- Teaching Associate: Introduction to Map Use (GEOG 4910)

- Topics in Political Science: Tujijenge Project (POL 3150)

Environmental Studies Program

- People & the Environment: January Term in Hawai'i (ENVR 2925)
- Internship- Tujijenge Project: Kibwezi, Kenya (ENVR 4970)

Honors Program

- Influence, Power, and Values: Environmental Social Movements (HOPR 1105)
- Influence, Power, and Values: The Roots of Extraordinary Consequences (HOPR 1105)
- Integrative Seminar (HOPR 4889)
- Honors Thesis (HOPR 4890)

Humanities Program

- Hawai'i: From Monarchy to Sovereignty (HUM 2150)
- Polynesian & Native Hawai'ian Culture (HUM 2160)

International Studies Program

- Focus on Africa (INTL 1160)
- Focus on the Arctic (INTL 1160)
- Focus on Australia & New Zealand (INTL 1160)
- Focus on Environmental Social Movements, Local and Global (INTL 1160)
- Focus on Mexico (INTL 1160)
- Focus on Scotland (INTL 1160)
- Focus on Turkey (INTL 1160)
- Comparative International Study Project- Tujijenge Project (INTL 2300)
- International Study Experience- Social Science: Tujijenge Project (INTL 2400)

2006-2011: Tenured Associate Professor of Geography, Bemidji State University

2001-2006: Assistant Professor, Bemidji State University

2000-2001: Visiting Assistant Professor, Northwest Missouri State University

Department of Geology and Geography

- Introduction to Geography (Geography 101)
- Peoples and Cultures (Geography 102)
- Maps and Map Interpretation (Geography 201)
- Geography of Asia (Geography 442)
- Geography of Africa (Geography 444)
- Special Topics: Fieldwork in Kenya (Geography 511)

International Studies and Programs

- Study Abroad: Africa (International Studies & Programs 299)

1999-2000: Guest Instructor, Iowa State University

International Studies Program

- Introduction to International Studies (University Studies 235)
- Globalization: Capstone Seminar in International Studies (University Studies 430)

1997-2000: Adjunct Instructor, Des Moines Area Community College

Department of Anthropology, Department of Geography, and Department of Sociology

- Introduction to Anthropology (Anthropology 120)
- Cultural Anthropology (Anthropology 121)
- Introduction to Geography (Geography 141)
- Courtship, Marriage and Family (Sociology 103)

1997-1998: Temporary Assistant Professor, Iowa State University

Department of Anthropology

- World Regions (Geography 100)
- Independent Study (Geography 290)

- Cultural Geography (Geography 324)
- Geography of Africa (Geography 327)

International Studies Program

- Yucatan Experience (University Studies 420)

1996-1997: Teaching Assistant, University of Iowa

Department of Geography, Department of Political Science, and the Center for International and Comparative Studies

- African Development (Political Science 146/Geography 161)

1994-1995: Research Assistant (curriculum design), University of Iowa

Department of Geography

- Environmental Social Movements (Geography 222)

1992: Teaching Assistant, University of Iowa

Department of Geography

- Introduction to Social Geography (Geography 101)

1991: Emergency Replacement Instructor, Grinnell College

Department of Sociology

- Dilemmas of Third World Development (Sociology 220)

1990-1994: Teaching Assistant, University of Iowa

Department of Geography

- Introduction to Human Geography (Geography 001)

1987: Student Teacher, Iowa City West High School

Department of Social Studies

- European History

- World History
- Area Studies in Latin America and Africa

Other Professional Experience:

University Service

Bemidji State University

- Interim Chair, Department of Geography (2013)*
- Member, BSU Rules Committee (2012 – present)*
- Departmental Representative, BSU Faculty Senate (2010-2011 and 2014-present)*
- Seminar Organizer “Beyond the Myths of Globalization”, International Student Affairs Conference “Globalization in an Age of Uncertainty”, BSU International Studies Program (2010)*
- Member, BSU Academic Affairs Committee (2009-2011)*
- Member, BSU Environmental Advisory Committee (2008-2011)*
- Seminar Organizer “More of/or the same? Cultural geography and the challenges and opportunities of globalization”, International Student Affairs Conference “Paths to Globalization: A Moveable Feast”, BSU International Studies Program (2007)*
- Bemidji State University Representative attending American Association of Colleges & Universities annual meeting in Washington, D.C. (2006)*
- Participant, Assessment Workshop, BSU Center for Professional Development (2006)*
- Member, BSU Liberal Education Task Force (2005-2008)*
- Member, BSU Teacher Education Committee (2004-2011)*
- Non-Department Representative, Master’s Thesis committees (2010-present):*
 - Meridee Scheller (Education, Applied Master’s Capstone Project)- “Differentiating instruction in the mixed-ability Ninth Grade social studies curriculum: Compacting the World Geography course curriculum for credit recovery and credit enrichment interventions”*
- Graduate Faculty Representative, Master’s Thesis defenses (2002-present):*
 - Brenda Dahl (Curriculum & Instruction)- "Grade retention and social promotion"*
 - Timothy Blackwood (Biology)- "An overview of three bird census techniques to assess bird communities and their habitat preferences in Hobson Forest, Beltrami County, Minnesota"*
 - Sean Froyd (English)- "Inanis the Hooded"*
 - Julie S. Myers (Professional Education)- “Information technology students: Do they have the digital literacy skills to succeed?”*
 - Liana Sanamyan (Special Education)- "Capstone Review"*
 - Tim Strasser (Science Education)- “Is experiential learning an effective method of preparing students for standardized tests?”*
- Bemidji State University Co-organiser, National Geography Awareness Week (2004-present)*
- Member, BSU International Studies Council (2003-present)*
- Organiser, Horizons: A Department of Geography & Political Science Event Series (2003- present)*
- Participant, BSU Honors Program’s Interdisciplinary Team-Teaching Workshop Retreats, Waldsee, Concordia Language Villages (2003 and 2006)*

Program Director, "Tujjenge Project" student fieldwork in Kenya and "Learning From The Land" post-fieldwork experience (2002-present)

Attendee, Minnesota State Colleges & Universities International/Global Education Conference (2002)

Honors Thesis Advisor (2001-2003):

James Fitzsimmons (Environmental Studies)

Eveily Freeman (Environmental Studies)

Nathan Ziegler (Social Studies Secondary Education)

Member, BSU Black History Month Task Force (2001-2002)

Director, BSU Map Library (2002-present)

Departmental Representative, BSU Office of Admissions' Fall Visit Days Program and Open Registration Program (2001-present)

Founder and Faculty Advisor, BSU Africa Association (2001-present)

Organizer, Geography of Africa Spring Film Series (2001-present)

Northwest Missouri State University

Member, International Studies and Programs Committee (2000-2001)

Faculty Representative, Gamma Theta Upsilon Honorary Society (2001)

Member, Department of Geology & Geography Transfer and Articulation Assessment Committee (2001)

Funded Research

2006 - 2007: Bemidji State University Foundation (with Dr. Satish Davgun, Department of Geography & Political Science)

"The changing landuse patterns of the City of Bemidji and surrounding townships: Application of geotechnology to examine the patterns and processes of an urban landscape"

2002 & 2003: Bemidji State University and the Foundation Agency for Rural Development (FARD; Kibwezi, Kenya)

Professional Improvement Grant, Penney Fellowship, Bemidji State University Foundation, and Bemidji Rotary Club (6 grants for student-centered research in Kenya)

2001: Northwest Missouri State University and FARD

Improvement of Teaching and Learning Grant, Applied Research Grant, and Undergraduate Research Grants (5 grants for student-centered research in Kibwezi, Kenya)

1999: University of Minnesota and North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCD)

Research Associate for the State of Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

1998: NCRCD

Research Associate for the Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture

1993: Center for International Rural and Environmental Health, University of Iowa

Research Assistant in Ara, Nigeria

1990: Stanley Foundation, University of Iowa (Department of Geography), University of Ibadan (Department of Geography), and the Nigerian Institute of Social And Economic Research

Researcher: “Appraisal of Hometown Voluntary Associations in Rural Development” in Fiditi and Aawe, Nigeria

Volunteer and Community Service

2014: National Science Foundation

Grant proposal reviewer

2005-present: Uongozi Centre for NGO Studies, Leadership & Management, Kibwezi, Kenya

Ex-officio board member

2003-2011: Sexual Assault Program of Beltrami, Cass, & Hubbard Counties (MN)

Board member (Treasurer)

2002-2004: Churches United, Inc. (Bemidji, MN)

Founding board member for nonprofit organization providing social service support to the homeless and other populations of need.

2000: Service Civil International and the Zimbabwe Workcamps Association

Trainer, Agroforestry Workshops and Environmental Awareness Training

1999: Global Service Corps and FARD

Trainer, Biointensive Agriculture Training

Graduate Assistantships and other activities

1999-2001: FARD

Website designer, “Tujjenge Project”

1999: Synapse Learning Design

Curriculum designer, “Human Development in East Africa” component of The Dan Eldon Website

1994-1995: Center for International and Comparative Studies, University of Iowa

Graduate Student Assistant, Program in Gender, Culture and Politics

1993: University of Iowa and University of Ibadan

Student Liaison in Nigeria, Summer Student Exchange Program

1993: U.S. Agency for International Development, University of Iowa and University of Ibadan

Participant in Ibadan, Iowa/Nigeria University Development Linkage Project

1990: Department of Geography, University of Iowa

Research Assistant, “The State-Civil Society Relation in Rural African Development”

1990: Department of Geography, University of Iowa

Research Assistant, "Geography Curriculum Development in Higher Education"

1990: Division of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education, University of Iowa

Research Assistant, "Social Reconstructionism in High School Curricula"

Scholarship:

Book chapters

Lawrence, M. (2020) "Seeing them all? Thinking about institutions, indigenization, and the political ecologies of slums."

In Straub, U.; Rott, G.; and Lutz, R., eds., *Sozialarbeit des Südens, Band 8: Indigenous and Local Knowledge in Social Work (Social Work of the South, volume 8)*, pp. 51-82, Oldenburg, Germany: Paulo Freire Verlag.

Lawrence, M. (2015) "Beyond help: Between the 'indigenous' and indigenization of social development."

In Lutz, R.; and F. Ross, eds., *Sozialarbeit des Südens, Band 6: Soziale Entwicklung (Social Work of the South, volume 6: Social development)*, pp. 47-88, Oldenburg, Germany: Paulo Freire Verlag.

Lawrence, M. (2015) "Imagined geographies of epidemic proportions"

In Brizay, U.; Lutz, R.; and F. Ross, eds., *Sozialarbeit des Südens, Band 5: Zugang zum Gesundheitswesen und Gesundheitspolitik (Social Work of the South, volume 5: Access to health care services and health policy)*, pp. 15-42, Oldenburg, Germany: Paulo Freire Verlag.

Lawrence, M. (2013) "The moon at the edge of words: Problems of spatiality and diversity in the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development."

In Lutz, R., ed., *Internationale Sozialarbeit, Band 9 (International Social Work, volume 9) – Diversity and respect: Problems of perception in the Global Agenda for Social Work*, pp. 21-50, Oldenburg, Germany: Paulo Freire Verlag.

Lawrence, M. (2012) "The next sky: Of refugee camps, resettlement schemes, and slums in Kenya."

In Frey, C. and R. Lutz, eds., *Sozialarbeit des Südens, Band 4: Flucht und Flüchtlingslager (Social Work of the South, volume 4: Flight and refugee camps)*, pp. 113-145, Oldenburg, Germany: Paulo Freire Verlag.

Lawrence, M. (2012) "Listening to trees: Concerning physical geography & service learning"

pp. 28 – 47 in Dulamă, M.E. et alia, eds., *Tendințe actuale în predarea și învățarea Geografiei (Contemporary trends in teaching and learning Geography)*, volume 1, Cluj-Napoca, Romania: University Press.

Lawrence, M. (2011) "Insides out: Poverty, policy, and the necessity of new regionalism."

- In Lutz, R. and C. Frey, eds., *Internationale Sozialarbeit, Band 8 (International Social Work, volume 8) – Poverty and poverty reduction: Strategies in a global and regional context*, pp. 179-200, Oldenburg, Germany: Paulo Freire Verlag.
- Lawrence, M. (2010) “I’m not Mr. Mom: Single fathers and single fatherhood in Minnesota.”
In Maglajlić, D.M., ed., *Proceedings of the 20th Anniversary Conference, School of Social Work Theory and Practice*, pp. 61-66, Dubrovnik: Inter-University Center for Postgraduate Studies.
- Lawrence, M.F. and Y. Schleicher (2010) “Mobile learning and GPS- From geocaching to participatory GIS.”
In Donert, K., ed., *Using GeoInformation in European Geography Education*, pp. 170-186, Rome: Herodot Network, the International Geographical Union, and Società Geografica Italiana.
- Schleicher, Y. and Lawrence, M. (2005) “GIS use in Geography lessons at schools, colleges and universities: Innovation and challenge.”
In Donert, K. and P. Charzyński, eds., *Changing Horizons in Geography Education*, pp. 84-88, Toruń, Poland: Heodot Network.
- Lawrence, M. (2003) “The view from Cobb Gate: Falling into liminal geography.”
In Cloke, P. and M. Smith, eds., *Country Visions*, pp. 93-115, London: Prentice Hall.
- Titilola, S. T. and M.F. Lawrence (1998) “Hometown associations as development catalysts: The case of the Egbe Omo Ibile Awe.”
In Honey, R. and S.I. Okafor, eds., *Hometown Associations: Indigenous knowledge and development in Nigeria*, pp. 36-44; London: Intermediate Technology Publications.
- McNulty, M.L. and M.F. Lawrence (1996) “Hometown associations: Balancing local and extralocal interests in Nigerian communities.”
In Blunt, P. and D.M. Warren, eds., *Indigenous Organizations and Development*, pp. 21-41; London: Intermediate Technologies Publications.

Articles

- Lawrence, M. (submitted 11 May 2020) “The Chinese and the Chief’s Tree: Framing narratives of socationature and development in Kibwezi, Kenya”
Invited submission to *Social Geography: “Geographies of the future” (Geographien der Zukunft)*, a Special Edition of *Geographica Helvetica*.
- Lawrence, M. (2011) “My name at home is Musyoka”
In *GEOTUR*, a journal of the Faculty of Geography at Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania; Nr. 4:2-13.
- Lawrence, M. (2010) “Different horizons: Food miles and first nations in the Minnesota North Country.”
In *International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations* 9(6):131-154.

Lawrence, M. (2008) "On the move and out of reach? Challenges of communication in 21st Century communities."

In *Journal of Social Work Theory and Practice* 18(5):

http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/publications/social_work_journal/issue18/articles.html.

Fiegler, T.; Frank, M.; and M. Lawrence (2007) "The Social City Program in Erfurt, Germany: Background, implementation and challenges."

In *Journal of Social Work Theory and Practice* 13(7):

http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/publications/social_work_journal/issue13/articles/tilo.htm.

Lawrence, M. (2007) "Working in, with, and for 21st-Century communities: Concepts, prospects, and challenges."

In *Journal of Social Work Theory and Practice* 13(8):

http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/publications/social_work_journal/issue13/articles/lawrence.htm.

Mwanzia, E. and M. Lawrence (2007) "Kibwezi: A community put on the Cross by development agencies."

In *Journal of Social Work Theory and Practice* 13(6):

http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/publications/social_work_journal/issue13/articles/mwanzia.htm.

Connett, C. and M. Lawrence (2004) "Between a rock and a hard place: Poor women and changing definitions of public land in rural Kenya."

In *Proceedings of the 29th and 30th Annual Third World Conferences*, pp. 117-124, Third World Conference Foundation: Chicago.

Jacobsen, M., Lawrence, M., and J. Sutton (2004) "'Vandu vaa ni vaseo muno': Land disputes and village identity in Kibwezi, Kenya."

In *Proceedings of the 29th and 30th Annual Third World Conferences*, pp. 191-201, TWCF: Chicago.

Lawrence, M. and E. Mwanzia (2004) "Lessons under the mango tree: Making place out of space and community out of place in the 21st century."

In *Journal of Social Work Theory and Practice* 10(1):

http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/publications/social_work_journal/issue10/articles/1_Neighborhood.htm.

Freeman, E., Lawrence, M., Christofferson, C., and K. Kiilu (2003) "The impacts of migration on establishment of social capital and environmental degradation in Kibwezi, Kenya."

In *Proceedings of the 29th and 30th Annual Third World Conferences*, pp. 102-116, TWCF: Chicago.

Lawrence, M. and E. Mwanzia (2002) "Tujijenge: Notes on civil society and human ecological sustainability in contemporary Kenya."

In *Proceedings of the 27th Annual Third World Conference*, pp. 235-251, TWCF: Chicago.

Lawrence, M. (1998) "Miles from home in the field of dreams: Rurality and the social at the end of history."

- In *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 16(6):705-732.
- (1997) "Heartlands or neglected geographies? Liminality, power, and the hyperreal rural."
In *Journal of Rural Studies* 13(1):1-17.
- (1995) "Rural homelessness: A geography without a geography."
In *Journal of Rural Studies* 11(3):297-307.

Reviews and Review Essays

- Lawrence, M. (2018) "Wenyeji, wazungu, and wabara: The making and remaking of a Kenyan coast", a review of Berman, N. (2017) Germans on the Kenyan coast: Land, charity, and romance, Bloomington: Indiana University Press for EuropeNow, an interdisciplinary journal published by the Council for European Studies at Columbia University.
- (1999) Review of Cloke, P. and J. Little, eds. (1997) Contested countryside cultures.
In *Journal of Rural Studies* 15(2):237-239.
- (1997) Review of Denzin, N. (1995) The cinematic society.
In *Journal of Rural Studies* 13(3):357-358.
- (1996) Review of Murdoch, J. and T. Marsden, eds. (1994) Reconstituting rurality.
In *Journal of Rural Studies* 12(3):326-327.
- (1996) "Reading, writing, and the rural".
Review essay in *Journal of Rural Studies* 12(1):79-85.

Other assignments

- Associate Editor for *International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations*.
- Submissions referee for *Journal of Rural Studies*.
- Submissions referee for *Journal of Rural Research and Policy*.

Other publications

Flora, C.B.; Carpenter, S.; Hinrichs, C.; Kroma, M.; Lawrence, M.; and Pigg, P. (1999) Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Animal Agriculture: A Summary of the Literature Related to Social/Community, St. Paul, MN: Minnesota Planning- Environmental Quality Board.

Lawrence, M. (1999) Studying the impacts of industrial confined animal feeding operations: A review of the literature, Poteau, OK: Kerr Center Public Policy Program, Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture. Online at www.kerrcenter.com/publications/hogodorreview.pdf

North Central Regional for Rural Development. (1999) The impact of recruiting vertically integrated hog production in agriculturally-based counties of Oklahoma, Contributor to draft report prepared for the Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture.

Lawrence, M. (1995) Nigeria: A reader, Iowa City: Department of Geography, University of Iowa.

Presentations

2019

Lawrence, M: "From magical giraffes to high-speed railways: Myths of progress and the environmental impacts of China's One Belt One Road Initiative in Kibwezi, Kenya", a Fall Honors Council Lecture, Bemidji State University; Bemidji, MN, 7 October.

-----: "The Chinese and the Chief's Tree: Framing narratives of socationature and development in Kibwezi, Kenya", a presentation for "Geographien der Zukunft I: Shaping spaces, making futures: The imaginative power of geopolitical and geoeconomic megaprojects", Session L5-FS-113a of Umbrüche und Aufbrüche: Geographie(n) der Zukunft: 61st Deutscher Kongress für Geographie 2019; Christian-Albrechts-Universität; Kiel, Germany, 27 September.

2018

Lawrence, M: "After the frog spoke: Kibwezi's ancestral and exotic political ecologies", a presentation for the "Changing global ecologies and the African environments" session of the 114th Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers; New Orleans, LA, 10-14 April.

2015

Lawrence, M: "More than one page", a presentation for National Geography Awareness Week; Department of Geography, Bemidji State University; Bemidji, MN, 16 November.

-----: "The Chinese and the Chief's tree: Nature, culture, and development in Kibwezi, Kenya", presented at the 66th West Lakes Division Meeting, Association of American Geographers (Session I (1.2)); University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 16 October.

-----: "Burning the graves in the hills for elephants: Paradoxes of environmentalism as development-induced displacement", a Fall Honors Council Lecture, Bemidji State University; Bemidji, MN, 24 September.

-----: "Far enough to know: Displacements, resilience, and the dangers of refugee discourse", presented at "Refugees, Domestic Politics, and Social Work", the 2nd Erfurt Intercultural Summer School, Fachhochschule Erfurt (University of Applied Sciences, Erfurt); Erfurt, Germany, 4 June.

2014

Lawrence, M: "Imagined geographies of epidemic proportions", presented at Fachhochschule Erfurt (University of Applied Sciences, Erfurt); Erfurt, Germany, 28 October.

---- : “Beyond help: Between the ‘indigenous’ and indigenization of social development”, presented at “Developing Neighborhood and Community Support Systems”, the Summer Symposium on Community, Work, and Community Support at the School of Social Work Theory and Practice of the Inter-University Centre; Dubrovnik, Croatia, 17 June.

2013

Lawrence, M: “When Mwitu cries: Contested spatialities of water in Mbui Nzau”, presented at the 64th West Lakes Division Meeting, Association of American Geographers (Session III (4.1)); University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 18 October.

---- : “Learning from the land: BSU in Kenya”, presented at the 1st International Experiences Day; Bemidji State University; Bemidji, MN, 23 September.

2012

Lawrence, M: “The bamboo of Kilui and the figs of Kwa Muthita: Natural resource management in liminal landscapes”, a Fall Honors Council Lecture, Bemidji State University; Bemidji, MN, 17 September.

---- : “The bees from “Baghdad”: Challenges of trajectory, transgression, and transformation in Anthropology’s spatial turn”, presented at the 7th International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences; Universidad Abat Oliba CEU; Barcelona, Spain, 26 June.

---- : “An extra blade of grass: Climate change, displacement, and social justice in Kenya”, presented at “Developing Neighborhood and Community Support Systems”, the Summer Symposium on Community, Work, and Community Support at the School of Social Work Theory and Practice of the Inter-University Centre; Dubrovnik, Croatia, 19 June.

---- : “The moon at the edge of words: Problems of spatiality and diversity in the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development”, presented at “Diversity and Respect”, the 2nd International Week, Fachhochschule Erfurt (University of Applied Sciences, Erfurt) and Der Zentralrat der Juden in Deutschland (the Central Council of Jews in Germany); Erfurt, Germany; 7 June.

---- : “Moving Mali Kuthea: Conflicting spatialities of environmental change in Mbui Nzau Sublocation, Kenya”, presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Geographie- Arbeitskreis Subsaharisches Afrika (AKSA); Institut für Geographie und Regionalforschung der Universität Wien and the Österreichische Geographische Gesellschaft; Vienna, Austria, 14 April.

2011-

Lawrence, M: “Shadows of the White Goat: A cultural politics of Mbui Nzau’s forests”, the Gamma Theta Upsilon presentation for National Geography Awareness Week; Department of Geography, University of North Dakota; Grand Forks, ND, 21 November.

---- : “When British walked the bull around the hill: Qualitative research and environmental sustainability in Mbui Nzau”, a presentation for National Geography Awareness Week;

Department of Geography & Political Science, Bemidji State University; Bemidji, MN, 17 November.

---- : “Pursued by the trees: Deforestation, landscape memory, and the prospects of environmental recovery in Mbui Nzau”, presented at the 62nd West Lakes Division Meeting, Association of American Geographers; Chicago, IL, 12 November.

---- : “Listening to trees: Concerning physical geography & service learning”, the plenary presentation of “7th International Symposium on contemporary trends in teaching and learning Geography”, a conference of the Teacher Training Department of the Faculty of Psychology and Sciences of Education at Babeş-Bolyai University (Romania); the Faculty of Geography at Babeş-Bolyai University; the School Inspectorate for Cluj County (Romania); the Faculty of Geography and Mathematics at the Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (Germany); the Faculty of Geography at the University of Tiraspol in Chishinev (Moldova); and the Faculty of Education at Eskisehir Osmangazi University (Turkey); Cluj-Napoca, Romania; 16-19 September.

2010-

Lawrence, M.: “Insides out: Poverty, policy, and the necessity of new regionalism”, presented at “Poverty and poverty reduction strategies”, the 1st International Week, Fachhochschule Erfurt (University of Applied Sciences, Erfurt); Erfurt, Germany; 10 June.

---- : “Konstitisyon se papye, bayonèt se fè (A constitution is paper, a bayonet iron): U.S.-Haiti relations before the earthquake”, a FYRE-side Chat, Bemidji State University; Bemidji, MN, 10 February.

2009-

Lawrence, M.: “I’m not Mr. Mom: Single fathers and single fatherhood in Minnesota”, presented at “Developing Neighborhood and Community Support Systems”, the Summer Symposium on Community, Work, and Community Support at the School of Social Work Theory and Practice of the Inter-University Centre; Dubrovnik, Croatia, as part of the 20th Anniversary Conference of the IUC Dubrovnik, 30 June.

---- : “Different horizons: Food miles and first nations in the Minnesota North Country”, presented at the 9th International Conference on Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations; Riga, Latvia; 16 June, 2009.

2008-

Lawrence, M.: “I’m not Mr. Mom: Single fathers and single fatherhood in Minnesota”, presented at the 11th Annual Student Wellness Panel, Bemidji State University; Bemidji, MN, 7 October.

---- : “On the move and out of reach? Challenges of communication in 21st-Century communities”, presented at “Developing Neighborhood and Community Support Systems”, the Summer Symposium on Community, Work, and Community Support at the School of Social Work Theory and Practice of the Inter-University Centre; Dubrovnik, Croatia, 17 June.

2006-

Becker, A. and M. Lawrence: "Landscape change and traditional healing in Ukambani", presented at the 31st Annual Third World Conference; Chicago, IL, 13-18 March.

Cramer, G. and M. Lawrence: "Land markets, land tenure, and agricultural production in Kibwezi, Kenya", presented at the 31st Annual Third World Conference; Chicago, IL, 13-18 March.

Lawrence, M.: "Getting to the point: Reflections on participatory GIS and the use of GPS in classrooms", presented at the International Geographical Union-Commission for Geographic Education 2006 Symposium; Brisbane, Australia, 26 June-2 July.

---- : "Working in, with, and for 21st-century communities: Concepts, prospects, and challenges", presented at "Developing Neighborhood and Community Support Systems", the Summer Symposium on Community, Work, and Community Support at the School of Social Work Theory and Practice of the Inter-University Centre; Dubrovnik, Croatia, 11-17 June.

---- : "The Pedagogy of Powerpoint", an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Program presentation, Bemidji State University; Bemidji, MN, 7 March.

---- : "Dying for attention: AIDS in Africa", a "World Day of Prayer" presentation, Bemidji Methodist Church; Bemidji, MN, 3 March.

Lemieux, J. and M. Lawrence: "Famine, food security, and farming in a hardship district in southern Kenya", presented at the 31st Annual Third World Conference; Chicago, IL, 13-18 March.

2005-

Lawrence, M.: "The Geography of Africa", presented to the Advanced Placement World History class, TrekNorth High School; Bemidji, MN, 15 & 17 November.

Lawrence, M.; Becker, A.; Cramer, G.; and J. Lemieux: "Learning from the land IV: Student fieldwork in East Africa, Summer 2005", a Fall Honors Council Lecture, Bemidji State University; Bemidji, MN, 28 September.

2004-

Connett, C. and M. Lawrence: "Between a rock and a hard place: Poor women and changing definitions of public land in rural Kenya", presented at the 30th Annual Third World Conference, Chicago, IL.

Jacobsen, M. and M. Lawrence: "Vandu vaa ni vaseo muno: Land disputes and village identity in Kibwezi, Kenya", presented at the 30th Annual Third World Conference, Chicago, IL.

Lawrence, M.: "Lessons under the mango tree: Making place out of space and community out of place in the 21st Century", presented at "Developing Neighborhood and Community Support Systems", the Summer Symposium on Community, Work, and Community Support at the School of Social Work Theory and Practice of the Inter-University Centre; Dubrovnik, Croatia.

---- : “Cultural ecology and adoption of biointensive organic agriculture in Kibwezi Division, Kenya”, presented at “One Earth- Many Worlds”, the 30th Congress of the International Geographical Union, the Royal Geographical Society, the Institute of British Geographers, the Joint International Geomorphology Conference of Geomorphology and Sustainability, the International Cartographic Association, the British Cartographic Society, and the Association of Geographic Information; Glasgow, Scotland, 15-20 August.

2003-

Davgun, S., and M. Lawrence: “From Barnaul to Baikal and back again: Excursions in Russia, Summer 2003”, presented as Horizons: A Department of Geography & Political Science Event Series #2, Bemidji State University; Bemidji, MN, 23 October.

Freeman, E., and M. Lawrence: “The impacts of migration on establishment of social capital and environmental degradation in Kibwezi, Kenya”, presented at the 29th Annual Third World Conference, Chicago, IL.

Lawrence, M.: “Cultural migrations, land tenure, and environmental sustainability in Makueni District, Kenya”, presented at “Society and Environment Interaction under Conditions of Global and Regional Changes”, a conference of the International Geographical Union, the National Committee of Geographers of Russia, the Russian Geographical Society, the Institute of Geography and the Institute of Water and Ecological Problems (Siberian Branch) of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Geographical Department of M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University, and Altai State University, 22-29 July.

---- : “‘Tujijenge’: Working toward community in Kibwezi, Kenya”, presented at Headwaters Unitarian Church; Bemidji, MN, 9 November.

Lawrence, M.; Connett, C.; Jacobsen, M.; and J. Sutton: “Learning from the land III: Student fieldwork in East Africa, Summer 2003”, a Fall Honors Council Lecture, Bemidji State University; Bemidji, MN, 23 September.

2002-

Bednasek, C.D. and Lawrence, M.: “The roles of modern and traditional forms of education in promoting sustainable development in a Kenyan town”, presented at the 98th Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers; Los Angeles, CA, 19-23 March.

Fitzsimmons, J. and M. Lawrence: “Self-sufficiency, ecological stress, and rural poverty in Kibwezi Division, Kenya”, presented at the 53rd West Lakes Division Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Minneapolis, MN, 19 October.

Lawrence, M.: “First impressions all over again: Re-thinking relationships between global and indigenous knowledge in environmental sustainability and community in East Africa”, a Spring Honors Council Lecture, Bemidji State University; Bemidji, MN, 6 March.

---- : “New soil for the trees of the day: Race and geographical imagination in Zimbabwe”, the Black History Month Community Breakfast Lecture, Bemidji State University; Bemidji, MN, 7 February.

Lawrence, M.; Fitzsimmons, J.; Freeman, E.; and N. Ziegler: “Learning from the land II: Student fieldwork in East Africa, Summer 2002”, a Fall Honors Council Lecture, Bemidji State University; Bemidji, MN, 24 September.

Lawrence, M. and R. Ley: “Starving for attention: Famine in southern Africa”, presented at Bemidji State University; Bemidji, MN, 19 November.

Ziegler, N. and M. Lawrence: “Educational decision-making and sustainable development in rural Kenya”, presented at the 53rd West Lakes Division Meeting, Association of American Geographers; Minneapolis, MN, 19 October.

2001-

Christofferson, C. and Lawrence, M.: “Social capital formation for sustainable development in Kibwezi, Kenya”, presented at the 52nd Annual Meeting, West Lakes Division Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Joliet, IL, 11-13 October.

Lawrence, M.: “Tujijenge: Notes on civil society and human ecological sustainability in contemporary Kenya”, presented at the 27th Annual Third World Conference; Chicago, IL, 21-24 March.

Rahorst, L. and Lawrence, M.: “Health and the development of human capital for the building of community in rural Kenya”, presented at the 7th Annual Mid-America Alliance for African Studies Conference, St. Louis, MO, 28-29 September.

2000-

Lawrence, M.: “Inside the wire: Concerning the meanings of land reform in contemporary Zimbabwe”, presented at the Middle States Division Meeting, AAG and the Pennsylvania Geographical Society Annual Meeting, Wilkes-Barre, PA, 1 February.

1999-

Lawrence, M.: “Utavuna ulichopanda: Of diesel, dust and dung in a drought-prone region of Kenya”, presented at the 50th West Lakes Division Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Dekalb, IL.

1998-

Lawrence, M.: “Still a mysterious and intrigue-filled land: Of Bedouin landscapes and the new aboriginal in Jones County, Iowa”, presented at the 94th Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

1996-

Lawrence, M.: “Miles from home in the field of dreams: Rurality and the social at the end of history”, presented at the 92nd Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC.

1995-

Lawrence, M.: “Rural homelessness: A geography without a geography”, presented at the 91st Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

1994-

Lawrence, M.: “The production of space and the production of demand for meaning”, presented at the 90th Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

---- : “Keeping up with Joneses: Simulation, ambivalence, and rural community”, presented at the Association of American Geographers Pre-conference on Critical Rural Studies, San Francisco, CA.

1993-

Lawrence, M.: “Hometown associations: Balancing local and extralocal interests in Nigerian communities”, presented at the 89th Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

1991-

Lawrence, M.: “Local development, progressive unions, and the transformations of civil society in western Nigeria”, presented at the 42nd West Lakes Division Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Duluth, MN.

Seminars and other activities

2017-

Attendee, Annual Gateway Course Experience Conference of the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education in Las Vegas, NV 26 – 28 February.

2016-

Special guest, meeting with officials of the Institut für kommunale Planung und Entwicklung, Thüringen (the Thüringian Institute for Communal Planning and Development) about becoming a contributing member to an emerging international program; 31 July.

2014-

Special guest, meeting with officials of Dubrovačko-Neretvanska županija (City of Dubrovnik/Neretva County) about drafting and implementation of the County Social Care and Security Action Plan; Dubrovnik, Croatia; 20 June.

2011-

Completion of “Stormwater Pollution Protection Planning (SWPPP)”, a US Green Building Council LEED-Sustainable Sites training seminar hosted by Kraus-Anderson Construction in conjunction with the Department of Technological Studies of Bemidji State University, 28 October.

2008-

Guest Organizing Director for “Developing Neighborhood and Community Support Systems”, the Summer Symposium on Community, Work, and Community Support at the School of Social Work Theory and Practice of the Inter-University Centre; Dubrovnik, Croatia, June.

2007-

Course Evaluator for “Developing Neighborhood and Community Support Systems”, the Summer Symposium on Community, Work, and Community Support at the School of Social Work Theory and Practice of the Inter-University Centre; Dubrovnik, Croatia, June.

Convener of “More of/or the same? Cultural geography and the challenges and opportunities of globalization”, a seminar of “Paths to globalization: A moveable feast”, the Bemidji State University 2007 Student International Affairs Conference, Bemidji, Minnesota, 2 & 3 March.

2006-

Guest Organizing Director for “Developing Neighborhood and Community Support Systems”, the Summer Symposium on Community, Work, and Community Support at the School of Social Work Theory and Practice of the Inter-University Centre; Dubrovnik, Croatia, June.

Co-director of “The Global Learning Project”, a collaborative learning experience with new media for social studies secondary school teacher candidates at Bemidji State University (Bemidji, MN) and the Pädagogische Hochschule (College of Education) Weingarten, Germany, 18 April – 8 May.

2005-

Participant in “Anwendung geographischer Arbeitsmethoden im Fernraum mit mehrträgiger Arbeit vor Ort (Grossexcursion): Das tschechische Bädereieck” (Geographic Fieldwork Practice for Teachers: Development Trends in the Czech Border Region and Adjacent Territories), a practicum for secondary school teachers and university faculty in Bavaria and Bohemia hosted by the Pädagogische Hochschule (College of Education) Weingarten, Germany in conjunction with Univerzita Karlova Prague, Czech Republic, 22-30 July.

2004-

Lawrence, M.: “Many Africas, Many Childhoods”, part of the Intercultural Learning seminar at Pädagogische Hochschule (College of Education) Weingarten, Germany, 22-26 November.

2003-

Lawrence, M.: “Childhood without Children, Children without Childhood: Assessing Africa’s Future”, part of the Geography Didactics seminar at Friedrich Alexander University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany, 24-28 November.