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Education

- 2003 **Clark University**, Worcester, Massachusetts Ph.D. Geography
- 2001 **Clark University**, Worcester, Massachusetts M.A. Geography
- 1995 **Yale University**, New Haven, Connecticut M.E.S. Conservation Biology
- 1992 **University of North Carolina**, Wilmington, North Carolina B.A. Environmental Science

Academic Appointments

- 2006-Present **DePaul University**, Chicago, Illinois
Assistant Professor, Department of Geography
- 2005-2006 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Geography
- 2002-2005 **Temple University**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Geography & Urban Studies
- 2004-2005 Interim Director, Environmental Studies Program
- 2002-2004 Research Fellow, Center for Public Policy
- 1997-2000 **Clark University**, Worcester, Massachusetts
Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography
- 1993-1995 **Yale University**, New Haven, Connecticut
Teaching Assistant, Department of Biological Sciences

Publications

Books

Brownlow, A. 2008. *A Political Ecology of Neglect: Race, Gender and Environmental Change in Philadelphia*. Verlag DM, Saarbrücken.

Refereed Journal Articles

Brownlow, A. 2009. Keeping up appearances: profiting from patriarchy in the nation's safest city. *Urban Studies* (forthcoming).

Brownlow, A. 2006. An archaeology of fear and environmental change in Philadelphia. *Geoforum* 37:227-245.

Brownlow, A. 2005. A geography of men's fear. *Geoforum* 36:581-592.

Brownlow, C.A. 1996. Molecular taxonomy and the conservation of the red wolf and other endangered carnivores. *Conservation Biology* 10:390-396.

Brownlow, C.A. and E.G. Bolen. 1994. Fish and macroinvertebrate diversity in first-order blackwater and alluvial streams in North Carolina. *Journal of Freshwater Ecology* 9(4):261-270.

Book Chapters

Brownlow, A. 2009. 'Urban Ecology,' in Warf, B. (ed.) *Sage Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks, CA. (**forthcoming**).

Brownlow, A. 2006. 'Inherited fragmentations and narratives of environmental control in entrepreneurial Philadelphia,' in N. Heynen,, M. Kaika, & E. Swyngedouw (eds.) *In the Nature of Cities: Urban Political Ecology and the Politics of Urban Metabolism*. Routledge, New York. Pp 208-225.

Wolch, J., A. Brownlow, and U. Lassiter. 2004. Attitudes towards animals among African American women in Los Angeles. *Proceedings of the 4th International Wildlife Symposium*.

Brownlow, A. 2000. 'A wolf in the garden: Ideology and change in the Adirondack landscape' in C. Philo and C. Wilbert (eds.). *Animal Spaces, Beastly Places*. Routledge Press, New York. Pp. 141-158.

Wolch, J., A. Brownlow, and U. Lassiter. 2000. 'Reconstructing the animal worlds of inner-city Los Angeles' in C. Philo and C. Wilbert (eds.). *Animal Space, Beastly Places*. Routledge Press, New York. Pp. 71-97.

Other

Brownlow, A. 2005. Book Review of McDowell, L. 2003. *Redundant Masculinities: Employment Change and White Working Class Youth*. Blackwell, Oxford. *Area* 37:461-463.

Under Review

Brownlow, A. Co-opting restoration: gender, voluntarism, and insurgency in Philadelphia. Under review at *Gender, Place & Culture*.

Professional Reports

Brownlow, A. 2002. Restoration assessment mapping: Assessing reforestation success and invasive growth in the Wissahickon Valley, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia using a GIS. Report prepared for The Wissahickon Restoration Volunteers

Brownlow, A. and A. Ingerson. 2002. An "Ecosystem Management" Timeline: Definitions and debates, 1960s – 1990s. URL (<http://iclsstage.harvard.edu/ecology/brownlow.html>). The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University.

Wolch, J.R., U. Lassiter, and A. Brownlow. 1998. Conducting Focus Groups about Attitudes toward Marine Wildlife. Working Paper #5. University of Southern California, Sea Grant Program.

Professional Presentations

2008 When opportunity knocks: challenging fear and finding justice in and through the neoliberal city. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA.

2007 Co-opting restoration: women, voluntarism and insurgency in Philadelphia. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA.

2006 Risking contradiction: Sexual violence and entrepreneurial ambivalence in Philadelphia. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL.

2005 Natural articulations? Inherited and entrepreneurial ecologies in the neoliberal city. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Denver, CO.

- 2004 Fragmentation and the ecologies of urban space. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2003 Fragmented forest – fragmented city: Ecologies of vulnerability in Philadelphia. Political Ecology at Home Conference, Rutgers University.
- 2003 Reclaiming space, validating identity: Environmental change and restoration in Philadelphia. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, LA.
- 2002 Toward an urban political ecology: Race, gender and environmental change in Philadelphia. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2001 Community Forestry in an urban context: Understanding the roles of segregation, racism, and women’s fear of crime. Ford Foundation Community Forestry Conference, Portland, Oregon.
- 2000 Community Forestry and the restoration of urban forests in Philadelphia. Ford Foundation Community Forestry Conference, Ghost Ranch, NM.
- 1999 Wolf restoration and landscape change in the Adirondacks. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Honolulu, HI.

Invited Presentations

- 2009 The political economy of safety in entrepreneurial Philadelphia. Ohio University, Department of Geography Lecture Series. Athens, Ohio.
- 2009 Keeping up appearances: patriarchal politics in the nation’s ‘Safest City’. DePaul University, Women & Gender Studies Brown Bag Series.
- 2008 Inherited injustices: rethinking women’s fear under neoliberalism. Penn State University, Department of Geography Lecture Series. State College, PA.
- 2008 Keeping up appearances: profiting from patriarchy in the nation’s ‘Safest City’. University Guelph, Department of Geography Lecture Series. Guelph, Ontario
- 2008 Toward a multicultural urban ecology. University of Guelph, 14th Annual Environmental Sciences Symposium. Guelph, Ontario.
- 2007 Ecomodernization from below? Restoration as resistance in entrepreneurial Philadelphia. University of California, Berkeley, International Studies Program. Berkeley Workshop on Environmental Politics Seminar Series.
- 2006 Natural articulations? Inherited and entrepreneurial ecologies in the neoliberal city. University of Wisconsin at Madison, Department of Geography Colloquium Series.
- 2005 Inherited fragmentations: Nature in the neoliberal city. University of Chicago, Environmental Studies Program Colloquium Series.
- 2005 Sustainable cities: Environmentalism and the urban growth machine. Temple University School of Architecture and Engineering Roundtable Discussion Series.

- 2005 Old fragmentations – New fragmentations: Environmental discourse and management in post-industrial Philadelphia. Arizona State University, School of Community Resources & Development.
- 2003 Ecological globalization and the city. University of Texas, Department of Geography Colloquium Series.
- 2003 Thoughts on a multicultural urban ecology. Science and Society Speaker Series, Bryn Mawr College.
- 2002 Of guards, gangs, and goutweed: Disorder and restoration in Cobbs Creek, Philadelphia. Department of Geography Colloquium Series, Pennsylvania State University.

Other

- 2008 Guest Lecturer: Urban Political Ecology. Urban Geography Graduate Class, Northeastern Illinois University (invited by Dr. Dennis Grammenos, NEIU).
- 2008 Panel Moderator: Geographies of international adoption. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA.
- 2008 Session Organizer and Chair (Two Sessions): Geographies of international adoption I and II. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA.
- 2008 Discussant: Neoliberal urban-environmental reconfigurations III: Environmental amenities, competition, and accumulation. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA.
- 2008 Chair: Urban built environment, environmental justice, and health. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA.
- 2007 Chair and Co-Organizer (with Ann Marie Murnaghan, York University): Gender and the urban environment. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA
- 2007 Panelist: Pet-i-philia. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA
- 2006 Organizer: The 'Safe City' as entrepreneurial strategy. Critical Geography Conference, University of Ohio, Columbus.
- 2006 Organizer and Chair: Beyond revanchism: Risk and contradiction in the entrepreneurial city. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL
- 2006 Discussant: Where the wild things are: Animals, images, and the construction of regional identities. Joint Annual Meeting of the American Society for Environmental History & the Forest History Society, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2005 Chair and Co-Organizer (with Jason Byrne, University of Southern California): Nature and the entrepreneurial city. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Denver, CO.
- 2004 Discussant: Urban animals. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, PA.

- 2003 Chair and Co-Organizer (with Cynthia Sorrensen, University of Arizona): Place identity, environmental change, and political ecology. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, LA.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

- 2009 DePaul University, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Summer Student Assistant Research Support
Proposal: Policing the Post-Industrial City: Torture in Chicago
- 2009 DePaul University, College of Liberal Arts & Science, Faculty Research and Development Grant.
Proposal: Selling Safety in the Post-Industrial City (\$5700)
- 2007 DePaul University, College of Liberal Arts & Science, Faculty Research and Development Grant.
Proposal: Uncovering Risk and Patriarchy in the Entrepreneurial City (\$4200)
- 2003 Temple University Research Investment Fund, College of Liberal Arts (\$6000).
- 2002 Samuel S. Fels Fellowship for Community-Based Research, Samuel S. Fels Foundation, Philadelphia, PA. (\$6000).
- 2000 Ford Foundation Community Forestry Dissertation Fellowship. Proposal: Urban Community Forestry (\$13,000).
- 1998 Pruser-Holzhauser Doctoral Research Fellowship, Clark University
- 1994 George C. Brett Memorial Scholarship, Yale University
- 1993 Emily Pruitt Memorial Scholarship, Yale University
- 1992 Dovie P. Bowden Memorial Scholarship, University of North Carolina
- 1992 College of Arts and Sciences Academic Scholarship, University of North Carolina
- 1991 Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities
- 1990-92 Chancellor's Award of Academic Excellence

Other Research Experience

- 2002 Wissahickon Restoration Volunteers, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. PI, Digital vegetation restoration assessment.
- 2000 George Perkins Marsh Institute, Clark University, and the National Park Service. Research Assistant, Risk and visitor safety in U.S. National Parks. PI: Drs. Dominic Golding and Seth Tuler.
- 1999 Department of Geography, Clark University, Worcester, MA. Research Assistant, Social and landscape ecologies of the Adirondack Mountains, New York. PI: Drs. Dianne Rocheleau & Marla Emery.
- 1999 Institute of Cultural Landscapes, Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University. Research Associate, History and evolution of the Ecosystem Management concept in the natural and social sciences. PI: Dr. Alice Ingerson.
- 1998 Department of Geography, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. Research Assistant, Environmental perception and definitions of nature among women in inner-city Los Angeles. PI: Dr. Jennifer Wolch.
- 1994 National Zoo, Center for Research and Conservation, Front Royal, VA. PI, Secretary Bird ecology.
- 1992 Department of Biology, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, NC. PI, Fish and macro-invertebrate diversity in blackwater and freshwater streams in North Carolina.

Professional Development

2006 Participant, Geography Faculty Development Alliance Workshop, University of Colorado, Boulder

Professional Service

University

2008 Faculty Council Research Committee

College

2007-09 Social Science Research Center Task Force

- Space & Resources Subcommittee (Chair)
- Orientation Programming & Services Subcommittee
- Roll-out & Promotion Subcommittee

Departmental

2008 Administrator, Departmental Website
2007 Betty Leahy Memorial Scholarship Committee

- Co-Chair (with Julie Hwang), 2008-2009

Other Departmental

2007-09 Advisory Committee, Environmental Studies Bachelor of Arts
2007-09 Advisory Committee, Women and Gender Studies Program
2006 Participant, 2006 AAG Presentation Assembly Committee

DePaul Non-Departmental

2007 Advisory Committee, Institute for Nature and Culture

Other

2007 Discussant, Sustainable Architecture Class Final Presentation, Chicago Art Institute (Spring)
2004 Consultant, 'Edens Lost and Found – Philadelphia: The Holy Experiment' Documentary. Bullfrog Films.
2004 Consultant, Temple University, Philadelphia Indicators Project. Carolyn Adams, Director
2004-05 Temple University, Interim Director, Environmental Studies Program
2002-05 Temple University, Internship Coordinator, Environmental Studies Program
2000-01 Bryn Mawr College, Coordinator, PRAXIS Service-Learning Program

Journal manuscripts reviewed:

Annals of the Association of American Geographers
Antipode
Conservation Biology
Gender, Place & Culture
Geoforum
GeoJournal
International Journal of Urban and Regional Research
Justice Quarterly
Professional Geographer
The Geographical Bulletin
Urban Geography

Book manuscripts reviewed:

Temple University Press

Cornell University Press

Grants Reviewed

National Science Foundation CAREER Grant Program

Community Service

- 2009 Judge, Geography Bee. Glen Grove Elementary School. Glenview, IL.
- 2008 Judge, Geography Bee. Glen Grove Elementary School. Glenview, IL.
- 2007 Judge, Geography Bee. Glen Grove Elementary School. Glenview, IL.
- 2006 Judge, Geography Bee. Glen Grove Elementary School. Glenview, IL.
- 2003-04 Volunteer, Environmental Program, Village of the Arts and Humanities, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2003-04 Judge, Geography Bee, Groveland Elementary School, Doylestown, PA.
- 2001-02 Program Coordinator, Parks Management Program for Youth. Cobbs Creek Community Environmental Education Center, Inc., Philadelphia, PA.
- 2004 Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences, Patrick Environmental Research Center. Restoration survey development and analysis.