

#### **Education:**

PhD – Cultural Anthropology

Sept. 2000 - 2010

York University, Toronto, Canada

Dissertation Title: Becoming Fishermen in an Era of Depletion

MA – Cultural Anthropology

Aug. 1998 - May 2000

University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada

BA – Cultural Anthropology

Aug. 1992 - Dec. 1998

Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO

# **Research and Professional Experience:**

# Island Institute President Executive Leadership:

July 2013 – present

Responsible for working with island and coastal leaders in Maine to identify and invest in innovative approaches to community sustainability. He oversees the Institute's efforts to share solutions with communities that are experiencing similar challenges to their sustainability elsewhere. Rob writes a monthly Field Notes column for The Working Waterfront newspaper.

<b>Island Institute Vice President of Programs</b>	May 2004 – June 2013
Island Institute Development and Grants Director	Aug 2002 – May 2004

#### **Coalition Leadership:**

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Maine Affordable Housing Coalition Steering Committee	2009 - 2010
Groundfish Area Management Coalition Steering Committee	2006 - 2007
Maine's Working Waterfront Coalition Executive Committee	2003 - Present
Maine Coast Protection Initiative Steering Committee	2004 - 2005
Maine Islands Coalition Advisory Committee	2004 - Present

#### **Prior Research**

**USDA** Forest Service

April 1999 - Sept. 2001

Analyzed resource valuation challenges faced by subsistence communities and the US Forest Service following the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill.

Sense of Place mapping and survey work to inform the management of lands that border Federal Energy Regulatory Committee (FERC) reservoirs.

School for International Training

Aug. 1997 - Dec. 1997

Ethnographic research into the intersection of cultural values, industry and the hopes and fears of the twenty-something generation in Yunnan, China

## **Instructor:**

## York University and University of Calgary

Aug. 1998-May 2002

Instructed Intro to Anthropology, Urban Anth., Anth. of China and Sociology

#### **Invited Lectures:**

Keynote, National Working Waterfront & Waterways Symposium, March 2013

Yale School of Forestry: Curtis and Edith Munson Lecture on Sea Ethics The Need to Establish a Working Waterfront Ethic in Maine February 2005

Southwest Florida Marine Industry Association Florida Working Waterfront Conference: Preserving Access for Diverse "Working Waterfront" Stakeholders in Maine November 2003

#### **Publications:**

For a listing of popular press articles visit www.workingwaterfront.com and search "Snyder"

#### Snyder, Robert

Forthcoming: "Becoming Fishermen in an Era of Depletion: A Cultural Politics of Possibility" PhD Dissertation, York University, Toronto, Canada

- 2008 Voices for Change: Fishermen Organize to Build Their Own Future. Island Journal 24: 16-23
- 2006 Fisheries Failure: The Tragedy of Mistrust in Groundfish Management. Working Waterfront News, December, Rockland, ME
- 2005 Saving Maine's Working Waterfronts: Mapping the Maine Coasts Economic Future. Rockland, ME. Island Institute
- Working Waterfronts, the Land Trust Solution. Working Waterfront News, Rockland, ME
- 2004a Up and Down the Maine Coast Working Waterfronts Continue to Disappear. Working Waterfront News. Rockland, ME.
- Whose Working Waterfront is it? Working Waterfront News. Rockland, ME. Governments have a Small Toolbox for Protecting Working Waterfronts. Working Waterfront News. Rockland, ME
- 2003 Book Review: Ralph A. Litzinger, *Other Chinas: The Yao and the Politics of National Belonging*. Durham: Duke University Press. Canadian Journal of Sociology and Anthropology
- 2000 Social Narratives: A Place for Anthropology in Littleton Colorado. *Anthropology News* v41 n2 p11
- 1997 Cultural Values, Industry and Hopes and Fears: The Twenty-Something Generation in Dali, Yunnan, China." *In* SIT top Papers of 1997, Lu Yuen, ed. Brattleboro, VT. SIT
- 1996 Hotels Can Help Sustain a Community *In* Tourism and its Consequences: Case Studies from Quepos Costa Rica. James M. Tim Wallace ed. Raleigh, NC. North Carolina State University
- Snyder, Robert, George Peterson and Daniel Williams
  - Sense of Place in Environmental Resource Valuation: Economics versus
    Indigenous Cultures." *In* Indigenous Peoples and Natural Resource Management,
    S. Jentoft, H. Minde, R Nilsen eds. Center for Sami Studies; Universiteteti
    Tromsø Press

Snyder, Robert B., Daniel R. Williams and John Titre.

2001 Assessing and Monitoring Recreation Conditions for FERC Hydropower Relicencing: Case Studies." USDA Forest Service

Conover, S., Kermish-Allen, R and Snyder, R.

(forthcoming) Communities for Rural Education, Stewardship, and Technology (CREST): A Rural Model for Teacher Professional Development. In J. MaKinster, N. Trautmann, & M. Barnett (Eds.) *Teaching Science and Investigating Environmental Issues with Geospatial Technology: Designing Effective Professional Development for Teachers*. New York, NY: Springer Publishing Company

Conover, Shey and R. Snyder

2007 "The Last 20 Miles: A Statewide Inventory of Maine's Working Waterfront" Rockland, Me. Island Institute Press

#### **Conference Papers:**

Maine Sea Grant Symposium 2010: Marine Science that Matters March 22, 2010 at University of Maine Wells Conference Center Paper Title: Mapping Maine's Working Waters: Drawing Communities Together March 22, 2010 Snyder and St. Martin

St. Martin, K. and R. Snyder. 2009. "Alternative Markets and Community Economies in New England Fisheries." *Rethinking Marxism*, Amherst, MA, November 5-8.

St. Martin, K. and R. Snyder. 2009. "Fishing for the Future: Enacting Alternative Markets and Community Economies in the Fisheries of New England." *The Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, Las Vegas, NV, March 22-27.

Association of American Geographers

Snyder, Robert

Placing Fisheries In the Flow of Becoming: A story of emergent environmental subjectivities and alternative economies in a working waterfront community April 15 – 19<sup>th</sup> 2008, Boston, Massachusetts

Presented by Dr. Kevin St. Martin, Rutgers University

#### Digital Government

Snyder, Robert, Chris Brehme, and Nathan Michaud Towards A Living GIS: Enhancing Digital Democracy through Sustained Citizen Participation

May 18 – 20<sup>th</sup> 2005, Boston, Massachusetts

# **URISA PPGIS Conference**

Brehme, Christopher, Robert Snyder and Nathan Michaud Whose GIS is it anyway? A model for building GIS capacity in very small towns. July 20-21, 2005, Portland, Oregon Presented by Chris Brehme

The 7th Circumpolar University Co-operation Conference Peterson, George, Daniel Williams and Robert Snyder Sense of Place in Environmental Resource Valuation: Economics versus Indigenous Cultures August 2001, Universiti Tromsø Presented by Dan Williams

**CASCA** 

Snyder, Robert

"Chinese Restaurateurs: New Narratives, New Challenges"

May 2001, Montreal

Society for Human Ecology

Paper Title: "Bridging the Physical and Social Environments of U.S. Water Projects"

October 2000, Jackson Hole, WY

Presented by Jeff Brooks

American Anthropological Association

Paper Title: "Ethnicity and Chinese Cuisine"

November 1999, Chicago, IL

Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies

Paper Title: "Small City Immigrants".

September 17-18, 1999, Boise State University, Boise, ID

Colorado State University Anthropology Symposium

Paper Title: "A place for Anthropology in Littleton, CO"

Award: Overall best paper out of 25 presented

May 4, 1999, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO

## **Professional Associations:**

American Anthropological Association Association of American Geographers Society for Applied Anthropology Cultural Studies Association

#### **Selected Island Institute Mission Advancements:**

09/10

- Developed \$2M Island Housing Fund at the Maine State Housing Authority working with the Maine Affordable Housing Coalition
- Raised \$3M from Federal sources to establish Maine Groundfish Permit Bank working with The Nature Conservancy
- Successfully completed Community for Rural Education Stewardship and Technology

08/09

- Launched Calendar Island Maine Lobster Company

07/08

- Hosted Affordable Coast Policy Retreat
- Initiated Mid Coast Fishermen's Association Marketing Cooperative partnership and first Community Supported Fisheries project in the US
- Launched impact assessment of climate change on the lobster fishery

06/07

- Produced 1st Island Indicators Report

- Mapping Maine's Working Coast: A participatory GIS mapping project to identify Maine's waterfront access.
- Created the Affordable Coast Fund<sup>TM</sup>
- Initiated Community Wind Power discussion on Fox Islands and Swans
- Assisted in creating Knowledge Management Department to house Publications, Web and Communications
- Formed Maine Island Schools Collaborative to advocate at the state level

#### 05/06

- Conceived, wrote and received 1.2M NSF ITEST Grant Community for Rural Education Stewardship and Technology
- Ran successful campaign for a constitutional amendment to create "Current Use Taxation" for working waterfronts
- Led \$2M bond campaign to create a statewide Working Waterfront Access Pilot Program

#### 04/05

- Staffed Programs Team
- Implemented Planning Based Decision Making
- Built Board support for Programs Decision Making
- Developed Working Waterfront Access Program
- Merged Web, Communications and IT Management under Programs Management