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### EDUCATION

Chartered Herbalist, 2007	Dominion Herbal College, Burnaby, BC
Master's Degree in City Planning, 1998	University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB
Bachelor of Arts in Geography, 1994	University of Victoria, Victoria, BC
Diploma in Geography, 1991	Okanagan University College, Kelowna, BC

### WRITER/JOURNALIST

#### Articles

- "Canada's Future is Radical Decentralization," *The Canadian Journal*, May.26.2021
- "Antje Ellermann: What Drives a Country's Openness to Immigration," *Merion West*, Apr.29.2021
- "Why French? Why not Nsyilxcen?" *The Canadian Journal*, Mar.18.2021
- "It's Time for the Draft, with a Twist," *Merion West*, Mar.10.2021
- "The Strange Effect of Internment Camps," *The Canadian Journal*, Feb.17.2021
- "My Experience Being Cancelled, Twice," *Merion West*, Feb.9.2021
- "A Glance into General Vance," *The Canadian Journal*, Jan.20.2021.
- "Is the American Economy Significantly Different than Europeans Think?" *Merion West*, Nov.24.2020
- "Ethnic Diversity and Social Trust: a Discussion with Merlin Schaeffer," *Merion West*, Oct.17.2020
- "Interview with Ruud Koopmans: Understanding Muslim Immigration in Europe," *Merion West*, Sep.9.2020
- "Interview with Dr. Oliver Strijbis: Swiss Lessons on Identity and National Unity," *Merion West*, Jul.3.2020
- "Why Trust Prevents Nations from Tearing Themselves Apart," *Merion West*, Jun.5.2020
- "Reconciliation Includes Sharing Toys," *Areo Magazine*, Mar.13.2020
- "Can Social Trust and Diversity Coexist?" *Vancouver Sun*, Sep.6.2019
- "Bangladesh simmers on the Ganges, but will India listen?" 2016. In M.T. Burnett (ed), *Natural Resource Conflicts: From blood diamonds to rainforest destruction*. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO.

- "Montana resource mismanagement overview," 2016. In M.T. Burnett (ed), *Natural Resource Conflicts: From blood diamonds to rainforest destruction*. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO.
- "Canadian turbot war as a sign of things to come," 2016. In M.T. Burnett (ed), *Natural Resource Conflicts: From blood diamonds to rainforest destruction*. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO.
- "Indigenous mapping: the perils of too much information," 2014. In *World Geography: Understanding a Changing World*. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO.
- "It's time to militarize the US-Mexico border," 2012. In *World Geography: Understanding a Changing World*. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO.
- "Famines, on short hiatus," 2012. In *World Geography: Understanding a Changing World*. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO.
- "Are trade agreements such as NAFTA still relevant to national interests?" 2011. In *World Geography: Understanding a Changing World*. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO.
- "Developing nations lead the way in feeding their populations with large-scale organic farming," 2011. In *World Geography: Understanding a Changing World*. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO.
- "Water is a Commodity," 2011. In *World Geography: Understanding a Changing World*. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO.

## Books

- Hecht, Mark (2016). *The Rules of Invasion: Why Europeans naturally invaded the New World*.
- Hecht, M., Hill, D., MacConnachie, C., Moorman, L. & Zizler, P. (2011). *Understanding Our Physical World*. Calgary, Alberta: Pearson.
- Hecht, M.R. (1998). *"Redevelopment on the downtown edge: a New Urbanist Action Plan for the St. Paul Street area, Kelowna, BC."* Master of City Planning Thesis. Winnipeg, Manitoba: UMI.

## Editing

- Strahler, Alan (2017). *Discovering Physical Geography*, 6<sup>th</sup> Ed. Wiley & Sons. Converted from American to Canadian content and updated PowerPoint instructor teaching materials.

## Book and Chapter Reviews

- Arbogast, Alan (2016). *Discovering Physical Geography*. Wiley & Sons.
- Gervais, Bruce (2015). *Living Physical Geography*. WH Freeman & Co.
- Pulsipher, Lydia & Pulsipher, Alex (2013). *World Regional Geography*. WH Freeman & Co.
- Strahler, Alan (2012). *Introducing Physical Geography*, 6<sup>th</sup> Ed. Wiley & Sons.

## Other Works

- Biogeography Lab Manual* 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (2015).

## Awards

- One of the top five in "Editor's Choice: the Best Interviews of 2020" for Merion West magazine.

## Professional Development

*Member*, Independent Press Gallery of Canada

*Speaker*, UBC Students for Freedom of Expression, Vancouver, BC, October 9, 2019.

*Student*, "Edit-and-Pitch," Curtis Brown Creative Literary Agency, London, UK. 2018.

*Student*, "Three-month-novel-writing," Curtis Brown Creative Literary Agency, London, UK. 2017.

## TEACHER

### Mount Royal University, Calgary, Canada. 2008—2019

Geog 1101 – Physical Geography

Geog 1103 – Human Geography

Geog 2225 – Regional Geography of Canada

Geog 2230 – Regional Geography of Europe

Geog 2333 – World Economy

Geog 2335 – Urban Geography

Geog 2337 – Political Geography

Geog 2333 – Geography of World Economy

Geog 2445 – Environmental Problems and Resource Management

Geog 3107 – Conservation Biogeography

Geog 4440 – Sustainable Development

Geog 3109 – Directed Readings

Geol 4300 – Advanced Geologic Field Methods (Field Assistant)

### St. Mary's University, Calgary, Canada. 2013—2014

Geog 203 – The Human Environment

Geog 381 – Geography of Canada

### Awards

*Award in Excellence for Teaching by Contract Faculty*, Faculty of Science and Technology, Mount Royal University, 2014.

### Professional Development

*Investigator*, "Sustainable Europe Field School" reconnaissance to Western Europe, May-July, 2019. Grant from MRU's International Department "Internationalization Incentive Fund."

*Attendee*, Western Division Canadian Association of Geographers, Victoria, BC, March, 2019.

*Attendee*, Canadian Society of Soil Science Annual Meeting, Kamloops, BC, May15-19, 2016.

*Fellow*, Royal Geographical Society, United Kingdom, 2014—2015

## BUSINESS OWNER

**Tuddors** ([www.tuddors.com](http://www.tuddors.com)) - Online Tutoring & Tour company. Victoria, BC, Canada.

Employees & Associates: 4

Grants & Awards:

BC Government "Work Experience Opportunities Grant," March, 2021

## ECO-TECHNICIAN

*Timber Surveyor*, Quastuco Silviculture Ltd. Penticton, BC. 2006—2007

*Invasive Species Surveyor*, C. Wood Consulting, Penticton, BC. 2005—2006

*Behr's Hairstreak Surveyor*, Osoyoos Indian Band, Oliver, BC. Summer 2005

*Crew Supervisor*, The Nature Trust of British Columbia, South Okanagan, BC. 2002—2005

*Crew Leadhand*, Katim Enterprises Ltd, Lake Country, BC. 1999—2001

## COMMUNITY

*Nomination Contestant* for the People's Party of Canada, Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke EDA, 2021

*Director*, Friends of Kananaskis Country, Canmore, Alberta. 2012—2013

*Director*, South-Central Association of Neighbourhoods (KSAN), Kelowna, BC. 1998—2000

*Political Candidate* for the position of Councillor, Kelowna Municipal Election, 1996

## LANGUAGE & CITIZENSHIP

English – Native fluency

Canadian – by birth

French – CEFR: B1

British – by descent

Danish – CEFR: B1