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EDUCATION

- PhD** University of Oregon, Geography
- MA** University of Oregon, Geography
- MA** Indiana University, Inner Asian Studies
- BS** University of California at Berkeley, Conservation of Natural Resources

WORK EXPERIENCE

Full time Associate Professor, Environmental Studies Department. Naropa University, Boulder, CO (1996 - present)

Department Chair (1997 - 2003 and 2006 - 2009) and **Director of the MA in Environmental Leadership Program** (2005). Teaching MA and BA courses, advising MA students, curriculum design, departmental management, and participating in university-wide committees. Lead role in design and implementation of the curricula for the BA in Environmental Studies and the MA in Environmental Leadership.

Past and present course titles: MA Capstone seminar, *Leadership Skills Seminar*, *Applied Leadership Project*, *The New Science and Its Cultural Implications*, *Wilderness Solo*, *Physical Geography*, *Geography Pilgrimage and Sacred Landscape*, *Culture/Nature Partnership (a year long service learning course on Ecological Restoration)*, *Water Quality and Watersheds*, *Sustainable Communities*, *Environmental Problem Solving*, *Indigenous Peoples and Environmental Issues*, and *Masters Thesis Seminar*.

Academic Advisor for Naropa University's International Education Program in Nepal and Sikkim (2001- 2007).

Review and consultation for the Naropa University's International Education Programs in Nepal and Sikkim.

Consultant for the National Organization for Atmospheric Administration, Office of Global Programs, (2002 – 2003)

Consulting on the Himalayan region and RANET Project.

Program Director, Interface, Cambridge, MA (1994 - 1996)

Oversight of entire program design, course offerings and long term planning. Conference design and faculty relations. Taught seminar in *Cross Cultural Understanding* and led a month long trip around Mt. Kailash in Western Tibet.

Part-time Instructor. Boston, MA, (1995 - 1996)

Taught Tibetan Buddhist Meditation for Cambridge Continuing Education and at Wellesly College at request of the Zen Buddhist Chaplin.

Instructor in Geography and International Studies, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR (1991-1994)

Designed and taught the following courses and graduate seminars: Geography of the Third World, Development and Social Change in Southeast Asia, Geography of South Asia, and Cultural Geography.

Fulbright Research Fellow, Department of Geography, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR (1989)
Conducted one year of independent doctoral research in eastern Nepal on traditional farming systems, including data collection; served as government liaison; supervised research assistant.

Graduate Teaching Fellow, Department of Geography, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR (1984 - 1988)
Taught courses in map reading and interpretation and *Introductory Cultural Geography*, as well as labs for a wide range of classes in geography department.

National Science Foundation Research (summers 1985, 1986)
Co-researcher on project in Bhutan, Sikkim, Darjeeling and eastern Nepal on traditional and changing farming systems throughout this region.

Co-Director, Marble Mountain Expeditions, San Diego, CA (1978 - 1988)
Planned, organized and led wilderness expeditions for UC San Diego and UC Riverside Extension, Indiana University Continuing Education, and the University of Oregon. Taught map reading, rescue skills, first aid, plant identification.

Community Development Worker, Docker River Aboriginal Settlement, Northern Territory, Australia (1978)
Liaison between the community and the Department of Aboriginal Affairs. Assisted community with decision-making and community and outstation projects on farming.

Tutor in Environmental History, Murdoch University (University of Western Australia), Western Australia (1976 - 1977)
Assisted in creating the first course in Australian Environmental History. Taught residential programs and through correspondence for students living in remote parts of Australia.

Research Ranger, Yosemite National Park, CA (1972 - 1974)
Carried out research on park carrying capacity and assisted in devising the Park's wilderness permit system. Participated in impact survey of the entire Yosemite backcountry.

RESEARCH AND FIELD EXPERIENCE

Nepal: Extensive studies of traditional agriculture in eastern Nepal. Fulbright Research Fellow, Department of Geography, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon (1989). Conducted one and a half years of independent doctoral research in eastern Nepal on traditional farming systems including data collection, government liaison and supervision of research assistants. I created a scholarship program for girls of all castes in the high school of the village of Pokhari where I worked that completely shifted the local situation for girls, enabling them to get high school educations. Study and practice of traditional Tibetan Buddhism at Kopan Gompa with Lama Thubten Yeshe (Fall 1978 and '79) and in Bodhanath with Tulku Ugyen, ChoKyi Nyima and Namkai Norbu (Fall 1989 and 1992). 2009 Consultation on an Engineers Without Borders Water Project on Swaymbhunath, holy hill and World Heritage Site in Kathmandu. 2009 Geomantic Mapping of Swaymabhunath sponsored by TNI as part of the restoration project of the stupa.

PhD Dissertation: *Multi-ethnic Interface in Eastern Nepal: Culture Change in Sidha Pokhari.*

Bhutan: National Science Foundation Research (Summer 1985). Co-researcher on research project in Bhutan on traditional and changing farming systems in this region. We contributed a significant report on promoting, maintaining and developing local seed stock.

Co-led a three-week tour to Buddhist cultural and pilgrimage sites in western and central Bhutan for Naropa Continuing Education (Summer 2002). Explored cultural and environmental changes 2003.

Himalayan India (Sikkim and Darjeeling): National Science Foundation Research (summer 1986) Co-researcher on Research Project in Sikkim, Darjeeling and eastern Nepal on traditional and changing farming systems in this region.
Academic advisor for Naropa's International Studies Program in Sikkim. Reviewed the program and traveled extensively throughout Sikkim surveying current environmental issues during fall 2003.

India: Interview work with Tibetan refugees (prior to the opening of Tibet) about land use changes and agriculture in Tibet after 1959 (summer 1984). Residence and study of Tibetan Buddhist practice at the Tibetan Library of Works and Archives in Dharamsala and with His Holiness the Dalai Lama (Summer 1982, '83 and '84).

MA Thesis: The Human Geography of Central Tibet: Changing Patterns of Land and Resource Use.

Australia: Research funded by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies on ethnobotany and traditional uses of plants by Aboriginal communities in the Leonora area of Western Australia (1977).

Tibet: Led two tours to cultural and pilgrimage sites in central and western Tibet– (Summer 1996) with Interface and (Summer 2000) with Naropa University Extended Studies. Research visit to Amdo, eastern Tibet 2005.

China: Two five-week research trips in China (1991 and 1998) with Professor Johannessen of the University of Oregon exploring archeological and archival evidence of early crop plant material. Return visit to China in 2005 for a short documentation of cultural, environmental and religious trends.

France: Three months field research on Black Madonna sites in France (and also Catalonia) June- August 2009.

Spain: Research on the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route. Walk entire width of Spain 2010.

TRAININGS

Wilderness First Responder Training (2010)

Advanced Matrix Leadership Training (2010)

Permaculture Design Certificate (2009)

CDR Mediation Certificate, Boulder (2008) trained mediator

Coursework in Sacred Geometry (2004 - 2009)

Non-Violent Communication Training (2005)

Community Based Learning Initiative Training (2004): guidelines for teaching and leading community service learning projects

Restorative Justice Training (2001)

Diversity Training (2000 – 2001) at Naropa University on race, class and gender issues in society, educational settings, and curriculum design

Community Ritual Design (1999) with Malidoma Some: year-long training

Matrix Group Leadership, training (1998) and staff member (1999 – 2005): innovative program for professional training in group leadership

Group Leadership Training (1997 – 1998) with Amina Knowlan and David Patterson: year-long program in group dynamics and group leadership

ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS AND SERVICE

Board Member of PLAN Boulder 2010

Consultant, Eco-Ministry design, Mile High Church, Denver, Colorado (2009-2010)

Appointed Chair for Naropa University's Strategic Planning Stewardship Team (2007-2009)

Elected Chair of Faculty Executive Council (aka Cauldron) for Naropa University (2004 - 2006)

Spiritual Support Group Member and meditation instructor for Safe House, Boulder CO: supporting battered women (2006 - present)

Numerous Faculty Development Grants from Naropa University for Himalayan and European research

Appointed *Community Representative*, Citizens for a Healthy Community, Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center, Boulder, CO (2001)

Appointed *Faculty Representative*, President's Council, (University President's Advisory Board), Naropa University (1999 - 2001)

Sierra Club Trip Leader, Burro Trip Sub-Committee, Outings Department, Sierra Club, CA (1992 - 1996)

Commission Member, Eugene-Katmandu Sister Commission, City of Eugene, OR (Mayor's Appointee) (1992 - 1993)

Chairperson, Eugene-Katmandu Sister City Committee, City of Eugene, OR(1990 - 1991)

Secretary/Treasurer, Cultural Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers (1990 - 1993)

Oregon Merit Scholarship & Jacob Javits Fellowship, University of Oregon (1990 - 1991)

Fulbright Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, US Education Foundation (1989). Awarded USIA Fulbright Fellowship for Nepal.

Graduate Student Services Award, University of Oregon (1985)

Graduate Teaching Fellow Award, University of Oregon (1984 - 1988)

Research Grant for Ethno-Botanical Study of Western Desert Aboriginal People, Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies (1977)

PUBLICATIONS

Parker, Anne Z. and Susani, Dominique, *Earth Alchemy: Secrets of the Master Builders in Everyday Life*. Findhorn Press. 2011 (forthcoming in fall 2011)

Parker, Anne Z., *Multi-ethnic Interface: co-creating agricultural landscapes of eastern Nepal*, Himalayan Press 2011 (forthcoming in fall 2011)

Parker, Anne Z., "The Goddess, the Virgin, and the Land: the Black Virgins as markers of healing sacred sites of France" (<http://www.boulder-masterbuilders.com/Articles.html>).

Parker, Anne Z. and Susani, Dominique, "The Sacred Landscape and Geomancy of Swayambhu". (Chapter in a forthcoming book on the restoration of Swayambhu Stupa, Kathmandu, Nepal)

Parker, Anne Z., *Initiatory Pathways the living practice of pilgrimage*. (Book in progress)

Parker, Anne Z., *Blessings along the Body of the Goddess: Stories from the Himalayas* (book in progress)

Parker, Anne Z., *Stories from the Origin*, lulu.com. 2007

Parker, Anne Z., "Pilgrimage in Tibet", *Himalayan Research Bulletin Volume 24 No 1-2 2004*,

Parker, Anne Z., Legion Park, *Images*, January, 2006.

Parker, Anne Z. and Penjor, Tshering, "In the Footsteps of Naropa", *Naropa Magazine*, 2002.

Parker, Anne Z., "Body Prayer", *Prayers for a Thousand Years*, ed Elias Amidon and Elizabeth Roberts, Harper San Francisco, 1999. (Body Prayer was among four selections from the book adapted to music and performed by Ysaye Barnwell and Sweet Honey and the Rock)

Johannessen, Carl J, and Parker, Anne Z., "Des Epis de Mais en Inde sur des Sculptures des XII-XIIIemes Siecles?", *Kadath Chroniques des Civilizations Disparus*, v.89, 3, p.p. 273-274, 1991.

Parker, Anne Z., *Multi-Ethnic Interface in Eastern Nepal*, PhD Dissertation available through Ann Arbor Michigan, 1991.

Parker, Anne Z., "Book Review of Mountain Environmental Management in the Arun River Basin by John Dunsmore", *Mountain Research and Development*, Vol.11, No. 3, p.p. 273-274, 1991

Parker, Anne Z. and Ukyab, Tenzing, "Reflections on a Primitive Ritual", *Talking Leaves*, July, p.8, 1990

Parker, Anne Z., "The Many Meanings of Sherpa: an evolving Social Category", *Himalayan Research Bulletin*, No.3, 1989.

Johannessen, Carl J, and Parker, Anne Z., "Maize Ears Sculpted in the 12th and 13th Century A.D. India as Indicators of Pre-Columbian Diffusion", *Economic Botany*, 42 (2), pp. 164-180, 1989.

Parker, Anne Z., "Sakya College: A Teacher Training College in the Sakya Tradition", *Cho-Yang The Voice of Tibetan Religion and Culture*, Vol. 1, No. 1, Sept., pp. 67-69, 1986

Parker, Anne Z., "An Ethnobotany of the Western Desert, Leonora, Western Australia", *Newsletter of the Australia Institute of Aboriginal Studies*, New Series, No.13, March 1980.

Parker, Anne Z. and Malin, Lucy, "Part III Subalpine Soils and Wilderness Use", *Ecological Carrying Capacity Research*, Yosemite National Park, 1976.

Beard, J.S. assisted by Parker , Anne Z., *Vegetation Survey of Western Australia*, Perth 1976 (a monograph series)