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Ph.D. Pending (Ecophilosophy & Gender Studies)

M.Sc. (Holistic Science), B.Sc. (Field Ecology)

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PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY:

On a broader level, my life's work aims to strengthen the synergy between people's daily lives, and the deep-green ecoethics of strong sustainable development. I am dedicated to creating opportunities that contradict the traditional isolation afflicting the human condition – with a particular focus on dispelling the masculinities/nature oxymoron. This is both a personal and professional pursuit.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science in Field Ecology from Curtin University of Technology in Perth Western Australia, I moved to the United States and commenced my career as a Naturalist and Outdoor Educator, working with teens. Through this work, I developed a keen interest in the underpinnings of the human/nature relationship, which led me to complete a Master's in Holistic Science at Schumacher College in Devon, U.K. This work, titled *Us and Them: Primate Science and the Union of the Rational Self with the Intuitive Self* explored the union between modern Western masculine identity and nature, with a particular interest in examining why it is difficult for men and masculine identities to show care for self, society and environment?

I am now completing a Ph.D. that examines the nexus between Western masculine identities and nature. My Doctoral dissertation is titled: *A Declaration of Caring: Towards an ecological masculinism*, and offers an ecologised masculinities theory and praxis that reawakens an *ethics of caring* to counter the dominant *ethics of daring* that pervade Western malestreams. Through this work, I encourage Western masculine identities towards an ecological consciousness in support of sustainable development. The study draws on historical, sociological, psychological and philosophical elements of the male/nature relationship. The theory proposed is designed to compliment ecological feminism, and aims to bring men and masculine identities closer to other-than-human nature by initiating a new conversation in ecophilosophy called *ecological masculinism*. The ethical and philosophical tenets of *ecological masculinism* are accompanied by an ecomasculinity-? personal praxis.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Unit Coordinator • University Lecturer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability Consultant • Conflict Resolution Facilitator • Violence Prevention Educator • Life Skills Educator • Youth Worker • NGO Director | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Educator • Environmental Justice Advocate • Wilderness Leader • Tradesperson • Researcher |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Tutor • Careers Counsellor • Community Development Specialist • Field Ecologist | | |

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES:

University Unit Coordinator, Assistant Unit Coordinator, Lecturer and Tutor

2003 to Present

Murdoch & Notre Dame Universities, Perth, WA

Prepare & present lectures/seminars/workshops on gender identity and nature, environmental and social justice, as well as the ethics and philosophies that guide contemporary environmentalism [Specifically: TOU302/602 Tourism Project, STP108 Introduction to Sustainability (MU), STP206/606 Sustainability Ethics (MU), STP303 Community Sustainability, FDN 150 Reinventing Australia (MU) & ET-100 Introduction to Ethics (UND)]. Also administer & facilitate tutorial groups

- Conduct comprehensive research, and create and deliver public presentations in the theoretical and practical applications of sustainability
- Facilitate consciousness-raising towards social and environmental sustainability
- Assist with the administration of course work in STP 206/506 Sustainability Ethics
- Facilitate tutorials on philosophical and ethical implications of the human/nature relationship
- Remain current with and constructively critical of relevant academic literature
- Facilitate group dynamics to inspire, enliven and empower others to think creatively and engage with their community and environment with attuned responsibility

Director/Convenor & Board Member

2004 to 2008

Fremantle Environmental Resource Network (FERN)

Engage stakeholders in the pursuit of sustainability throughout Fremantle and beyond. Assist in the creation of a lively and productive network of local citizens joined in the pursuit of sustainable lifestyles and practice.

- Serve as FERN's public spokesperson
 - Oversee FERN's strategic plan, operations, and personnel management to assure the organization's viability
 - Train, support and supervise new and existing executive members and volunteers
 - Foster an empowered and empowering community organization that serves as a sustainability demonstration site in the heart of Fremantle
 - Engage membership corporate and LGA sponsorship to assure FERN's fiscal sustainability
 - Writing and administering successful grant proposals
 - Administer FERN's project specific and general operational accounts
 - Instigate and manage community events and private functions at the FERN site and in the wider community
 - Engage with community members and community organizations through education and consultation
 - Liaise with LGAs in support of transparency and accountability to city officers and elected officials
 - Lead onsite working bees in the maintenance of FERN's permaculture gardens
 - Researching and project managing the installation of sustainable technologies that demonstrate options beyond the status-quo in educating FERN's members and the public about sustainability in one's home
 - Mediate and resolve disputes within the organization and with affiliates
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EDUCATION:

June 2008 – February 2009. Philosophy Department, University of Oregon, Oregon, USA. Courtesy Appointment. Conducted personal research in sustainability ethics and *ecological masculinism* as a visiting scholar.

February 2001 – November 2009 (Examination Pending). Murdoch University, Perth, Western Australia. Post-Graduate Research Student. Conducted independent Ph.D. research (through a comprehensive literature review as well as qualitative field observations and interviews) into sustainable community development (both social and environmental) with a special interest in Environmental Philosophy, Gender Studies (especially Western Masculinities), and behavioural change towards sustainability. My Ph.D. was funded through a Murdoch University Research Scholarship (MURS). I have submitted two papers for publication that overview my Doctoral work:

September 2002 – August 2003. Schumacher College (The University of Plymouth), Totnes, U.K. Completed a Master's Degree in Holistic Science, studying the existence of an *ethics of caring* in chimpanzees and what such behaviours infer about the human capacity towards altruism. Title: *Us and Them: Primate Science and the Union of the Rational Self with the Intuitive Self*. Completed with High Distinction.

September 1993 – August 1994. Antioch University, Yellow Springs, Ohio, USA. Undergraduate Studies in Environmental Education at the Glen Helen Outdoor Education Centre, where I studied and applied practical teaching techniques that aimed to awaken the 'ecological self' in primary and high school youth from urban and suburban settings.

September 1992 – April 1993. University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau, Alaska, USA. Advanced courses in creative and technical writing skills, Sociology, Anthropology, and Environmentalism. Senior Thesis Titled: *Pulling Back the Blinders of the Traditional Scientific Paradigm* which offered an ecophilosophical critique of the modern Western reductive scientific method and employed deep ecological principles in proposing an alternative, more holistic ecologies and behavioural changes in support of a harmonious human/nature relationship.

February 1989 – November 1990. Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Western Australia. Graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science degree, majoring in Field Ecology.

February 1987 – November 1988. University of Western Australia, Perth, Western Australia. Undergraduate scientific studies specializing in Botany and Geography.

PUBLICATIONS/CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS:

2009 'A Declaration of Caring: Towards an *ecological masculinism*' (Doctoral Dissertation). Perth: Murdoch University [Publication forthcoming].

'A Declaration of Caring: Towards an *ecological masculinism*'. *Proceedings for the International Sustainability Conference* (22 – 25 April, 2009). Philadelphia: Villanova University [Publication forthcoming].

'Eco Ethics Matter: Deep Green Eco Ethics and Strong Sustainable Development for the 21st Century'. In S. Paulin (ed.) *Sustaining a Future*. London: Earthscan Books [Publication forthcoming].

2008 'A Declaration of Caring: Towards an *ecological masculinism*'. *Unpublished paper presented at the Living Through Nature Conference* (19 – 22 June, 2008). Eugene: University of Oregon.

2007 'Ecology and Environmental Studies'. In Michael Flood, Judith Kegan Gardiner, Bob Pease, and Keith Pringle (eds.) *International Encyclopaedia of Men and Masculinities*. London: Routledge, pp.158 162.

2006 'Towards an *ecological masculinism*'. National Conference Proceedings - Men's Advisory Network, Inc. (29 October – 1 November, 2006). Fremantle: PROMACO Conventions, PTY, LTD., pp. 311 – 316.

2003 *Us and Them: Primate Science and the Union of the rational Self with the Intuitive Self*' (Master's Dissertation). Totnes: Schumacher College/Plymouth University [unpublished manuscript].

AWARDS:

Teaching Excellence Nominee for STP206/606 Sustainability Ethics and FDN150 Reinventing Australia instruction at Murdoch University (June, 2009)

Teaching Excellence Nominee for STP/206/606 Environmental Ethics and FDN150 Reinventing Australia instruction at Murdoch University (December, 2005)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

University Unit Co-ordinator, Lecturer, Research Associate and Tutor in Sustainable Tourism, Ethics, Sustainability, Gender and Australian Identity (February 2002 – Present)

Murdoch University, Perth, Western Australia

- Design and deliver curricula pertaining to the application of Sustainability principles and practices to government, industry and society, along with the nexus between gender and environmentalism and Australian Identity
- Coordinate administrative and academic needs of the students enrolled in the course
- Offer careers guidance and support for analytical development through assessments and extensive feedback
- Facilitate personal development through academic development
- Provide emotional support for students throughout the semester
- Tutor students towards taking Sustainability into practice in their daily lives

Tutor in Introduction to Ethics (February – June 2007)

Notre Dame University, Fremantle, Perth, Western Australia

- Coordinate administrative and academic needs of the students enrolled in courses I tend to
- Offer careers guidance and support for analytical development through assessments and extensive feedback
- Facilitate personal development through academic development
- Provide emotional support for students throughout the semester through one-on-one appointments
- Tutor students in Introductory Ethics and Western Philosophy, with the specific aim of supporting the emergence of critical thinking skills
- Provide administrative support to the Course Coordinators towards the delivery of Ethics theory and its relationship to the student's daily lives

Careers Counsellor (May 2006 – 2008)

Murdoch University, Murdoch, Perth, Western Australia

- Design and deliver Seminars on vocational career pursuits
- Survey effectiveness of the programmes offered by the centre
- Liaise with University administrators and teaching staff to coordinate effective delivery of university curricula such to maximize student retention and teaching excellence
- Research employment opportunities to expand the Centre's data-base on appropriate employment opportunities
- Meet with and provide support as a Career's Coach as well as counsel individual students towards discovering their personal/professional vocations

Community Activities:

City of Fremantle, Western Australia (2009 – Present)

Nominated to run as a progressive candidate on a Green platform for local office in the City of Fremantle, Western Australia. Elections October 17th, 2009.

The Mankind Project, Perth, Western Australia (2009- Present)

Active member of an international Not-for-Profit men's liberation organisation dedicated to supporting men to live lives of individual integrity and purpose. This is achieved through harnessing a man's unique purpose and passion in the belief that all men have important contributions to help make to the world a better place.

Pathways to Manhood, Western Australia (2009 – Present)

Committee member of an Australia-wide not-for-profit organisation dedicated to creating contemporary rites of passage for boys into manhood through a pro-feminist and nature-sensitive life skills training.

Global Sharing Matters, New York City, USA (2008 – Present)

Board member and Assistant Director of a youth media organisation dedicated to fostering international collaborations, multiculturalism, and shared creative expression through digital photography and videography that facilitates raised awareness of social and environmental justice issues in localised non-Western communities, that are shared with Western youth as peers.

Fremantle Environmental Resource Network, Western Australia (2004– 2008)

Founding Board Member and Director/Convenor of a group of local activists and citizens engaged in instigating a permaculture, indigenous community garden and education facility in the heart of Fremantle, Western Australia.

RELEVANT SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:

Villanova University, Philadelphia, USA (23rd – 27th April, 2009)

Presented a paper title: A Declaration of Caring: Towards an *ecological masculinism* to an international audience of peers as part of a Sustainability conference.

Tertiary Teaching Unit, Murdoch University, Perth, Western Australia (June – Nov, 2008)

Enrolled in a tertiary teaching certification to build on my experience and effectiveness as a university instructor.

University of Oregon 'Thinking Through Nature Conference', Eugene, Oregon, USA (19th – 23rd June, 2008) Presented a paper titled: A Declaration of Caring: Towards an *ecological masculinism* which introduced the concept of an ecologised masculinities theory to the gender/nature discourse.

Murdoch University: Independent Research, Writing and Word Processing Seminars (Feb, 2001 – June, 2008)

As part of university support for post-graduate students, research, writing, and sustainability support seminars are offered regularly. I have attended many of these throughout my tenure as a post-graduate student to strengthen my skills as an independent researcher, writer, and public presenter in my field of expertise.

Marine and Coastal Conference. Denmark, Western Australia (30th Oct – 2nd Nov, 2007)

Participated in this state conference as a representative of FERN, to add the voice of local community organizations to a State strategic vision for coastal sustainable development.

International Conference of Social and Environmental Sustainability, Calcutta, India (15th Nov – 2nd Dec, 2005)

Presented a seminar on my doctoral work studying the intersection between maleness and sustainability.

UWA Extension Seminar: Engaging with Nature (28th August, 2006)

Presented an overview of my doctoral work titled 'Towards an *ecological masculinism*' to a community of academic peers.

Murdoch University Seminar: Writing Academic Applications (26th September, 2006)

Presented and participated in a seminar for Post-graduate students that was specifically designed to address the needs of applications for academic positions.

REFEREES:

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