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Education

2008 Ph.D., Environmental Science, Policy, and Management
University of California, Berkeley 3.9 GPA

2001 B.A., Nature and Culture University of California, Davis
University of California, Davis 3.85 GPA

Areas of Specialization

Rural environmental justice; multi cultural dimensions of conservation, land use, and planning; Native American community/ economic development and resource management policy; political ecology; Native American governance; Native American natural resource law; intergenerational trauma and healing; participatory research methods

Publications

- Middleton, Elisabeth Rose, and Jonathan Kusel. "Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative Assessment: Lessons Learned for American Indian Community and Economic Development." *Economic Development Quarterly*, 21(2): 165-178. 2007.
- Middleton, Beth Rose. "Mercury in our Water, Our Fish, and Our People: Tribal Convergence." *News from Native California*, 21(2): Winter 2007-2008.
- Middleton, Beth Rose. "Recognition and Restitution: the Maidu Summit Seeks PG&E Lands." *Regeneration*, 7(2): Summer 2007.
- Cunningham, Farrell, and Beth Rose Middleton. *Maidu Summit Consortium Land Management Plan Proposal and Working Document for the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council*. June 2007.
- Middleton, Elisabeth Rose, in Kusel et al. 2003. *Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative Assessment*. Available from the World Wide Web: <http://www.sierrainstitute.us>.
- Middleton, Elisabeth Rose. 2003. *Rural Environmental Justice Sourcebook* (online). Pacific West Community Forestry Center: Taylorsville, CA. Available from the World Wide Web: <http://www.sierrainstitute.us>.
- Middleton, Elisabeth Rose. "Plumas County: A Community in Transition." *UC Davis McNair Scholars' Journal*. 2001.

Forthcoming

- Middleton, Beth Rose, with Reina Rogers and Kurt Russo. *Tribal Conservation Initiatives*. Natural Resources Conservation Service. December 2008.

Middleton, Elisabeth Rose. Curriculum Vitae. 2 of 6.

- Middleton, Elisabeth Rose. "Review of Robert Gottlieb's *Reinventing Los Angeles: Nature and Community in the Global City*." *CITY*. Forthcoming 2008.

Works in Progress

- Middleton, Beth Rose. "Towards a Political Ecology of Healing."
- Middleton, Beth Rose. "Seeking Spatial Representation: Mapping Mountain Maidu Allotment Lands."
- Middleton, Beth Rose. "Collaborations for Conservation: Another Tool for Tribal Resource Management."

Honors and Awards

- 2008** UC Office of the President Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2006** Graduate Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley Center for Race and Gender
- 2005** Community Forestry and Environmental Research Partnerships Dissertation Fellowship
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley
- 2004** National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (3 years)
Ford Minority Scholars Fellowship (offered, 3 years)
Community Forestry and Environmental Research Partnerships Pre-Dissertation Fellowship
- 2002** Chancellor's Opportunity Fellowship, UC Berkeley (3 years)
- 2001** Mary J. Gilhooly Award (Outstanding Senior Woman), UC Davis
- 2000** University Farm Circle, Marion Freeborn Award, UC Davis
- 1999** McNair Undergraduate Research Fellowship, UC Davis
- 1998** Edward Frank Kraft Prize, UC Davis
- 1997** Regent's Scholarship, Chancellor's Incentive Scholarship, UC Davis

Invited Presentations

- 2008** UC Cooperative Extension Forestry Workshops: "Community Based Natural Resource Management." *Invited to present introductory session on community based natural resource management, coordinate Maidu participation in workshop, and present paper on tribal conservation.* (October 2008)
 - *American Ethnohistory Association*: Invited to present paper on Maidu allotments on panel "Mapping Indigenous America" (November 2008)
- 2007** Indian Nations Conservation Alliance/ Indian Agricultural Council Annual Meeting: *Presented and distributed draft copies of Tribes' "Uses of Conservation Easements: Equity in Conservation."*
 - Institute for the Study of Social Change, UC Berkeley: *Presented paper, "(Re)Cognizing Legitimacy: A Participatory Perspective on Mountain Maidu Citizenship," on a panel entitled*

“Participatory Research and Civic Engagement: Participatory Methods and New Knowledges.”

- Presented on using participatory action research in ESPM 290 “Interdisciplinary Research” (UCB)

2004-06 Ford Community Forestry Fellows Workshop: *Presented dissertation research with Mountain Maidu community partner Trina Cunningham*

2004 Forest Service, Centennial Regional Forum: *Facilitated sessions on cultural diversity and recreation, and presented outcomes to the larger group.*

2003 Environmental Justice lecture in ESPM 10, “Environmental Issues” (Dr. Steve Welter, UCB)

2002 Community Forestry lecture in ANT 103, “People and Conservation” (Dr. Monique Borgerhoff Mulder, UCD)

2001 McNair Scholars Conference: *Invited to make plenary presentation at annual UC Berkeley conference for California McNair scholars.*

2007 Association of American Geographers, Annual Meeting: *Co-organized a panel on participatory research and reflexivity, and presented in a paper session on indigenous resource management.*

2006 Association of American Geographers, Annual Meeting: *Organized a panel on Race and Environment and presented on the importance of linking political ecology with holocaust survival to understand the California Indian context using a “political ecology of healing.”*

2005 California Indian Conference: *Presented research on potential areas of collaboration between tribes and land trusts, and tribal use of conservation and cultural easements.*

2004 Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting: *Presented “Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative Assessment: Lessons Learned for American Indian Community and Economic Development.”*

- New Voices in Indigenous Research Conference, UC Berkeley: *Presented earlier version of “Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative Assessment: Lessons Learned for American Indian Community and Economic Development.”*

2002 International Community Forestry Forum, British Columbia: *Presented “Community Forestry in the United States: Learning from the Past, Crafting the Future” (Kusel, Jonathan, and Mark Baker. Island Press: Covelo, CA. 2003).*

2001 UC Davis Undergraduate Research Conference, UC Davis: *Presented undergraduate research on attitudes toward forest management in rural Plumas County, CA.*

- American Academy for the Advancement of Science: *Presented poster of my undergraduate research.*

Conference Presentations

Teaching Experience

2007 Feather River College Upward Bound Program: *Lectures on fire policy, water conveyance in California, and Native land and resource policy.*

2005 Natural Resources Conservation Service Harmony Workshop: *Taught sessions to help NRCS employees work better with tribes.*

- Ford Research Proposal Writing workshop: *Co-coordinated and co-taught workshop (with Dr. Carl Wilmsen, Director, Community Forestry and Environmental Research Partnerships) for graduate students in writing participatory research proposals in natural resource fields.*

2004 Graduate Student Instructor for "Sociology of Natural Resources: A Political Ecology Approach," UC Berkeley: *Planned and led (3) discussion sections/ week for 45 students. Graded assignments, essays, and exams, provided logistical support for instructor. Lectured on Environmental Justice.*

Research Experience

2006-present Natural Resources Conservation Service: *Interviews, research, and writing on tribes' use of conservation easements, collaborations with land trusts, and creation of tribal land trusts to access/ protect particular resources.*

2005-2008 PhD Research: *field research in Mountain Maidu country, Northeastern California, and in the Pacific Region (San Bruno) and federal archives (Washington, D.C.). Methods included interviews, archival research, GIS mapping, and facilitating community dialogues.*

2001-2007 Sierra Institute for Community and Environment: *Researched and wrote case studies for the Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative (NEAI) Assessment; analyzed tribal case studies of the NEAI Assessment; assisted coordination of Lead Partnership Group; initiated CA rural environmental justice program; presented socioeconomic data to community groups.*

1999- 2001 McNair Scholars Program: *As a McNair Undergraduate Research Fellow, designed and conducted undergraduate research project on values informing forest management in rural Plumas County, CA. Research consisted of 75 interviews and surveys, demographic data, and literature review.*

Academic Service

2007- 2008 UC Berkeley College of Natural Resources, Dean Search Committee: *As graduate student representative, participated in candidate selection, planning and conducting interviews, and coordinating student participation in the selection of a new Dean.*

2004-2005 Environmental Politics Colloquium Executive Committee (UC Berkeley): *Participated in speaker selection and planning.*

2004 Planned and coordinated a workshop on participatory action research and organizing, led by Jose Montenegro, Director, El Centro Internacional para el Desarrollo Rural Sustentable (CIDERS)

2003 UC Berkeley Department of Environmental Science and Policy, Division of Society and the Environment: *Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty.*

**Editorial
Experience**

2001-2007 Sierra Institute for Community and Environment: Edited and contributed to two community-based forestry texts: *Forest Communities, Community Forests* (Kusel, Jonathan, and Elisa Adler. Rowman & Littlefield: Lanham, Maryland. 2003), and *Community Forestry in the United States* (Kusel, Jonathan, and Mark Baker. Island Press: Covelo, CA. 2003) and a nationwide study of PL 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools legislation (completed 2007, available at <http://www.sierrainstitute.us>).

**Community
Service**

2002-present Board Secretary/Treasurer, Jefferson Center for Popular Education and Research: *The Jefferson Center used a popular education approach to work with underserved workers in natural resources.*

2006-present Volunteer, note taker with Maidu Summit Consortium

2001-2007 Intern & Volunteer, Maidu Cultural and Development Group: *Assist with coordination and follow-up for Maidu Science Team and Maidu Summit meetings, wrote summary of Maidu Stewardship Project for distribution, researched history of Maidu land claims for report to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, assisted with community events and writing program grants.*

2006-2007 Fundraising consultant, Roundhouse Council Indian Education Center: *Grant writing and outreach to multiple foundations to raise funds for a new facility (raised approx. \$20,000, and the annual Traditional Ecological Knowledge Kid's Camp (raised \$8,000).*

2003-2006 Camp Director, Roundhouse Council Indian Education Center: *Coordinated activities, volunteers, and participation in the annual Maidu traditional knowledge kids camp.*

**Professional
Affiliations**

American Association of Geographers (current)

American Society for Ethnohistory (current)

Rural Sociological Society (2001-2002)

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