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### AREAS OF INTEREST

geography of communication technologies  
representations of space and place  
socio-spatial implications of technological change  
nationalism in public discourses  
spatial aspects of personal identity

### EDUCATION

- 1993 **Ph.D.** University of Wisconsin, Madison--Geography  
*Doctoral Fellow* College of Letters and Science, 9/92-5/93  
1990 **M.S.** University of Wisconsin, Madison--Geography  
1984 **B.E.D.** *With Special Honors*  
University of Colorado-Boulder--Environmental Design  
*Regents' Scholar*, 9/81-5/82

### APPOINTMENTS

- University of Texas at Austin  
Sept. 2007- present *Associate Professor*  
Sept. 2001- Aug. 2007 *Assistant Professor*  
McGill University, Montreal, Canada,  
Sept. 2001-Dec. 2001 *Fulbright Fellow and Visiting Lecturer*  
University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada,  
Sept. 2001-Dec. 2001 *Fulbright Fellow*  
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX  
Sept. 1998-May 2001 *Assistant Professor*  
University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY  
Sept. 1996-May 1998 *Visiting Assistant Professor*  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA,  
Sept. 1993-May 1994 *Visiting Assistant Professor*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books:

**Paul Adams**, 2007, *Atlantic Reverberations: French Representations of an American Election*, Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Press.

**Paul Adams**, 2005, *The Boundless Self: Communication in Physical and Virtual Spaces*, Syracuse, New York: Syracuse University Press.

**Paul Adams**, Steven Hoelscher, and Karen Till, eds., 2001, *Textures of Place*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

### Editorial Responsibilities:

Editor of the Geopolitics and Representation book series, Ashgate Publishing Limited, Hampshire, UK (term 2005-2008)

On the editorial board of *Aether*, "The Journal of Media Geography"

### Journal Special Issues:

**Paul Adams**, guest editor, 2007, *Ethics, Place and Environment* 10 (1), Special Issue on Technological Change.

**Paul Adams** and Barney Warf, guest editors, 1997, *Geographical Review* 87 (2), Special Issue on Cyberspace and Geographical Space.

### Journal Articles (\* denotes peer reviewed):

\*Emily Skop and **Paul Adams**. (forthcoming) "Creating and Inhabiting Virtual Places: Indian Immigrants in Cyberspace," *National Identities*.

**Paul Adams**, 2007, "The Chilling Tale of a Haunted Child, or How I Learned to Start Worrying and Love the Media" *Aether*, 1(1) (editorial essay in inaugural issue of *Aether*, the journal of media geography). Online file will be posted at: <http://130.166.124.2/~aether/>.

**Paul Adams**, 2007 "Introduction to 'Technological Change': A Special Issue of Ethics, Place & Environment," *Ethics, Place and Environment* 10 (1): 1-5.

\***Paul Adams**, 2004, "The September 11 Attacks as Viewed from Quebec: The Small-Nation Myth in Geopolitical Discourse." *Political Geography* 23 (6): 765-795. (3 citations GS)

\***Paul Adams** and Rina Ghose, 2003, "India.com: the Construction of a Space Between." *Progress in Human Geography* 27 (4): 414-437. (1 citation WS) (2 citations GS)

\***Paul Adams**, 1999, "Bringing Globalization Home: A Homeworker in the Information Age" *Urban Geography* 20 (4) (May 16-June 30): 356-376. (3 citations GS)

\***Paul Adams**, 1998, "Teaching and Learning with SimCity 2000" *Journal of Geography* (March/April). (3 citations WS) (13 citations GS)

\***Paul Adams**, 1998, "Network Topologies and Virtual Place" *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 88(1):88-106. (11 citations WS) (22 citations GS)

\***Paul Adams**, 1997, "Cyberspace and Virtual Places" *Geographical Review* 87(2):155-171, Special Issue on Cyberspace and Geographical Space, guest editors, P. Adams and B. Warf. (16 citations WS) (33 citations GS)

**Paul Adams** and Barney Warf, 1997, "Introduction: Cyberspace and Geographical Space" *Geographical Review* 87(2):139-145, Special Issue on Cyberspace and Geographical Space, guest editors, P. Adams and B. Warf. (5 citations WS).

\***Paul Adams**, 1996, "Protest and the Scale Politics of Telecommunications" *Political Geography* 15(5):419-441. (27 citations WS) (31 citations GS)

\***Paul Adams**, 1995, "A Reconsideration of Personal Boundaries in Space-Time" *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 85(2):267-285. (31 citations WS) (38 citations GS)

\***Paul Adams**, 1992, "Television as Gathering Place" *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 82(1):117-135. (15 citations WS) (24 citations GS)

#### Book Chapters (all sole-authored):

2002, "Mediascapes." In *American Space/American Place: Geographies of the Contemporary United States*, ed. John Agnew and Jonathan Smith, 292-316. Edinburgh, U.K: Edinburgh University Press; New York and London: Routledge.

\*2001, "Peripatetic Imagery and Peripatetic Sense of Place" In *Textures of Place*, ed. **Paul Adams**, Steven Hoelscher, and Karen Till, 186-206. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

\*2000, "Application of a CAD-Based Accessibility Model." In *Accessibility in the Information Age*, ed. Donald Janelle and David Hodge, 217-239. Heidelberg, Germany: Springer-Verlag.

## Encyclopedia Entries and Other (all sole-authored):

2005, “Cyberspace” entry in *Encyclopedia of Human Geography*, Sage Publications

2005, “Geography of Communication” entry in *Encyclopedia of Human Geography*, Sage Publications

2002, “Yi-Fu Tuan” biographical profile of Yi-Fu Tuan in *The Human Mosaic* 9<sup>th</sup> edition. p.25.

2002, “Des Québécois Confus” full page article In *La Presse* (French language newspaper based in Montreal, Canada) Sept. 12, 2002, A-15.

2001, Consulting editor for children’s educational video: “Where on the Planet are We?”

2001, Book cover portrait for the eighth reprinting of *Space and Place*, Yi-Fu Tuan (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press).

1992, Book cover concept for *Place, Modernity and the Consumer’s World*, Robert D. Sack (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press).

## Book Reviews (all sole-authored):

2006. Gary Backhaus and John Murungi, ed. *Lived Topographies and their Mediatlional Forces*. In *Social and Cultural Geography* xx(x).

2002. Kian Tajbakhsh, *The Promise of the City: Space, Identity, and Politics in Contemporary Social Thought*. In *Contemporary Sociology* 31(2).

2001. Rebecca Solnit, *Wanderlust: A History of Walking*. In *Ethics, Place and Environment* 4(3).

2001. Mike Crang, Phil Crang and Jon May, *Virtual Geographies: Bodies, Space and Relations*. In *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 91(2).

1997. SimCity 2000, software review (urban simulation software by MAXIS Co.). In *Cities* 14(6):383-392.

1996. William Mitchell, *City of Bits*. In *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 86(3):605-606.

1996. SimCity 2000, software review (urban simulation software by MAXIS Co.). In *GeoCal* 15:24-27. (*GeoCal* is an international journal produced by the Computers in Teaching Initiative, Centre for Geography, Geology and Meteorology (CTIGGM)--University of Leicester)

1994. Howard Rheingold, *The Virtual Community: Homesteading on the Electronic Frontier*. In *Professional Geographer* 46(3):402-403.

#### Thesis and Dissertation:

1989. *Television and the Modern Experience of Space and Place*. Master's Thesis, University of Wisconsin--Madison. Advisor Robert D. Sack; Committee Members Drs. Yi-Fu Tuan (Geography) and John Fiske (Mass Communication).

1993. *Theatrical territoriality: A geographical enquiry into protest occupations and mass communication*. Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Wisconsin--Madison. Advisor Robert D. Sack; Committee Members Drs. Yi-Fu Tuan and Dan Doeppers (Geography), Jo-Ellen Fair (Journalism), and John Fiske (Mass Communication).

### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

**Paul Adams**. submitted Nov. 2007, *Geographies of Media and Communication*, London: Blackwell.

**Paul Adams**. "Codes, Codification, and Civil Society" submitted to *Environment and Planning A* (special issue, Martin Dodge, editor).

**Paul Adams** and Emily Skop. "Places in the Network: Indian Ethnic Community Formation and the Internet." accepted pending revisions, *Journal of Cultural Geography*.

Leigh Schwartz and **Paul Adams**, ed. Special Issue of *Aether*, "The Journal of Media Geography"

**Paul Adams**. "This Article is not an Article: Quasi-Buddhist Currents in Geography" submitted 2-21-2008 to *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*.

### GRADUATE STUDENTS

#### Dissertations Completed under my direction

*Dynamic Sites and Cultural Symbols: The Stadiums of Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires*  
Christopher T. Gaffney (2006)

*Dancing in Place: The Radical Production of Civic Spaces*  
Katrinka Somdahl (2007) (co-chair S. Hoelscher, American Studies, UT-Austin)

#### Master's Theses Completed under my direction

*(De)Constructing Paradise: Assessing Residents' Place Experiences During an Era of Residential Tourism Development in Boquete, Panamá*

Mason McWatters (2006, Latin American Studies)

Awarded the UT Outstanding Master's Thesis/Report Award 2007

Awarded the Conference of southern Graduate Schools Social Sciences, Business and Education Thesis Award, 2008

*Prowling the Nature-Culture Borderlands: a Geography of the Feral Cat*

Beverly Garland (2007)

## PRESENTATIONS

*Conferences* (all except the ACSUS meeting include published abstracts)

- 2008. "A Map is Not a Map" Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2008. Panelist in "The Infosphere: Can it be Managed" Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2007. "Ground-Truthing Code" Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California.
- 2006. "Internet Use and Attitudes toward Cultural Preservation among Asian Indians in the US" Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2006. Panelist in "Postmodern Geographies of Experience" Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2005. "French Visions of Europe and the United States: Imagining a 'Euro-Puissance'" Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.
- 2005. Panelist in "Spatial Dimensions of the Small World" Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.
- 2005. Panelist in "Visual Narratives in the Production of Geography 2" Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2004. "Communication Technologies and Place Making: The Intricacies of Content and Context," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2004. Panelist in "Cinematic Geographies II: Myth Making on the Trail: Documentary Films of Guatemalan Migration to the US," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2003. "Terrorism from the Sidelines" Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2002. "Nationalism and Cosmopolitanism in Quebec: Complementary Aspects of a Segmented Worldview," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2002. Panelist in "Geography and Emotion" Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2001. "Attentats Meurtriers: Terrorism in the United States Interpreted in Quebec's French Language Media." Association for Canadian Studies in the US (ACSUS) Biennial Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- 2001. "India.com: The Online Community of the East Indian Diaspora," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2000. "The Worlds of Montreal: Personal Communication Strategies and the Global-Local Continuum," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 1999. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting
- 1998. "Walking," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 1997. "Teaching and Learning with SimCity 2000," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, TX.

- 1996. "Place Metaphors and Virtual Place," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC.
- 1995. "People as Amoebas: Exploration of a Metaphor," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 1994. "Local Politics in the Global Theater," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- 1992. "Oregon Forest Fires in the News," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- 1991. "Geographic Myths in a Nissan Ad Campaign," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Miami, FL.

### *Invited Presentations*

- 2008. Leader of Field Trip exploring signs of gentrification, demographic transformation and socioeconomic change in Austin's Brentwood neighborhood (February 15).
- 2007. "France for Kerry" one-hour guest lecture, by invitation of Dr. Nancy Guilloteau, in French and American Cultural Values, UT-Austin Department of French and Italian, 10-25-2007.
- 2007. "Spaces of the Word in Oral, Scribal and Print Societies" Colloquium talk, University of Kentucky Department of Geography, Lexington, KY (September 28).
- 2007. "Spaces of Daily Life: From the Concrete to the Virtual" Chautauqua Lecture Series, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY (September 27).
- 2007. Leader of Field Trip to the Triangle Square and the Mueller Redevelopment, Austin (April 26).
- 2006. Discussant: "La(s) Frontera(s) de Desarrollo: The Evolving South Texas Borderland: Now" Race, Place and Ethnicity Conference, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, (November 3).
- 2004. "France for Kerry," Internet, Culture, and Society: French and American Perspectives, France-UT Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies, in collaboration with the Humanities Research Center, the Center for Science, Technology, and Society, and the French consulate in Houston (November 19).
- 2004. Panelist, Technologies of Place Symposium, School of Architecture, UT-Austin (March 27)
- 2004. Discussant, Transparencies Conference, Department of Radio, Television and Film, UT-Austin (February 6)
- 2003. "Five Challenges for Environmental Reporting" Global Fusion 2003 Conference, Austin, TX, (October 24)
- 2002. "Linguistic Chaos in Montreal" University of Texas School of Architecture, Chaos and the City miniconference (November 1)
- 2002. Presentation: "Urban Space and Linguistic Geography in Montreal" GSN Brown Bag Series, Urban Issues Program (February 6)
- 2001. "'Attentats Meurtriers': Terrorism in the United States Interpreted in Quebec's French Language Media" The Thomas O. Enders Lecture, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada, McGill University, Montreal, Canada (November 13).

2001. “‘Attentats Meurtriers’: Terrorism in the United States Interpreted in Quebec’s French Language Media” Department of Geography, Université de Montréal (December 7).
2000. “Community, Language Politics, and Geographical Rhetoric” Yi-Fu Tuan Lecture Series, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Co-sponsored by the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Wisconsin-Madison (March 24).
2000. Interview on Doug Barstow’s weekly radio program, *Focus*, broadcast April 16 on the Texas Radio Network to 50 radio stations in Texas and Oklahoma.
1998. “Mapping Movement and Interaction: From Time-Geography to Extensibility Mapping” Progetto Tra Paesaggio Urban e Reti Infrastrutturali (Landscape Design in Network Society) conference, Architectural Design Department, Milan Polytechnic, Milan, Italy. 30 minute teleconference (December 4).
1998. “Application of a CAD-based Accessibility Model” Measuring and Representing Accessibility in the Information Age conference (a Varenus Specialist Meeting, NCGIA) Pacific Grove, California (November 19-22).
1998. “Case Studies in Extensibility” Telecommunications and the City conference, Athens, GA, (March 21-23).
1998. “Computer Network Topologies and Virtual Place” Department of Geography, Florida State University (March 20).

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2007: Applied for NSF funding to study “Views of the 2008 American Election from two Francophone Polities” (funding denied)
- 2005: *Summer Research Assignment* (\$6,400) Office of Graduate Studies, UT-Austin, to conduct research in France related to my book *Atlantic Reverberations*
- 2003: Applied for NSF funding to study “Personal Politics and the Globalization of Communication” (funding denied)
- 2001-2002: *Fulbright Fellowship* (\$8,000) “Rooted Cosmopolitanism in Montreal.” Visiting scholar and lecturer based at McGill University and the Université de Montréal, 9/1/2001-12/31/2001.
- 2001-2002: *Thomas O. Enders Fellowship* (\$19,000) Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS) “U.S. Québec Relations and Personal Extensibility Patterns.” Visiting scholar and lecturer based at McGill University and the Université de Montréal, 7/1/2001-12/31/2001.
- 1999: *International Research Travel Assistance Grant* (\$1,400) Texas A&M University “Global Choices/Local Voices” research project, Montreal, Canada, summer 1999
- 1999: *Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities* (\$4,000) Texas A&M University “Global Choices/Local Voices” research project, Montreal Canada, summer 1999

## MEETING ORGANIZATION

- 2006: Chicago, IL (annual AAG mtg.): organized the paper sessions: “Between Place and Virtual Place” and “Communication and the Construction of Community.”
- 2005: Denver, CO (annual AAG mtg.): organized the paper session: “Geopolitics, Globalization and the Representation of Place”
- 2005: Nederland, CO: organized a pre-conference before the annual AAG meeting for the planning of an edited volume relating to technology, community and polity (6 people attended)
- 2004: Philadelphia, PA (annual AAG mtg.): organized four paper sessions: (1) Communication Media and Place Making, (2) Community Formation and Communication Technology, (3) Conflict, Rhetoric, and Media, and (4) New Communication Technologies and Social Organization
- 2000: Organized the annual SWAAG meeting, College Station, TX, Texas A&M (over 100 people attended)
- 1998: Boston, MA (annual AAG mtg.): Co-organizer of four paper sessions with the title Place, Meaning and Self
- 1997: Ft. Worth, TX (annual AAG mtg.): Organizer and chair of a panel session “Teaching and Learning with SimCity 2000”
- 1996: Charlotte, NC (annual AAG mtg.): Organizer of two paper sessions and a panel session, and chair of a paper session and a panel session: Cyberscapes I, II, & III: Geographical Views of Computer Networking

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2008: Director, Urban Studies Degree Program, Geography & the Environment
- 2008: Chair, Communication Geography Specialty Group of the AAG
- 2008: Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Geography & the Environment
- 2007: External Review Referee, Tenure Case
- 2007: Chair, Communication Geography Specialty Group of the AAG
- 2007: Director, Urban Studies Degree Program, Geography & the Environment
- 2007: Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Geography & the Environment
- 2007: Member, College of Liberal Arts Writing Committee
- 2007: Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Geography & the Environment
- 2007: Faculty Sponsor, Urban Development Society
- 2006: Chair, CAAAS-Geography Joint Hire Committee
- 2006: Chair, Undergraduate Committee, Geography & the Environment
- 2006: Member, College of Liberal Arts Writing Committee
- 2006: Chair, Communication Geography Specialty Group of the AAG
- 2006: Director, Urban Studies Degree Program
- 2006: Member, Graduate Studies Committee
- 2006: Member, Website Committee
- 2006: Faculty Sponsor, Urban Development Society
- 2005: Chair, Website Upgrade Committee
- 2005: Member, Graduate Studies Committee
- 2005: Member, Graduate Admissions and Awards Committee
- 2005: Member, Department Curriculum Committee
- 2005: Chair, Communication Geography Specialty Group of the AAG
- 2005: Director, Urban Studies

- 2005: Session Chair: "Institutions," The French in the United States Today Conference, Harry Ransom Center, UT-Austin (April 21)
- 2005: Poetry Reading (Invited): Poetry on the Plaza, Harry Ransom Center, UT (April 13)
- 2005: Head, "The City" Track Committee
- 2004: Chair, Communication Geography Specialty Group of the AAG
- 2004: Faculty Advisor, Urban Studies
- 2003: Founder, Communication Geography Specialty Group of the AAG
- 2003: Faculty Advisor, Urban Studies
- 2003: Chair, ad-hoc committee reviewing GRG-374 and GRG-305
- 2003: Member, Graduate Admissions and Awards Committee
- 2003: Member, Undergraduate Program Committee (Self-Assessment Process)
- 2003: Member, Mission and Faculty Committee (Self-Assessment Process)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Austin, Sept. 2001-present

*Assistant Professor*

- GRG-305: This Human World: Introduction to Geography
- GRG-305: This Human World taught in Grenoble France (FIGs Beyond Borders, Maymester abroad)
- GRG-356T: Geography of the Information Society (previously Introduction to Technology, Literacy and Culture)
- GRG-307C/URB-301: Introduction to Urban Studies
- GRG-374: Frontiers in Geography
- GRG-390L: Research in Geography
- GRG-396: Place, Politics, and Culture (graduate seminar)
- GRG-396: Geopolitics and Representation (graduate seminar)
- URB-315: Urban Studies Research Methods

McGill University, Montreal, Canada, Sept. 2001-Dec. 2001

*Visiting Lecturer*

- Geog 183-494A: Urban Field Studies

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, Sept. 1998-May 2001

*Assistant Professor*

- Geog-201: Introduction to Human Geography
- Geog-301: Geography of the United States
- Geog-433: Communication Geography

University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY, Sept. 1996-May 1998:

*Visiting Assistant Professor*

- GOG-102M: Introduction to Human Geography
- GOG-125M: The American City
- GOG-220M: Introduction to Urban Geography
- GOG-396: Introduction to Spatial Analysis (introductory spatial statistics)
- GOG-480/580: Space, Society, and the Postmodern City

GOG-502: Spatial Analysis (advanced spatial statistics)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA, Sept. 1993-May 1994

*Visiting Assistant Professor*

Geog-1004: Introduction to Human Geography

Geog-2124: Urban Geography

Geog-4124: Spatial Structure of Urban Places

**MANUSCRIPTS/PROPOSALS REVIEWED (dates are marked for papers reviewed in the last 5 years)**

National Science Foundation (2002, 2003, 2006)

Prentice Hall (2003)

McGraw-Hill (2003, 2004)

Rowman & Littlefield (2006)

*Annals of the Association of American Geographers* (2004)

*Antipode* (2007)

*Area* (2006)

*Cahiers de Géographie du Québec*

*Cultural Geographies/Ecumene* (2002)

*Environment and Planning A* (2005, 2005, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2007)

*Geographical Review* (2005, 2006, 2008)

*Gender, Place and Culture* (2007, 2007, 2007, 2007)

*Global networks* (2005)

*Journal of Geography*

*National Identities* (2002, 2004)

*Planning Forum* (2004)

*Political Geography* (2004, 2005, 2005)

*Professional Geographer* (2006)

*Progress in Human Geography* (2006, 2007)

*Science, Technology and Human Values* (2006)

*Social and Cultural Geography* (2004, 2006, 2006, 2007, 2007, 2007)

*Social Forces* (2004)

*Southeastern Geographer* (2006)

*Space and Culture* (2007)

*Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie* (2007)

*Urban Geography* (2002, 2005)

**LANGUAGES SPOKEN and READ:**

English (first)

French (second)