

Anna M. Solberg

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I am a PhD student with leadership training and experience with environmental studies and human geography. I can provide critical insight with respect to issues of tourism and land use, community development, the misuse of landscapes, and the environmental issues that come with human-environment interactions.

EDUCATION

Kent State University | *Kent, Ohio*

PhD in Geography – Expected Graduation: August 2022
Dissertation Focus: Community Perception of Resources in East Africa
Current GPA: 4.0

Kent State University | *Kent, Ohio*

Master of Art in Geography – August 2017
Thesis: “International Tourist Perceptions of Their Environmental Impacts in Tanzania”
Final GPA: 3.97

Northern Michigan University | *Marquette, Michigan*

Bachelor of Science – May 2015
Major: Environmental Studies and Sustainability
Minor: Art and Design with an emphasis in Photography and Graphic Communications
Final GPA: 3.52

Relevant Coursework:

Kent State University – Environmental GIS, Remote Sensing, Urban Geography Seminar, GIS and Health, Environmental Concepts in Public Health, African Cities, Geographic Thought, Qualitative Methods, Tourism and Hospitality Review, Water and Society, Geography of the Global Economy, Research and Presentation, GIS, Kiswahili

Northern Michigan University – Quantitative Methods, GIS, Introduction to Sustainability, Urban Geography, Economic Geography, Introduction to Maps, Digital Photography, Advanced Digital Photography, Introduction to Graphic Design, Introduction to Web Design, Environmental Science, Physical Geography, Human Geography, Human Impact on the Environment, Environmental Policy and Regulation, Geography of Tourism, Population Geography, Environmental Ethics, Environmental Anthropology

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Solberg, A.M. (2016) International Tourist Perceptions of Their Environmental Impacts in Tanzania. Poster presented at American Association of Geography Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. March 30, 2016.

Solberg, A.M. (2016) International Tourist Perceptions of Their Environmental Impacts in Tanzania. Poster presented at Kent State University’s Graduate Research Symposium, Kent, OH. May 2016.

Solberg, A.M. (2016) International Tourist Perceptions of Their Environmental Impacts in Tanzania. Poster presented at American Association of Geography East Lakes Conference, Marquette, MI. October 2016.

Solberg, A.M. (2017) International Tourist Perceptions of Their Environmental Impacts in Tanzania. Paper presentation at American Association of Geography Annual Conference, Boston, MA. April 9, 2017.

Solberg, A.M. (2017) International Tourist Perceptions of Their Environmental Impacts in Tanzania. Paper presentation at Kent State University's Graduate Research Symposium, Kent, OH. May 2017.

Solberg, A.M. (2017) International Tourist Perceptions of Their Environmental Impacts in Tanzania. Electronic thesis, Kent State University.
https://etd.ohiolink.edu/pg_10?0::NO:10:P10_ACCESSION_NUM:kent1498135227020184.

Solberg, A.M. (2018) International Tourist Perceptions of Their Environmental Impacts in Tanzania. Poster presented at American Association of Geography East Lakes Conference, Ada, OH. October 2018.

Solberg, A.M. (2019) Why Tourist Perceptions Matter: Exploring Safari Tourism and its Environmental Impacts. Paper presentation at American Association of Geography Annual Conference, Washington, DC. April 5, 2019.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant | *Kent State University, Kent, Ohio*

August 2018 – Current

Over the course of my doctoral work, I have designed and taught Human Geography as a lecture as well as online. I have also taught a Physical Geography Lab online.

Graduate Research Assistant | *Kent State University, Kent, Ohio*

May 2016 – May 2017

During my second year as a graduate student at Kent State University, I was research assistant for Dr. Amoaba Gooden in the Department of Pan-African Studies. I did work for her most recent project on African Caribbean and Canadian immigrants and their use of herbs/bush in health promotion. This position included writing literature reviews, coding interviews, grant applications, and various other academic work.

Graduate Teaching Assistant | *Kent State University, Kent, Ohio*

August 2015 – May 2016

During my first year as a graduate student at Kent State University I was in charge of teaching a Physical Geography Lab. I designed the lectures for the class in order for students to understand the components of each week's lab. I also monitored and guided them through the labs. I graded their work as well as gave them tests and projects.

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Cashier/Food Expediter | *Border Grill, Negaunee, Michigan*

January 2014 – August 2015, May 2016 – August 2016, May 2017 – August 2018

I was typically on the front line of this Mexican restaurant taking orders for guests, answering the phone, and attending to guests in the drive-thru. I also ran food, prepared food, cleaned, and assisted guests with anything they needed. In addition, I trained new employees on a regular basis.

Assistant Manager | *Smoothie King/Temaki & Tea, Marquette, Michigan*

August 2011 – May 2015

I was responsible for hiring and training new employees, taking guest orders at the register, answering the phone, working drive-thru, opening and closing duties, counting money for closing, prep for sushi station/smoothie station/kitchen, making smoothies, rolling sushi, barista, cooking, washing dishes, cleaning, and I was in charge of overseeing other employees while I was the shift manager.

Intern | *Alger County Conservation District, Munising, Michigan*

Summer 2013

I dealt with a team of fellow undergraduate students from Northern Michigan University doing culvert analysis, invasive species control, electro fishing, data analysis, boot brush station installation, and other odds and ends that the conservation district needed us to do. We also attended a Lake Superior Watershed Conference and gave input while listening to other professionals from the area.

**ADDITIONAL
WORK**

Freelance Photographer | *Anna Marie Photography*

I have been taking pictures for my own amateur business for over 8 years. I have done senior portraits, family portraits, engagements, weddings, and other portraits. I have much experience with Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop.

**SELECT
EXPERIENCE
AND AWARDS**

Executive Chair | **Kent State University Graduate Student Senate (GSS)**

I am an elected official responsible for the support of graduate students, a budget of over \$400,000, and the communication between various university charters and organizations.

Vice President | **Geography Graduate Student Association**

I work on planning and organizing various events, functions, and fundraisers within the Geography Department and Graduate Studies at Kent State University.

Special Contingency Award Committee

I worked with a committee of fellow graduate students to determine the amount of award money to go to applicants for various conference opportunities.

Advanced Placement Human Geography Exam Reader

Exam reader through the Educational Testing Service, June 2019.

Florence Margai Graduate Student Paper Award

I was the 2017 recipient of the American Association of Geographers African Specialty Group award for my paper “International Tourist Perceptions of Their Environmental Impacts in Tanzania.”

Superior Edge

This is a Northern Michigan University program that compiles 400+ hours of community service in four different categories (Citizenship, Real World, Leadership, Diversity).

Outstanding Student of the Year - Nominee

I was a nominee at Northern Michigan University for both Outstanding Female Graduating Senior and Outstanding Student (any class standing) for the graduating class of 2015.

Student Employee of the Year Award 2015

I was awarded Northern Michigan University's Student Employee of the Year Award for my work at Smoothie King/Temaki & Tea restaurant.

Native Plants Study Area

I was the project leader of a management plan for two different Native Plant Study Area sites at Northern Michigan University. This was our final project for my capstone class.

Special Events Committee

I was part of a group at Northern Michigan University in charge of planning large events on campus, including Winterfest and Homecoming. This work included making contacts with individuals and organizations, obtaining donations of finances and resources, promotion, design, and other organizing and planning.

Co-Creator of Carve Out Cancer Fundraiser

During my time as an undergraduate, a friend and I created a cancer fundraiser in honor of his grandmother and my mother. We started from scratch, put together sponsors, displayed advertising, had a timeslot on the local news for publicity, set up the location and all other necessities, and ran it. We raised over \$1000 to donate to the American Cancer Society.

Companion Synod Trip

In 2013 I was selected as a delegate to go to Tanzania. This was to meet my church's companion congregation and further the various projects that they have going on there as well as building new relationships with them.

Volunteer Chaperon

In the summer of 2013 I spent a week on Isle Royale National Park, Michigan as a chaperon/counselor/photographer for a group of children from a local Chippewa tribe. We spent the week learning about different plants and animals, as well as ways of conservation and protection of nature while enjoying it.

SELECT SKILLS

Microsoft Office	<i>Word, Power Point, Excel, Publisher</i>
Adobe Products	<i>Photoshop, InDesign, Lightroom, Illustrator</i>
Social Media	<i>Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Google+, Snapchat, VSCO, Tumblr, Prezi, WordPress, Flickr, YouTube</i>
Geographic Information Systems	<i>ArcMap, Google Earth, Google Maps</i>
Languages	<i>English, Basic Spanish, Basic Swahili</i>
Other Skills	<i>Tourism Geography, Human Geography, Cultural Geography, African Studies, Sustainability, Environmental Studies, Digital Photography, Public Speaking, Research, NVivo, Travel, Teaching</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Physical Geography Lab	<i>Fall 2015 (2 sections)</i> <i>Spring 2016 (2 sections)</i>		
	Physical Geography Lab Online	<i>Spring 2019 (1 section)</i>		
	Human Geography Lecture	<i>Fall 2018 (1 section)</i> <i>Fall 2019 (1 section)</i>		
	Human Geography Online	<i>Spring 2019 (1 section)</i>		
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL	Tanzania	Italy	Spain	The Netherlands
	Canada	Morocco	England	Greece
	Ireland	Norway	France	Sweden
	Mexico			

REFERENCES	<i>Email</i>	<i>Phone</i>
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