

Curriculum Vitae
Michael W. Pesses, Ph.D.
Professor of Geography
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

The Anthropocene, mobilities, sustainability, media, critical theory

POSITIONS HELD (ACADEMIC)

2017 - Present. Antelope Valley College, Department of Geosciences, Professor of Geography

Courses taught:

- *GEOG 101 – Physical Geography: Earth’s Surface Landscapes*
- *GEOG 1011 – Physical Geography Lab: Earth’s Surface Landscapes*
- *GEOG 1020L – Physical Geography: Earth’s Weather and Climate (Online)*
- *GEOG 10210L - Physical Geography Lab: Earth’s Weather and Climate (Online)*
- *GEOG 105 – Cultural Geography*
- *GEOG 106 – California Geography*
- *GEOG 110 – World Regional Geography*
- *GEOG 201 – Map Interpretation and GPS*
- *GEOG 205(OL) – Introduction to GIS (both in-person and online)*
- *GEOG 220 – Data Acquisition and Management in GIS*
- *GEOG 221 –Spatial Analysis for GIS*
- *GEOG 222 – Cartography for GIS*
- *GEOG 298 – Special Studies in GIS*
- *GEOL 101L – Physical Geology Lab*

2018. Claremont Graduate University, Department of History – Research Assistant.

2014 – 2017. Antelope Valley College, Department of Geosciences – Associate Professor

2012 – 2014. Antelope Valley College, Department of Geosciences – Assistant Professor

2008 – 2012. Antelope Valley College, Department of Geosciences – Geography Instructor – Tenure Granted May 2012

2008. Antelope Valley College, Department of Geography & GIS – Adjunct Professor

- *GEOG 201 – Map Interpretation and GPS*

2006. Bakersfield College, Computer Studies Department – Adjunct Professor

- *COMS B77B – Spatial Analysis and Modeling in GIS*

2001. Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County – Gallery Interpreter

1999 – 2001. UCLA Health Services Research Center, Department of
Neuropsychiatry – Research Assistant

POSITIONS HELD (INDUSTRY)

2006 – 2008. Gorilla Mapping – Principle, Founder, Cartographer.
2005 – 2008. County of Kern Planning Department – GIS Specialist.
2004 – 2005. California Waterfowl Association – GIS Specialist.
2002 – 2004. Tremaine & Associates, Inc. – GIS Analyst & Staff Archaeologist.
2001 – 2003. Statistical Research, Inc. – Field Archaeologist.

EDUCATION

2020. Ph.D. Cultural Studies, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California.
Dissertation – *Crawl Space: Driving Over the Anthropocene in a Jeep*
Advisor: Dr. Eve Oishi
Major area exams: cultural studies, environmental history, human geography
2007. M.A. Geography, with distinction, California State University, Northridge.
Thesis – *Do two wheels make it more authentic than four? Spaces of bicycle
tourism*
<http://scholarworks.csun.edu/handle/10211.3/159727?show=full>
Advisor: Dr. Ed Jackiewicz
2003. Certificate in GIS, American River College, Sacramento, California.
2001. B.A. Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles.

PUBLICATIONS/PAPERS

Books and Monographs

Pesses, M.W. *Ecomobilities: Driving the Anthropocene in Popular Cinema*.
Environment and Society series. Lanham: Lexington Books, Under contract.

Refereed Articles

Pesses, M.W., “So Shiny, So Chrome: Images and Ideology of Humans, Machines, and
the Earth in George Miller’s *Mad Max: Fury Road*,” *cultural geographies*, 26 no.
1 (2019): 43-55. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/1474474018787308>
Pesses, M.W. “‘You Gotta Be One of the Good Guys, Son’: Mobilities of Foucauldian
Ethics and Freedom in Garth Ennis and Steve Dillon’s *Preacher*,” *The Journal
of Comics and Graphic Novels*, 10, no. 4 (2019): 445-458.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/21504857.2018.1503188>
Pesses, M.W., “Environmental Knowledge, American Indians, and John Muir’s Trap,”
The Yearbook of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers. 80 (2018): 112-
133. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1353/pcg.2018.0006>
Pesses, M.W. “Road Less Traveled: Race & American Automobility,” *Mobilities*,
Curated Issue: Transport Mobilities. 12 (2017): 677-691.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17450101.2016.1240319>
Pesses, M.W. “What’s He Building in There? The Existential Geography of Tom
Waits,” *Aether: The Journal of Media Geography*, Special issue, Geographies of

Music. 7 (2011): 42-57.

<http://mgm.arizona.edu/articles/what%E2%80%99s-he-building-there-existential-geography-tom-waits>

Pesses, M.W. "Automobility, Vélomobility, American Mobility: An Exploration of the Bicycle Tour," *Mobilities* 5 (2010): 1-24.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17450100903435029>

Book Chapters

Pesses, M.W. "Automobility, Vélomobility, American Mobility: An Exploration of the Bicycle Tour." In *Mobilities: Critical Concepts in Built Environment*, edited by O. B. Jensen. Oxford: Routledge, 2015.

Pesses, M.W. "The City She Loves Me: The Los Angeles of the Red Hot Chili Peppers," In *Sound, Society and the Geography of Popular Music*, edited by Thomas L. Bell and Ola Johansson, 145-60. Burlington: Ashgate, 2009.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Pesses, M.W. *Physical Geography: The Earth and Humanity*. Dubuque, IA: Great River Learning, 2019, <https://avc.grtep.com/index.cfm/physgeo>

Pesses, M.W. *Real Geographic Information Systems*. Open Educational Resource (OER) produced for AVC Geography Students.

Pesses, M.W., S. Welsh, and S. Adams. *Physical Geography Lab Manual*. OER produced for AVC Geography Students. Zenodo, 2017,

<http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.573936>

Encyclopedia Entries

Pesses, M.W. "Pluralism" in the *Oxford Concise Encyclopedia of American Literature*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

Pesses, M.W. "Posthumanism" in the *Oxford Concise Encyclopedia of American Literature*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

Pesses, M.W. "Queer Ecologies" in the *Oxford Concise Encyclopedia of American Literature*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

Book Reviews

Pesses, M.W. "Review of *From Curlers to Chainsaws: Women and Their Machines* edited by Joyce Dyer, Jennifer Cognard-Black, and Elizabeth MacLeod Walls." *Women's Studies*, 47/6 (2018): 679-680.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00497878.2018.1507592>

Pesses, M.W. "Review of *Interpreting the Internet: Feminist and Queer Counterpublics in Latin America* by Elisabeth Jay Friedman." *Women's Studies*, 47/6 (2018): 688-689. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00497878.2018.1517559>

Pesses, M.W. "Review of *Space After Deleuze*, by Arun Saldanha." *The AAG Review of Books*, 6/2 (Spring 2018): 110-112. <https://doi-org.ccl.idm.oclc.org/10.1080/2325548X.2018.1402267>

Pesses, M.W. "Review of *Lectures on the Will to Know: Lectures at the Collège de France, 1970-1971 and Oedipal Knowledge*, by Michel Foucault, edited by

Daniel Defert." *The AAG Review of Books*, 5/2 (Spring 2017): 106-8.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/2325548X.2017.1292583>

Pesses, M.W. "Review of *Spaces of Danger: Culture and Power in the Everyday*, edited by H. Merrill and L. M. Hoffman, Athens: University of Georgia Press." *Journal of Cultural Geography*. 33 (2016): 380-2.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/08873631.2016.1199368>

Invited talks and professional meetings

- October 2019. "Damndest Ride Ever Invented': Revisiting the Discourse v. Ideology Debate in a Jeep Wrangler." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers. Flagstaff, Arizona.
- April 2019. "An Evening with the Department of Geosciences." Presented with Aurora Burd and Paul Stahmann for Faculty Professional Development, Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, California.
- February 2019. "Rednecks in the Wild: Jeeping to Save Nature." Presented for Faculty Professional Development, Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, California.
- October 2018. "Rethinking Place, Rethinking Nature: Reproducing Nature by Driving Over it in a Jeep." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers. Reno, Nevada.
- October 2018. "Keeping People in Their Place: Race, Geography, and America." Presented for Faculty Professional Development, Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, California.
- November 2017. "Earth as Space." Presented with Mark Hoffer, Kathryn Mitchell, and Scott Covell at Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, California.
- April 2017. "Orienting the map: Toward a cartographic queer phenomenology." Presented at the 2017 meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Revolutionary Methodologies Session, Boston, Massachusetts.
- March 2017. "Do Maps Matter? The Fate of the Map in the Age of Siri and GPS." Presented with Charles Hood, Christine Mugnolo, and David Deis at Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, California.
- October 2016. "Framing the 1956 Suez Crisis within American Globalization" Paper presented at the Ninth Annual ASMEA Conference. Washington, D.C.
- April 2016. "Road less traveled: Race and American automobility" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the California Geographical Society. San Jose, California
- October 2015. "Fracking! Teaching controversy in the college classroom." Presented for Faculty Professional Development, Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, California.
- May 2015. "Our Man in Havana: A California Geographer's thoughts on Cuba." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the California Geographical Society. Arcata, California.
- October 2014. "Save the polar bears! Approaches to environmentalism." Presented with Prof. D. Feickert for Faculty Professional Development, Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, California.

- May 2014. "No, I will not 'get to know ArcGIS': An introduction to GIS manifesto." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the California Geographical Society. Los Angeles, California.
- February 2013. "How to (really) read a map." Presented for Faculty Professional Development, Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, California.
- November 2010. "An introduction to GIS." Presented for Faculty Professional Development, Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, California.
- May 2010. "Music Geographies." Presented for Faculty Professional Development, Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, California.
- April 2008. "The city she loves me: The Los Angeles of the Red Hot Chili Peppers." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Geographies of media II: Musicscapes session. Boston, Massachusetts.
- April 2008. "Mobile GIS on the fly for archaeological fieldwork." Presented at Exciting Careers in GIS at Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, California.
- October 2007. "The city she loves me: The Los Angeles of the Red Hot Chili Peppers." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers. Long Beach, California.
- April 2007. "Authentic spaces of bicycle tourism." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Tourism geography and mobilities session. San Francisco, California.
- December 2006. "Breaking borders to sell borders: The globalization of Indonesian tourism." Presented at the 11th Annual California State University Northridge Student Research and Creative Projects Symposium, Northridge, California.
- April 2006. "GIS isn't scary: Methods for implementing a GIS." Presented at the 12th Annual California GIS (CalGIS) Conference, Santa Barbara, California.
- September 2004. "Mobile GIS on the fly for archaeological fieldwork." Presented at the 7th Annual Society for Conservation GIS (SCGIS) Conference, Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

Podcasts

2007. Broadcast of "Authentic Spaces of Bicycle Tourism" presentation from AAG Meeting on *Geography for Travelers* – Prof. Alan A. Lew's Travel & Tourism Podcast, <http://travelgeography.blogspot.com/>

SELECTED PUBLISHED MAPS

2020. Several maps and charts on the local fishing industry in American Sāmoa. In *Balancing the Tides: Marine Practices in American Sāmoa*. JoAnna Poblete. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press.
2009. "Los Angeles County." In *South Central Farmers and Shadow Hills Homeowners: Land Use Policy and Relational Racialization in Los Angeles*. Laura R. Barraclough. *The Professional Geographer* Vol. 61, No. 2, p. 168.
2007. "The Willamette Valley, 1875." In *Gender and Generation on the Far Western Frontier*. Book by C.C. Prescott. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.

2007. "Migration corridors from Mexico to the United States." In *Corridors of migration: The odyssey of Mexican Laborers, 1600-1933*. Book by R.F. Acuña. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

2004. M. Pesses, Report of archaeological findings for the Pride and Joy Ranch Survey Project, Vacaville, California. Report prepared for Robert Karn & Associates.
2004. K. J. Tremaine and M. Pesses. Final Monitoring Report of Borehole Drilling for the Lower Northwest Interceptor Program, Sacramento & Yolo Counties, California. Report prepared for the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District, West Sacramento, California.
2003. M. Pesses. Report of archaeological findings for the Hollywood Duck Club Survey, Colusa County, California. Report prepared for the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACADEMIC TRAVEL

2015. Professor on academic tour, Havana and Trinidad, Cuba, *Global Exchange*.
2000. Student, Summer abroad, Cuzco, Peru, *University of California, Davis*.
1996. Student, High school exchange program, Minsk, Belarus, *Ponderosa High School (Shingle Springs, California)/School 54 (Minsk, Belarus)*.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018. Honors recognition for outstanding leadership, California Community Colleges Classified Senate, with Angela Musial and Riley Dwyer.
2018. Friedman Award, Claremont Graduate University School of Arts and Humanities - \$750.
2018. Research Assistantship. Claremont Graduate University. Department of History, supervisor Dr. JoAnna Poblete - \$4000.
2018. Claremont Graduate University Fellowship - \$8,000.
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2016. Claremont Graduate University Fellowship - \$8,000.
2016. Travel Grant, Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) Meeting - \$500.
2015. Claremont Graduate University Fellowship - \$8,000.
2011. Antelope Valley College Foundation Grant - \$1,000.
2009. Antelope Valley College Foundation Grant - \$1,000.
- 2008 – 2009. Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training (IGERT) in Urban Ecology Associate, Arizona State University, Global Institute of Sustainability and National Science Foundation – \$1,000 (deferred).
- 2008 – 2009. University Graduate Fellowship, School of Geographical Sciences and Division of Graduate Studies, Arizona State University - \$10,000 (deferred).
2007. Travel Grant, Office of Graduate Studies, California State University, Northridge, for 2008 meeting of the AAG in Boston, Massachusetts – \$400.

- 2007. Travel Grant, Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, for APCG meeting in Long Beach, California – \$150.
- 2007. The Robert and Karen Newcomb Graduate Fellowship in Geography, California State University, Northridge – \$250.
- 2007. First prize, Recreation Tourism and Sport Specialty Group Annual Student Paper Competition for *Authentic Spaces of Bicycle Tourism* – \$200.
- 2006. Winner, California State University, Northridge Geography Council T-shirts design competition – 2 free shirts.
- 2006. Winner, California Faculty Association's *FlunkArnold.com* website design competition – \$2,600.
- 2005. ESRI Conservation Program – awarded over \$9,000 worth of GIS software for the California Waterfowl Association.

AFFILIATIONS

- Lifetime Member. California Geographical Society (CGS)
- 2016 – Present. American Studies Association (ASA)
- 2009 – Present. Antelope Valley College Federation of Teachers (AVCFT) Union
- 2007 – Present. Association of Pacific Coast Geographers (APCG)
- 2007 – 2008. Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA), Central California Chapter
- 2006 – Present. American Association of Geographers (AAG)
- 2005 – 2008. Kern Geospatial Network (GEONET)
- 2005 – 2009 Bakersfield ArcGIS User's Group
- 2002 – Present. CA/HI/NV/Guam ESRI Regional User's Group

SERVICE

Disciplinary

- 2018. Peer reviewer, *Yearbook of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers*
- 2017. Book reviewer and peer reviewer, *Women's Studies*
- 2016-2018. Book reviewer, *American Association of Geographers Review of Books*
- 2016-present. Peer reviewer, *Applied Mobilities*
- 2015-present. Peer reviewer, *Progress in Human Geography*
- 2015. Book reviewer, *Journal of Cultural Geography*
- 2011-present. Peer reviewer, *Mobilities*
- 2008. Peer reviewer, *Aether: The Journal of Media Geography*
- 2007-2009. Student representative, Recreation, Tourism, and Sport Specialty Group of the AAG
- 2007. Peer reviewer, *Journal of Travel and Tourism Marketing*

Institutional

- 2018. Laptop-to-Learn program for students in need, Development Team Member.
- 2017-present. Faculty Accreditation Coordinator
- 2017. Geosciences Hiring Committee
- 2014-2018. Tenure Committee Chair, Geosciences Department

- 2014. Geosciences Hiring Committee
- 2012-2016. Honors Committee, Science Division Representative
- 2010-2012. Academic Senate, Science Division Representative
- 2010. Antelope Valley College 2 Careers, Presenter
- 2009. Antelope Valley College Career Day for Middle School Students, Presenter
- 2009. Peer Review Team Member, Language Arts Division