

Joel W. Helmer

Faculty status:

Associate

Academic Degrees:

Oklahoma State University, 2005, PhD Environmental Science

University of Akron, 1994, MA Geography

Concordia University, Nebraska, 1992, Secondary Education

Professional Experience:

2007-present, Associate Professor of Geography, Concordia University, Nebraska. Teach geography and environmental science courses and Chair of the Department of Social Sciences.

2005-2007, Visiting Assistant Professor, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK. Taught geography courses within the Department of Geography.

2004-2005, Faculty Research Associate, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK. Taught geography courses and served as Project Coordinator for the Rural Alliance for Improving Science Education (RAISE), supervising the activities of ten public school teachers and ten OSU graduate students integrating GISci technology into 6-12th grade science classrooms.

P-12 Experience:

1995-2000, Cleveland Public Schools, Cleveland, OK. Taught 7th grade geography.

Current Professional and Academic Association Memberships:

National Council for Geographic Education

Current Professional Assignments and Activities:

Publications and Presentations:

Helmer, Joel W. and Nick Bloch, 2010, "Teaching Geography in the Blogosphere," The Geography Teacher, vol. 7, no. 2, pgs. 73-76.

"Screen Time Nation: And the Need for Fieldwork in Geography," 2009, Geography General Seminar, School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Amanda Broberg, Nick Bloch, Kraig Hein, Jacob Lias, Joel W. Helmer, 2009, "Integrating Service-Learning into a Geography Field Course at Concordia University, Nebraska," National Council for Geographic Education, Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Awards and Recognitions:

Higher Education Distinguished Teaching Award, National Council for Geographic Education, 2009.

National Geographic Society, Award # 2005-0551, Institute for Teaching GIScience, Thomas A. Wikle - PI, Joel W. Helmer and John Steinbrink – Co-PIs, June 2005, \$16,872.

National Science Foundation, Award # DGE-0336934, Rural Alliance for Improving Science Education (RAISE), Thomas A. Wikle - PI, Joel W. Helmer and John Steinbrink - Co-PIs, October 2003, \$1,832,496.