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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests lie in ideas on environmental governance, networks in conservation, resistance to conservation, political ecology, and hegemony.

PUBLICATIONS

Holmes, G (2010) The rich, the powerful and the endangered: Conservation elites in the Dominican Republic, *Antipode,* vol 42

Holmes, G (In press) Conservation's friends in high places: Neoliberalism, networks and the transnational conservation elite *Global Environmental Politics*

Holmes, G. (2007) Protection, politics and protest: Understanding Resistance to Conservation, *Conservation and Society,* vol. 5(2)

Holmes, G and J Murphy (under review) Of moose and men: Hegemony and recasting 'nature' in post-colonial Scotland *Geoforum*

Holmes, G, K Scholfield, D Brockington (in preparation) Comparing patterns of conservation spending and conservation priorities in sub-Saharan Africa *Conservation Biology*

Holmes, G. (2008) Book review: Environment and Empire. Beinart, W and L Hughes. *Journal of Peasant Studies* vol. 35(3)

Peer reviewer for Antipode, Oryx, Conservation and Society, Conservation Biology, Society and Natural Resources

EXPERIENCE

Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellow, Sustainability Research Institute, University of Leeds, March 2011-Feb 2013

Principle investigator on project entitled "Private conservation and environmental governance"

Lecturer in Environment and Development, Sustainability Research Institute, University of Leeds, September 2009 – Feb 2011

Module leader and Lecturer for core MSc course "Introductions to Sustainability", responsible for designing and delivering content and assessment.

Module leader and lecturer for undergraduate course "Sustainable development: Challenges and Practice", and MSc course "Principles of Political Ecology".

Additional duties include supervising dissertations in both undergraduate and MSc sustainability programmes, with administrative and pastoral responsibilities.

Programme leader, MSc Sustainability (Environment and Development), Sustainability Research Institute, University of Leeds, 2009-2010.

Responsibilities include administering the programme, with marketing and admissions duties

EDUCATION

2005-2009 Institute for Development Policy and Management, University of Manchester
PhD "Global conservation and local resistance: Power and protected areas in the Dominican Republic"
Awarded +3 ESRC studentship, University of Manchester Graduate Teaching Fellowship

2004-2005 Institute of Geography, University of Edinburgh
MSc by Research "Pines, power, and pyromaniacs: The political ecology of forest fires in the Cordillera Central, Dominican Republic"

2000-2004 Institute of Geography, University of Edinburgh
BSc Geography, with First Class Honours
Alan Ogilvie Prize for Undergraduate Dissertation

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

2010, 'Protected areas and human well-being: benefits, costs and governance regimes' Symposium on Linking Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Reduction, Zoological Society of London, April
2010, 'Anti-politics, disavowal and the moral obligations of conservation' Association of American Geographers Annual Conference, Washington DC, April
2010, 'Poachers, gamekeepers, violence and resistance: the relationship between effective biodiversity conservation and social justice' Faculty of Life Sciences Seminar Series, University of Manchester, March
2009, 'Poachers turning gamekeepers: Power, resistance and hegemony in conservation in the Dominican Republic', Sustainability Research Seminar, University of Leeds, October
2009, 'Rejection and acceptance of neo-liberal conservation in the Dominican Republic', Workshop on Natural Resource Management and Neo-Liberalism, Geography Department, Cambridge, June
2008, 'Conservation elites and the Dominican Republic', given at the Capitalism and Conservation symposium, Manchester, September
2008 'The transnational conservationist class', given at the conference of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, April
2007 'Dictators, National Parks and Conservation; The politics of the environmental in the Dominican Republic since 1492' Caribbean Studies Association seminar, Birmingham, October
2006 'Resistance to global conservation' given at the Global Studies Association conference, Manchester, June

2006 'Legitimacy and power of NGOs in understanding flows of conservation discourse from the US to Latin America', given at the PILAS/Society of Latin American Studies conference, Portsmouth, February