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Biography I am presently a Visiting Assistant Professor of Geography at Middlebury College in rural Vermont. This year I developed a new undergraduate course called "Planning with Maps." It explores how geographers, architects, and planners use maps to plan spatial configurations that serve human purposes. I also teach "American Landscapes," "Geographic Information Systems," and the "Geography of Islands." I hold a PhD and MA in Geography from UC Santa Barbara. My dissertation, "Landscape and Purpose: Modeling the Functional and Spatial Organization of the Land," was supervised by Helen Couclelis. Before entering graduate school, I spent several years working as a field biologist and land steward across the American West.