

## MALCOLM L. COMEAUX

### ACADEMIC TRAINING

- Ph.D. 1969 Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Dissertation: Settlement and Folk Occupations of the Atchafalaya Basin.
- M.A. 1966 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois  
Thesis: Impact of Transportation Activities upon the Historical Development of Cairo, Illinois
- B.A. 1963 University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana (now University of Louisiana-Lafayette)

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Culture Diffusion and Culture Change  
Historical Geography  
Geography of Europe  
History of Geographic Thought  
Geography of Arizona and the Southwest  
The French of Louisiana  
Geographic Education

### POSITIONS HELD

- August 2001 Retired from Arizona State University
- Summer 1996  
and 1997 Visiting Professor of Geography, Univ. of New Orleans-University of  
Innsbruck International Summer School
- 1993 - 2001 Co-coordinator, Arizona Geographic Alliance
- 1984 - 2001 Professor, ASU, Tempe, AZ
- 1975 - 1984 Associate Professor, ASU, Tempe, AZ
- Summer 1984 Visiting Professor, University of South- western Louisiana, Lafayette,  
Louisiana
- 1969 - 1975 Assistant Professor, ASU, Tempe, AZ

1965 - 1966 Instructor, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Summer 1996

& 1997 Visiting Professor, Univ. of New Orleans- Innsbruck International Summer School, Innsbruck, Austria

1984 - 2001 Professor, ASU, Tempe, AZ

1975 - 1984 Associate Professor, ASU, Tempe, AZ

1969 - 1975 Assistant Professor, ASU, Tempe, AZ

1966 - 1968 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

1965 - 1966 Instructor, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana

1963 - 1965 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

Distinguished Mentor Award, 2006. Awarded by the National Council for Geographic Education.

Malcolm Comeaux Lecture Series established through an endowment in the Geography Department at A. S. U.

Association of American Geographers, Distinguished Teaching Honors, 2002.

Arizona Geographic Alliance, 2001-02, State of Arizona. \$100,000 (with Ron Dorn).

Arizona State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Distinguished Teaching Award for Faculty, 2001.

Wilbur Murra Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Social Studies. Awarded by the Arizona Council for the Social Studies, 1999.

Presidential Citation for Distinguished Service, 1998. Awarded by Gamma Theta Upsilon, Geographical Honor Society.

Arizona Geographic Alliance, 1997-2000, State of Arizona. \$150,000 (with Robert Mings and Ron Dorn).

Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award, 1997. Awarded by the National Council For Geographic Education.

Arizona Geographic Alliance, 1997-2000, National Geographic Society. \$150,000 (with Robert Mings).

Arizona Geographic Alliance, 1993-1996, National Geographic Society. \$150,000 (with Robert Mings).

Arizona Geographic Alliance, 1994-2001, State of Arizona. \$450,000 (with Robert Mings and Ron Dorn).

Planning Grant, Arizona Geographic Alliance, 1992, National Geographic Society. \$10,000 (with Robert Mings).

Faculty Research Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, ASU, 1989. \$500.

International Travel Grant, 1984, National Academy of Science, National Research Council. \$900.

Faculty Research Grant, Arizona State University, 1971. \$2,175.

Dissertation Year Fellowship, Louisiana State University, 1968-69.

National Science Foundation Summer Fellowship, 1967.

Couch Travel Service Award. 1963.

MEMBERSHIP AND POSITIONS IN SCIENTIFIC AND HONORARY SOCIETIES (at various times)

Program Committee, Association of American Geographers, 1977

Regional Coordinator, Pacific States, Gamma Theta Upsilon,  
1975, 1976

Association of American Geographers

American Geographical Society

Association of Pacific Coast Geographers

National Council for Geographic Education

Southwest Social Science Association

Louisiana Folklore Society

Pioneer America Society

Arizona-Nevada Academy of Science, fellow

Southwest Professional Geographical Association

Chairman, Geography Section, Arizona Academy of Science,  
1970-1971, 1985-1986

Chairman, Local Arrangements Committee, Association of  
American Geographers, 1988

Kappa Alpha Order, National Social Fraternity

Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society

Gamma Theta Upsilon, Geographical Honor Society

Phi Alpha Theta, History Honor Society  
Pi Gamma Mu, Social Studies Honor Society

#### COMMUNITY AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 1995 to 1998 Editorial Board, The Geographical Bulletin
- 1991 to 2003 Organized and ran the Friends For Geography, a support group for the department
- 1970 to 2001 Faculty Advisor, Gamma Theta Upsilon, International Geographical Honor Society

Chairman, and served on many departmental committee, such as Graduate, Budget, Graduate Program Coordinating, M.A. Program, Ph.D. Program, Departmental Travel, Executive, personnel and others. Served on several College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and University committees. Presented many talks to various local civics groups, clubs, and museums.

#### OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 1990-1998 Regional Coordinator for the Pacific Coast Region for Gamma Theta Upsilon (international geographic honorary fraternity).
- 1988 Local Arrangements Committee Chairman for the national meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Phoenix, AZ.
- Consultant, Illinois State Museum.
- 1982-1984 Consultant, Audubon Park Zoo, New Orleans, LA.
- 1979 Consultant, National Geographic Society.
- Summer-1978 Consultant, Lafayette National History Museum and Planetarium, Lafayette Louisiana.
- Summer-1964 Assistant City Planner, City of Rock Island, Illinois.
- 1957-1960 Active duty, U.S. Army, stationed in Boscomantico, Italy.

#### PAPERS PRESENTED

- 2011 “Marbles and Marble Games from the Past,” annual meeting of the National Conference on Geographic Education, Portland, OR.
- “Western Boundaries,” Arizona Historical Society, Tucson, “Changing Boundaries: Historic Maps of the U.S. Mexico Frontier,” June 8.

- 2009 "The Rural Cajun Mardi Gras," annual meeting of the National Council of Geographic Education.
- "Cajuns and Their Material Culture," Fourteenth Annual Williams Research Center Symposium: The Acadian Diaspora, The New Orleans Historic Collection.
- 2008 "Cajuns: Environments and Material Culture," Keynote address, Pioneer America Society/Eastern Historical Geography Association, Baton Rouge.
- 2007 "The Southern Boundary of Arizona: How it was formed and drawn," Keynote talk, annual meeting of the Yuma chapter of the Arizona Historical Society.
- 2004 "Establishing a Reservation in the Valley of the Sun," paper presented at the Arizona History Convention.
- 2002 "A Death Among the Pimas," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers.
- "The How and Why of Southwestern Boundaries" paper presented at the meeting of the New Mexico-Arizona joint History convention.
- 2001 "Pima Indian Cemeteries," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pioneer America Society.
- 1999 "The Cemeteries of Europe: No--Rest in Peace--Here," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Culture Association.
- 1998 "European Antecedents to French Louisiana Cemetery Practices," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers.
- "Cemeteries of French Louisiana: Whatever Happened to Rest in Peace," South Dakota State Geography Convention.
- "Cemeteries of Central Europe," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers (APCG).
- "The Cajun Cemetery," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Association of American Geographers (SWAAG)
- 1997 "Cemeteries in the Cajun Landscape," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers.
- 1996 "Cajun Cemeteries," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Culture Association.

- 1995 "Folk Occupations and Cajun Cultural Survival," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers.
- "Historical Geography: Delimiting the Political Boundaries of States in the American Southwest," New Mexico Geographical Society.
- 1994 "The Cajuns of Louisiana," paper presented at the 4th symposium of the Arbeitskreis USA, titled Human Geography in North America: New Perspectives and Trends in Research.
- "Establishing Southwestern Boundaries," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountains/Great Plains Regional Social Studies Conference.
- "The Contributions of Fred Kniffen to the Understanding of French Louisiana," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers.
- "The Acadians of Canada and the Cajuns of Louisiana: Comparisons and Contrasts," paper presented at a symposium hosted by the University of New Orleans and the University of Innsbruck, Austria.
- 1993 "Two Medieval Games from Cajun Louisiana," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Culture Assoc/Popular Culture Association.
- 1991 "Mexican American Graffiti," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Popular Culture Association.
- 1990 "Graffiti in the Ghetto," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers.
- 1989 "Hoop Nets in Inland Fishing," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pioneer America Society.
- "Graffiti in Mexican-American Neighborhoods," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Arizona-Nevada Academy of Science.
- "Establishing an Indian Reservation," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers.
- 1988 "The Salt River Indian Reservation Boundary Question," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Social Science Association.
- 1987 "Arizonans Who Die Elsewhere," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Arizona-Nevada Academy of Science.

"Cultural Aspects of Post-Mortem Migration," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Also, organized this session, titled "Death and Dying."

1986 "Origin and Evolution of the Cajun Barn," poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers.

"Tortilla Manufacturing in Arizona," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Arizona-Nevada Academy of Science.

1985 "Post-Mortem Migration from Arizona," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Arizona-Nevada Academy of Science.

1984 "French Louisiana Farmsteads," paper presented at the International Geographical Congress (Paris).

1983 "The Cajun Barn: Its Evolution, Diffusion, and Demise," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers.

1982 "The Selection of 37° as a Western Boundary," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers.

1981 "J. W. Hoover: An Early Geographer in Arizona," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Arizona Academy of Science.

1980 "Attempts by Utah to Acquire the Arizona Strip," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers.

1979 "A Man-Made Swamp, the Atchafalaya," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education.

1978 "Discussant," at a Special Session on "La Louisiane française" at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers.

"Commercial Hook and Line Fishing in the Mississippi River System," paper presented at the American Folklore Society national meeting.

1976 "Ostrich Farming in Arizona," paper presented at the joint meeting of the Arizona Academy of Science and the Southwestern and Rocky Mountain Division of the American Association of the Advancement of Science.

1975 "The Crawfish Industry of the Pacific Northwest," paper presented at the Pacific Coast Geographers Association.

1974 "Historical Development of the Crawfish Industry in the United States," paper presented

at the Second International Crayfish Symposium – Intercrawsymp.

1973 "Line Fishing in the Mississippi River System," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Arizona Academy of Science.

1972 "Evolution of Fishing Craft in the Mississippi River System," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Arizona Academy of Science.

1971 "A Look at the Crawfish Industry of the United States," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Rocky Mountain Division, meeting held jointly with the Arizona Academy of Science.

"The Atchafalaya River Raft," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Social Science Association.

1970 "A Swamp Through Many Eyes," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Arizona Academy of Science.

1969 "Spanish Moss in Louisiana," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Social Science Association.

1968 "L'Ecrevisse and the Atchafalaya Fisher Folk," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Social Science Association.

Chaired several sessions in various years at both national and local meetings.

## PUBLICATIONS

2017 On the Use of Foreign Words. Louisiana History. 58: 93-97.

2015 Coonass: Diffusion and Probable Origin. Louisiana History. 56: 199-219.

2011 Caniques: Marbles and Marble Games as Played in South Louisiana at Mid-Twentieth Century. Louisiana History. 52: 324-56.

2010 Photojournal: The Cajun Mardi Gras in Southwest Louisiana. FOCUS on Geography. 53: 14-23.

2009 Steal the Flag: A Game Played in South Louisiana. Louisiana Folklore Miscellany. 19: 53-70.

2007 Introduction and Use of Accordions in Cajun Music, and The Cajun Dance Hall, reprinted in Fiddles, Accordions, Two Step and Swing, Ryan Brasseaux and Kevin



Fontenot, eds., Center for Louisiana Studies, University of Louisiana, Lafayette, LA. pp. 107-114, & pp.139-151.

Internet: The History of Geography at Arizona State University (to 2005). Located on the home page of the School of Geographical Sciences.

2006 Atchafalaya Basin Swamp. The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture, Vol. 8, Environment. Martin Melosi, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, pp. 188-89.

2005 What Games Can Say: Two Medieval Games from French Louisiana. Louisiana History. 46: 47-63.

Learning Geography Promotes Learning Math: Results and Implications of Arizona's GeoMath Grade K-8 Program. Journal of Geography. 104: 151-159. (With Ron Dorn, et.al.).

2004 In Memoriam: John F. Lounsbury. Journal of Geography. 103: 92.

Fishing the Father of Waters, in Grand Excursion on the Upper Mississippi River, Curtis C. Roseman and Elizabeth M. Roseman, eds., University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. pp. 173-186.

2000 The Cajun Dance Hall. Material Culture. 32: 37-56.

1999 Introduction and Use of Accordions in Cajun Music. Louisiana Folklore Miscellany. 14: 27-40.

1998 Arizona, in The Columbia Gazetteer of the World (3 vols). Saul B. Cohen, ed., Columbia University Press, New York, various pages.

The Geographic Society and Gamma Theta Upsilon at Arizona State University. Geographical Bulletin. 40: 31-34.

Holmes, Irene Therese Whitfield (with Anne Simpson), and Kniffen, Fred Bowerman, in A Dictionary of Louisiana Biography, Ten-Year Supplement, 1988-98, Carl Brasseaux and James Wilson, Jr., eds, Louisiana Historical Association and the Center for Louisiana Studies. University of Southwestern Louisiana. pp. 111-112, p. 128.

1997 Post, Lauren Chester, in A Dictionary of Louisiana Biography, Vol. II, Glenn R. Conrad, ed., Louisiana Historical Association and the Center for Louisiana Studies. University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana. pp. 659-60.

The Cajun Accordion, in Baseball, Barns & Bluegrass: A Geography of American Folklife, George Carney, ed., Rowam and Littlefield, Lanham, Maryland. pp. 131-138. (A modified reprint from 1978)

- 1996 The Acadians of Canada and the Cajuns of Louisiana: Cultural Change over Distance and Time, in Ethnic Persistence and Change in Europe and America: Traces in Landscape and Society. Klaus Frantz and Robert A. Sauder, eds. The University of Innsbruck. pp. 29-45.
- Die Cajuns in Louisiana. Geographische Rundschau. 48: 234-39.
- Cajuns and their Adaptation to a Modern World, in Human Geography in North America: New Perspectives and Trends in Research. Klaus Frantz, ed. Innsbrucker Geographische Studien. 26: 7-16.
- 1994 Fred Kniffen's Contributions to Understanding French Louisiana. Journal of Cultural Geography. 15: 59-66.
- 1992 Cajuns in Louisiana, in To Build in a New Land: Ethnic Landscapes in North America, Allen G. Noble, ed. The Johns Hopkins Press, Baltimore, pp. 177-92.
- 1991 Creating Indian Lands: The Boundary of the Salt River Indian Community. Journal of Historical Geography. 17:241-56. Reprinted in: The Arizona Surveyor, September, 1996 Newsletter, pp. 13-18, 21-24.
- 1990 Post, Lauren Chester, in A Dictionary of Louisiana Biography, Glenn Conrad, ed. The Louisiana Historical Association in cooperation with the Center for Louisiana Studies, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, LA, pp. 659-60.
- 1989 Use of Hoop Nets in the Mississippi River Basin. Journal of Cultural Geography. 10: 75-87.
- Burial: "Going Home." Encyclopedia of Death. R. Kastenbaum and B. Kastenbaum, eds., Oryx Press, Phoenix, AZ., pp.36-37.
- Hook-and-Line Fishing in the Mississippi River System. Material Culture. 21: 23-45.
- The Cajun Barn. Geographical Review. 79: 47-62.
- Atchafalaya Basin Swamp. Encyclopedia of Southern Culture. C.R. Wilson and W. Ferris, eds., Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, pp. 375-76.
- 1988 Death Out of State: Arizonans Who Die Elsewhere. Omega: The Journal of Death and Dying. 19: 115-24.
- 101 Years of Geography at Arizona State University. ASU, Department of Geography Publications Series No. 2 (63 pages).

Physical Landscapes in Arizona (22-23), Copper Mining Towns (60-61), and Establishment of the Salt River Indian Reservation (87), in Metro Arizona, Charles Sargent, ed., Scottsdale, AZ., Biffington Press.

- 1987 A Final Journey: Post-Death Removal of Human Remains. Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie. 78: 114-24 (with Graham Rowles).
- 1986 Returning Home: The Interstate Transportation of Human Remains. Omega: The Journal of Death and Dying. 17: 103-13 (with Graham Rowles).
- 1985 Folk Boats of Louisiana. Louisiana Folklife: A Guide to the State. Nicholas R. Spitzer, Ed., Louisiana Folklife Program, Division of the Arts, Baton Rouge. pp. 160-78.
- The Tortilla Industry in Arizona. North American Culture. (2) pp. 15-23.
- Louisiana Folk Boats. Festival of American Folklife, 1985. Thomas Vennum, Jr., Ed. Smithsonian Institution, National Park Service, Washington, D.C. pp. 22-25.
- 1983 Selection of the Arizona-Utah Boundary. Journal of Arizona History. 24: 237-54.
- 1982 Attempts to Establish and Change a Western Boundary. Annals, Association of American Geographers. 72: 254-71.
- 1981 Arizona: A Geography. Westview Press (336 pages).
- 1979 Jonas Wenger Hoover, 1889-1979. The Geographical Bulletin. 18: 6-11.
- The Spanish Moss Folk Industry of Louisiana. Melanges No. 12 (19 pages) (with Fred B. Kniffen).
- 1978 Louisiana's Acadians: The Environmental Impact, in The Cajuns: Essays on Their History and Culture, Glenn R. Conrad, Ed. Center for Louisiana Studies, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana. 2nd ed., 1978, pp. 142-60; 3rd ed., 1983, pp. 109-26.
- The Cajun Accordion. Revue de Louisiane/Louisiana Review. 7: 117-28.
- The Crawfish Industry of California and the Northwest. The California Geographer. 18: 121-35.
- Origin and Evolution of Mississippi River Fishing Craft. Pioneer America. 10: 72-97
- 1977 Les Acadiens Louisianais: l'impact de l'environnement. Revue de Louisiane/Louisiana Review. 6:163-78. A revision of this article was republished in 1978 in Etudes Normandes. 1-2: 23-37.

- 1976 In Memoriam: Lauren Chester Post. Louisiana History Newsletter. 2(2): 1-2.
- Lauren Chester Post. The California Geographer. 16: 85-88.
- An Early View of the Atchafalaya: The Lt. Enoch Humphrey Expedition of 1805. Attakapas Gazette. 11: 152-63.
- 1975 Historical Development of the Crawfish Industry in the United States, in Freshwater Crawfish, James W. Avault, Jr., Ed. Louisiana State University Press, Baton Rouge, pp. 609-19.
- 1972 Atchafalaya Swamp Life: Settlement and Folk Occupations. School of Geoscience, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, (111 pages).
- 1970 The Atchafalaya River Raft. Louisiana Studies. 9: 217-27.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

- 2014 Bayou Pigeon: Spirit of the Atchafalaya, by Cliff LaGrange, et al., Louisiana History 55: 483-85.
- 2009 Inherit the Atchafalaya, by Greg Guirard and C. Ray Brassieur. Louisiana History 50: 477-78.
- 2006 Appalachian Folkways, by John Rehder. Material Culture. 38: 72-74.
- 2001 Delta Sugar: Louisiana's Vanishing Plantation Landscape, by John B. Rehder. Historical Geography. 29: 168-69.
- 1998 Flatheads and Spoons: Fishing for a Living in the Ohio River Valley, by Jens Lund. Material Culture. 30: 52-54.
- Gila Monsters and Red-Eyed Rattlesnakes: Don Maguire's Arizona Trading Expeditions, 1876-1879, Gary Topping (ed). Annals, Association of American Geographers, 88: 54-55.
- 1997 Documenting Cultural Diversity in the Resurgent American South, Margaret R. Dittmore and Fred J. Hay (eds). Louisiana History. 40: 239-41.
- 1996 A Place Called Grand Canyon: Contested Geographies, by Barbara J. Morehouse. Journal of Cultural Geography. 16: 125-26.
- 1996 Historical Atlas of Louisiana, by Charles R. Goins and John M. Caldwell. Louisiana

History. 37: 373-74.

- 1995 The Old Barn: A Field Guide to North American Barns and Other Farm Structures, by Allen G. Noble and Richard K. Cleek. Journal of Cultural Geography. 15: 131-32.
- 1994 French America: Mobility, Identity, and Minority Experience Across the Continent, by Dean Louder and Eric Waddell (eds.). Annals, Association of American Geographers. 84: 326-27.
- 1992 A Legacy of Change: Historic Human Impact on Vegetation in the Arizona Borderlands, by Conrad J. Bahre. Journal of Historical Geography. 18: 355-56.
- 1991 Western Images, Western Landscapes: Travels along U.S. 89, Thomas and Geraldine Vale. Annals, Association of American Geographers. 81: 548-49.
- 1989 Louisiana: A Geographical Portrait, by Milton Newton, Jr. Professional Geographer. 41: 248.
- 1988 The Mapping of the American Southwest, by Dennis Reinharts and Charles C. Colley (eds). Journal of Historical Geography. 14: 323-24.
- 1983 The Georgia-South Carolina Boundary: A Problem in Historical Geography, by Louis De Vorse, Jr. Geographical Review. 73: 463-64.
- 1982 My Acadians: A Grand Lady's Love Affair with her French-Acadian Heritage, by Lorecia Daigle East. Louisiana History. 23: 94.
- 1978 A Southern Odyssey Travelers in the Antebellum North, by John Franklin. Journal of Historical Geography. 4 :216.
- New Orleans: The Making of an Urban Landscape, by Pierce Lewis. Louisiana History. 19: 364-66.
- 1975 Cajun Sketches: From the Prairies of Southwest Louisiana, by Lauren Post. Revue de Louisiane/Louisiana Review. 4: 87-88.

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