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Education

Ph.D., Urban Planning and Public Policy

University of Texas at Arlington: In progress – Expected, Spring 2013

M.S., Applied Geography with a minor in Applied Economics

University of North Texas: August 2007

Thesis: *More Buildings About Songs and Food: A Case Study of Omaha's Slowdown Project*

B.S., Secondary Education: English

Pennsylvania State University: May 1991

Recent Professional Experience

Research Associate (UNT staff position)

Mar 2011 – Current

Center for Economic Development and Research

University of North Texas, Denton, TX

Adjunct Professor, Department of Applied Economics

Aug 2010 – Current

University of North Texas, Denton, TX

Research Associate, Institute of Urban Studies

Aug 2009 – Mar 2011

University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

Research Associate (UNT staff position)

Jan 2008 – Aug 2009

Center for Economic Development and Research

University of North Texas, Denton, TX

Adjunct Assistant, Department of Geography

Aug 2007 – Dec 2007

Course: Earth Science Lab (GEOG 1710: Four sections)

University of North Texas, Denton, TX

Research Assistant

Aug 2006 – Aug 2007

Center for Economic Development and Research

University of North Texas, Denton, TX

Research Assistant, Dr. Murray D. Rice

May 2006 – Aug 2006

University of North Texas, Denton, TX

Department Assistant, Department of Geography

Aug 2005 – May 2006

University of North Texas, Denton, TX

Refereed Publications

- Grodach, C. and Seman, M. 2011. "The cultural economy in recession: Examining the U.S. experience." *Cities* (Submitted for review).
- Clower, T. L., Weinstein, B. L., Seman, M., and Matheson, D. 2011. "Impacts of toll roads on a regional economy: Suggested measures and a case study." *Applied Research in Economic Development* (Submitted for review).
- Seman, M. 2010. "How a music scene functioned as a tool for urban redevelopment: A case study of Omaha's Slowdown project." *City, Culture and Society*, 1(4): 207-215.
- Weinstein, B. L. and Seman, M. 2009. "Has the North American Free Trade Agreement fulfilled its promise? A macro-level assessment after 15 years." *Regional Science Policy and Practice*, 1(2): 177-186.
- Seman, M. 2008. "No country for old developers: The strange tale of an arts boom, bohemians, and 'Marfalafel' in the high desert of Marfa, Texas." *Applied Research in Economic Development*, 5(3): 25-31.
- Rice, M. D., Seman, M., and Green, M. B. 2008. "Regional information and influence networks: The geography of corporate board membership in Texas." *Industrial Geographer*, 5(1): 1-20.

Other Writing

- Seman, M. September 19, 2011. "How art, culture, and community drove transit oriented development in Santa Fe." *The Atlantic: Cities*.
- Seman, M. August 2010. "From rodeos to indie rock: The economic and fiscal impacts of selected cultural events in Denton, Texas." Center for Economic Development and Research, University of North Texas.
- Seman, M., Hendershot, P., Klein, A., Pope, K. V., and Shakya, S. June 2010. "The Emergence Project: Artisan heritage incubator & retail center feasibility and design study for Quitman, Texas." Institute of Urban Studies, University of Texas at Arlington.
- Arndt, J. C., Morgan, C., Overman, J. H., Clower, T. L., Weinstein, B. L., and Seman, M. September 2009. "Transportation, social and economic impacts of light and commuter rail." Texas Transportation Institute, Texas A&M University.
- Seman, M. July 2009. "North Texas state fair & rodeo: The economic impacts of existing activities and preliminary feasibility assessment for new fairgrounds and expo center." Center for Economic Development and Research, University of North Texas.
- Weinstein, B. L., Clower, T. L., and Seman, M. October 2008. "The current and potential economic and fiscal impacts of Texas' moving media industry: How to improve Texas' competitive position." Prepared for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Center for Economic Development and Research, University of North Texas.

Other Writing (Continued)

Clower, T. L., Seman, M., and Weinstein, B. L. May 2008. "The healthcare services industry in Tarrant County: Industry overview and projected employment growth in specified occupations." Center for Economic Development and Research, University of North Texas.

Clower, T. L., Weinstein, B. L., and Seman, M. November 2007. "Assessment of the potential fiscal impacts of existing and proposed transit-oriented development in the Dallas Area Rapid Transit service area." Center for Economic Development and Research, University of North Texas.

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings

November 2011: Miami, Florida

"Incubating the scene: The DIY all-ages venue as music scene building block and economic development ingredient." Paper presented at the 58th Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International.

October 2011: Salt Lake City, Utah

"How a music scene functioned as a tool for urban redevelopment: A case study of Omaha's Slowdown project." Paper presented at the 52nd Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning.

June 2011: Toronto, Ontario

"Incubating the scene: The DIY all-ages venue as music scene building block and economic development ingredient." Paper presented at the Experience the Creative Economy conference hosted by the Martin Prosperity Institute.

April 2011: Seattle, Washington

"How a music scene functioned as a tool for urban redevelopment: A case study of Omaha's Slowdown project." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers.

July 2010: Ericeira, Portugal

"Impacts of toll roads on a regional economy: Suggested measures and a case study." Paper presented at the IGU Applied Geography Commission (Co-authored with Terry L. Clower, Bernard L. Weinstein, and Doug Matheson – did not attend).

February 2009: Cartagena, Colombia

"Has the North American Free Trade Agreement fulfilled its promise? An assessment after 15 years." Paper presented at the First Conference of the Regional Science Association of the Americas (Co-authored with Bernard L. Weinstein – did not attend).

November 2008: Adelaide, SA, Australia

"The impact of industrial specialization on regional city growth in U.S. Micropolitan Statistical Areas." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Australia-New Zealand Regional Science Association (Co-authored with Terry L. Clower – did not attend).

September 2007: Denver, CO

"More buildings about songs and food: A case study of Omaha's Slowdown project." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Division of the Association of American Geographers.

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings (Continued)

February 2007: Denton, TX

"More buildings about songs and food: A case study of Omaha's Slowdown project."
Paper presented at University of North Texas' Canada-US Corporate Geography Conference.

October 2006: Norman, OK

"More buildings about songs and food: A case study of Omaha's Slowdown project."
Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Division of the Association of American Geographers.

Invited Presentations

March 2009: Denton, TX

"Indie rock and urban redevelopment: Connecting the dots."
Presentation for the NX35 Music Conferette

November 2008: Omaha, NE

"More buildings about songs and food: A case study of Omaha's Slowdown project."
Presentation for the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Geography Department

August 2008: Dallas, TX

"More buildings about songs and food: A case study of Omaha's Slowdown project."
Presentation for the DFW Association of Business Economics

Media Commentary and Consulting

National Public Radio. *Planet Money*. "The indie-rock club behind Omaha's \$100 million creative boom." June 3rd, 2011.

Wired. "The reviving downtowns." June, 2011

CBSDFW.com. "35 Conferette tries to spur economic growth with music." March 14th, 2011.

Denton Record-Chronicle. "Festival drumming up Denton business." March 5th, 2011.

Dallas Observer "DC9 at Night" blog. "35 Conferette will affect Denton's economic future."
March 4th, 2011.

Denton Record-Chronicle. "Beyond the scenes: House shows are where the heart of DIY is."
December 11th, 2010.

Denton Record-Chronicle. "Pop-up parks challenge thinking." September 18th, 2010.

Denton Record-Chronicle. "Leaders voice A-train concerns: Night, weekend service supported by community." June 24th, 2010.

Denton Record-Chronicle. "NX35's future rests on finances." March 20th, 2010.

Denton Record-Chronicle. "Panel discusses rise in popularity of local house show scene."
March 14th, 2010.

Media Commentary and Consulting (Continued)

Dallas Observer "DC9 at Night" blog. "Yesterday at NX35: House shows and social networking make a mark in the DFW scene." March 14th, 2010.

Denton Record-Chronicle. "Panel dissects future of local music." March 12th, 2010.

Dallas Observer "DC9 at Night" blog. "Yesterday at NX35: Things kick off with a discussion of the arts." March 12th, 2010.

KERA "Art & Seek" blog. NX35: "Day one day panels." March 11th, 2010.

Dallas Observer. "North by unrest: Chris Flemmons wants to put Denton music on the map with NX35 - if it doesn't kill him first." March 11th, 2010.

Denton Record-Chronicle. "Work for festival starts in earnest." January 18th, 2010.

NBCDFW.com. "How will the arts develop?" (On-camera and text component) January 2nd, 2010.

Denton Record-Chronicle. "The night comes alive: Area east of square getting boost from restaurants, clubs." September 19th, 2009.

Dallas Morning News. "North Texas state fair looking for room to stretch its legs." August 15th, 2009.

Dallas Morning News. "NX35 festival unplugs." March 16th, 2009.

Dallas Observer "DC9 at Night" blog. "Yesterday at NX35: Mike Seman's thoughts on indie rock and urban development." March 13th, 2009.

Denton Record-Chronicle. "Local music in the spotlight at NX35 conference." February 22nd, 2009.

Instruction

AECO 4230: Introduction to Social Science Research
University of North Texas Department of Applied Economics, Denton, TX
Adjunct Instructor, Fall 2010 – Current

AECO 4090: The Political Economy of Texas
University of North Texas Department of Applied Economics, Denton, TX
Substitute Lecturer, Spring 2009 – Current

AECO 4080: Principles of Economic & Community Development
University of North Texas Department of Applied Economics, Denton, TX
Substitute Lecturer, Spring 2009 – Current

GEOG 1710: Earth Science Lab
University of North Texas Department of Geography, Denton, TX
Adjunct Assistant, Summer and Fall 2007

Proposals and Grants

\$19,342: Applied – Project cancelled
Fair and rodeo event center feasibility study in Canadian, TX.
University of Texas at Arlington, March 2010
(Proposal co-author and lead research associate)

\$40,950: Finalist – Not selected
Definition of Cleveland's music subsector and the quantification of its impacts.
University of Texas at Arlington and University of North Texas, March 2010
(Proposal author and lead research associate)

\$11,100: Received
Design study and impact analysis for an artisan heritage incubator & retail center in Quitman, TX.
University of Texas at Arlington, February 2009
(Proposal author and lead research associate)

\$200: Travel Grant, Urban Geography Specialty Group, AAG, April 2011

\$250: Travel Grant, University of North Texas, September 2007

\$1,000: Field Study Grant, University of North Texas, February 2007

Awards

University Scholar, University of Texas at Arlington, 2010 – 2011

\$250: Terry Jordan Award, Department of Geography, University of North Texas, May 2007

Activities

Article/Manuscript Reviewer

Fall 2007 – Current

City, Culture and Society, Southwestern Geographer, Industrial Geographer

Southern Methodist University Clements Center for Southwest Studies

Cosmic Cowboys, Armadillos, and Outlaws: The Cultural Politics of Texas Identity in the 1970's

Author: Jason Mellard, Ph.D. (Under contract to University of Texas Press)

Faculty Search Committee Member, Student Representative

Fall 2009 – Spring 2010

University of Texas at Arlington

Professional Affiliations

Association of American Geographers

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning

American Planning Association