

# Courtney Quinn

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## EDUCATION

**PhD program, Leadership Studies**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2009-current

Advisor: Gina Matkin, PhD

**M.S. candidate, Natural Resources**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2006-2009

Advisor: Mark Burbach, PhD

Thesis: Personal Characteristics Preceding Pro-Environmental Behaviors that Improve Surface Water Quality

**B.A., Environmental Policy**, Drake University, 2002

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Foundations of leadership, leadership and leaders in the field of environmentalism and sustainable agriculture, leadership for large-scale behavior change, sustainable local food networks, consumers' mental-models of agriculture, and how mental-models influence purchasing decisions.

## REFERRED PUBLICATIONS

**Quinn, C.** and M. Burbach. 2008. Personal Characteristics Preceding Pro-environmental Behaviors that Improve Surface Water Quality. *Great Plains Research* 18(1): 103-114.

Shulman S., J. Katz, **C. Quinn**, and P. Srivastava. 2005. Empowering Environmentally-Burdened Communities: An Emerging Role for Information Technology. *Local Environment* 10:5 501-512.

## REFEREED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND ABSTRACTS

Shea, P., Milner, M., Martin, A., Lynne, G., Burbach, M., Bernards, M., Sheeder, R., and **Quinn, C.** (2007). Targeting Watershed Vulnerability and Behaviors Leading to Adoption of Conservation Management Practices (poster). *Proceedings of the 2007 USDA-CSREES National Water Conference "Research, Extension and Education for Water Quality and Quantity"*, January 28 – February 1, 2007, Savannah, GA.

<http://www.usawaterquality.org/conferences/2007/default.html>

## IN PREPERATION

**Quinn, C.** and J. Quinn. Social Embeddedness and Local Food Systems: Implications for Online Local Farmers Markets.

**Quinn, C.** The Portrayal of Agriculture in Film: A Content Analysis. To be submitted to *Agriculture and Human Values* in 2009.

Harding, H., **Quinn, C.**, Matkin, G. and Burbach, M. Sensemaking Leadership and Teams in a Knowledge-based Global Workplace. To be submitted to the 3rd International Conference on Knowledge Generation, Communication and Management, Orlando, Florida, July 10th - 13th, 2009.

Tang, Z., Brody, S., and **Quinn, C.** Moving from Agenda to Action: Evaluating Local Climate Change Action Plans (ready for submission to Journal of Environmental Planning and Management).

### **CONTRIBUTED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Quinn, C.** and Burbach, M. 2008. 'Understanding Personal Characteristics that Lead to Pro-Environmental Behaviors: An Attempt to Improve Surface Water Quality.' Poster presented at USDA National Water Conference. Reno, Nevada.

**Quinn, C.** and Burbach, M. 2007. 'Understanding Personal Characteristics that Lead to Pro-Environmental Behaviors: An Attempt to Improve Surface Water Quality.' Poster presented at Soil and Water Conservation Society poster session. *2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Poster Competition.*

### **GRANTS & AWARDS**

Irvin and Agnes Nelson Fellowship UNL CSANR- \$500	2008
William J. Curtis Endowed Fellowship, UNL CASNR - \$2000	2008
Meritorious Graduate Student Award, UNL SNR IANR - \$500	2008
Center for Great Plains Studies Research Grant-in-Aid - \$350	2007
Larrick Graduate Student Travel Grant, UNL ARD - \$500	2007
UNL School of Natural Resources Graduate Research Assistantship	2006 - Current
Drake University Environmental Policy Citizenship and Scholarship Award	2002
Drake University Presidential Scholarship	1998 - 2002

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Instructor**

NRES 399 Research Experience in the Portrayal of Agriculture in Film  
NRES 399 Local Food Systems

**Guest Lecturer** for ALEC 810, Environmental Leadership at UNL.

Topic: 'The Ecological, Social, and Economic benefits of Sustainable and Local Agriculture. Fall 2007.

**Guest lecturer** for NRES 211, Introduction to Conservation Biology at UNL.

Topic: Environmental Policy and Conservation Biology. Fall 2007, 2008.

**Workshop facilitator** Lincoln Public Schools Science Administrators Learning Community.

**Workshop facilitator** Ecological Justice & Global Citizenship Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark.

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Nebraska Sustainability Leadership Workshops Current  
**Consultant.** Facilitate conversations on sustainability for leaders in communities across Nebraska in 2008 and 2009. Work with mayors, city council members, public agency administrators, and community developers. Area of expertise- Behavior and Sustainability.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Natural Resources. 2006 - Current  
**Graduate Research Assistant.** Researcher on USDA funded National Integrated Water Quality Program grant to assess and improve surface water quality in the Big Blue Watershed and Tuttle Creek Lake, KS. Primary duties include design and implementation of research method including quantitative questionnaire, research and writing of professional papers, presentation of research findings, and communication with farmers, extension agencies, and university personnel.

Girl Scouts Silver Waters Council, Monroe, LA 2004-2006  
**Membership Executive.** Responsible for leadership training, volunteer management, and overall recruitment strategy. Sought grants for program funding. Developed and implemented hands-on environmental education programs.

‘Digital Citizenship and Environmental Justice’ - NSF Research Project 2001-2002  
**Research Assistant, Service Learning Facilitator.** Researcher studying the potential for the Internet to aid minority and low-income citizens fight their disproportionate exposure to environmental pollutants. Developed after-school computer education program for inner-city elementary school; worked with students grades 1 to 5 and aided Drake University students to teach developed program.

## SERVICE

SNR Representative to UNL Graduate Student Association 2008 - Current  
Graduate Student Survey Design Committee. UNL Graduate Student Association 2008 - Current  
Chair. Quality of Life Committee for UNL Graduate Student Association 2008 - Current  
Chair. Academic Affairs Committee for UNL Graduate Student Association 2008  
McPhee Elementary School. SNR Graduate Student science outreach. 2006 - Current  
Fundraising Chair. School of Natural Resources Graduate Student Committee. 2007 - 2008  
Keep Monroe Beautiful Education Committee. Monroe, LA 2006  
Big Brothers Big Sisters. Monroe, LA 2005 - 2006  
Yale Habitat Bicycle Challenge 2002  
Student Advisor for Drake Environmental Science and Policy Advisory Council. 2001 - 2002

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Soil and Water Conservation Society  
Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society