

Profile: Sociologist/Writer/Photographer Gary Payne

FORMAL EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in Sociology 2002, South Dakota State University.

B.A., 1975, Sociology; Political Science. University of Kansas.

CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

International travel in the following nations: Ethiopia, Somalia, Japan, Hong Kong, The Philippines, Oman, Morocco, Ireland, Costa Rica, Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Cuba, Venezuela, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Nicaragua, Grenada, Suriname, Canada, Guyana, Trinidad, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Panama, Iceland, Chile, St. Kitts/Nevis, Dominica, Argentina, Jamaica, St. Thomas.

EXPERIENCE IN ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION:

1997 to present: Senior department sociologist at Central Lakes College.

1995-96: Adjunct Instructor and Ph.D. candidate, South Dakota State University.

1993-94: Full-time adjunct sociology instructor, Bemidji State University.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND SERVICE

2025: Panel participant in discussion of the play *Exonerated*, Blackbox Theater, Central Lakes College May 22-24

2017: Acting Director of the Gordon Rosenmeier Center for State and Local Government at Central Lakes College

2009: Sociologists of Minnesota Annual meeting. Topic: "The Social Construction of Tolerance in Guyana, South America."

2007: Sociologists of Minnesota Annual meeting. Topic: "Islam in Morocco."

2005: North Central Council of Latin Americanists. Keynote Address: "The Present State of U.S. Interference in the Affairs of Cuba."

2005: Sociologists of Minnesota. "Student Theory Paper Annual Awards." Served on three-judge panel.

2005: Sociologists of Minnesota Annual meeting. Topic: "Cuba's Old Man and the Sea."

2004: Sociologists of Minnesota. Topic: "U.S. Involvement in the Obstruction of Democracy in Venezuela."

1995: Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting (Chicago, April 6-9) Topic: "Zapatista Rebellion."

1995: Great Plains Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Topic: "Social Justice in Mexico."

1993: Presenter at First U.S./Russian Bilateral Talks on the Environment: (Cragun's Resort, Gull Lake)
Topic: "Social Survival Strategies."

OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE RELATED TO SOCIOLOGY

Academic publication ("Chavez as Everyman") in several texts: *People and Issues in Latin American History*, 3rd Edition. Edited by Jane Rausch, University Massachusetts-Amherst (2005 Markus Wiener Publications, Princeton, NJ); and, *Global Studies: Latin America*, 11th edition, authored/edited by Paul B. Goodwin Jr., University of Connecticut. (2004, McGraw Hill); and, (pending publication in 2009) Volume IV, The Age of Globalization (20th Century) in: *The Encyclopedia of Latin America*.

Author of articles for the popular press including: *Sierra*, *Country Life*, *Harrowsmith*, *Great Expeditions*, *Connections*, *Barron's Business Weekly*, *Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine*, *The St. Paul Pioneer Press*, *Jornal Do Brasil*, *Venezuelanalysis.org*, *Alternet* and *Great Lakes Fisherman*.

Wrote, edited, narrated and co-produced *Heritage for Sale*, a 55-minute video documentary on the history and consequences of excessive cutting of Minnesota's forests. *HFS* aired over several PBS stations 1992-95.

Produced a series of commentaries on sociological topics for six Minnesota and Wisconsin Public Radio stations in 1989 and 1990.

Supervised mentally ill adolescent and adult residents first as a technician and later as a "re-entry facilitator" at Brainerd State Hospital in 1975-77.

Supervised juvenile delinquent residents at "Storefront" community residential center/classroom for Brainerd State Hospital in 1976-77.

Performed social worker duties in 1974 for Wyandotte County Social Services in Kansas City, Kansas through a social service leadership training program.

Occasional memberships in Sociologists of Minnesota and Great Plains Sociological Society.

Served in the combat zone, Vietnam, U.S. Navy, USS Kearsarge CVS-33, 1969-70.

Eagle Scout, Scout Troop 78, Kansas City, Missouri.

RECOGNITION

1996: Gould Award for "Most Outstanding Dissertation Proposal," Department of Sociology, South Dakota State University.

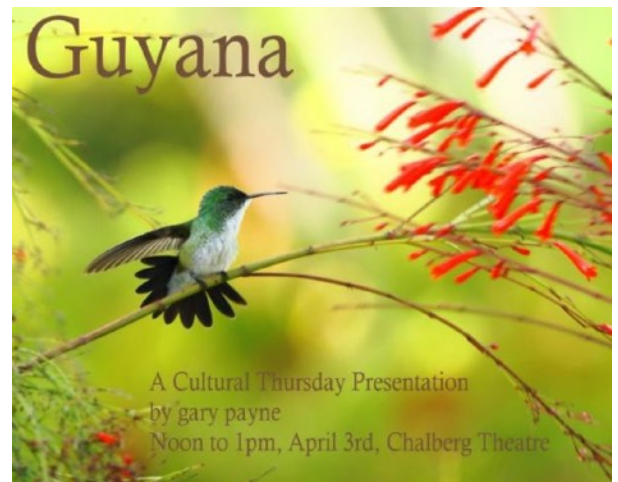
1990: "Page One" Award from Minnesota Society for Professional Journalists for article, *On Poison Pond* in *Minneapolis / St. Paul Magazine*.

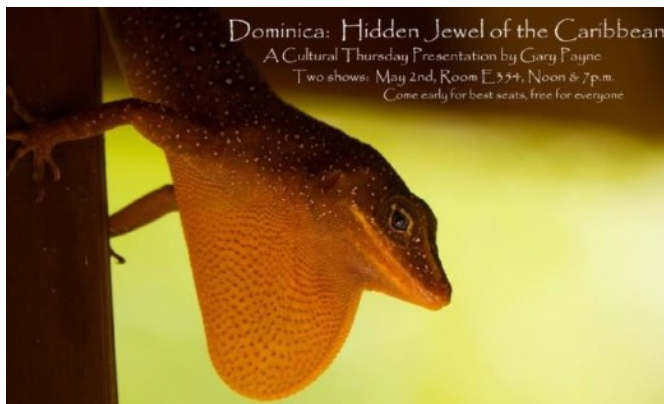
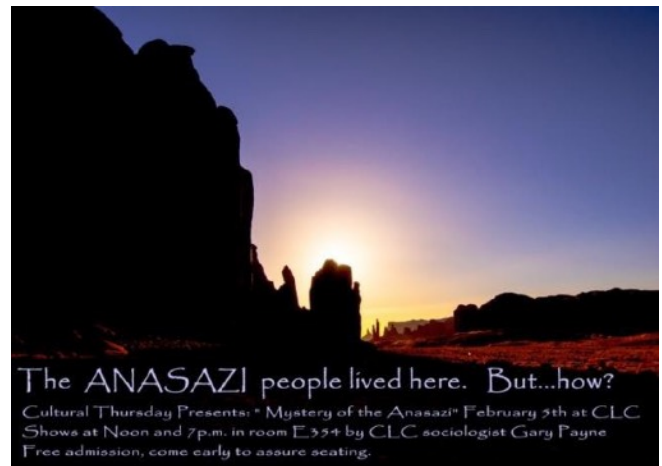
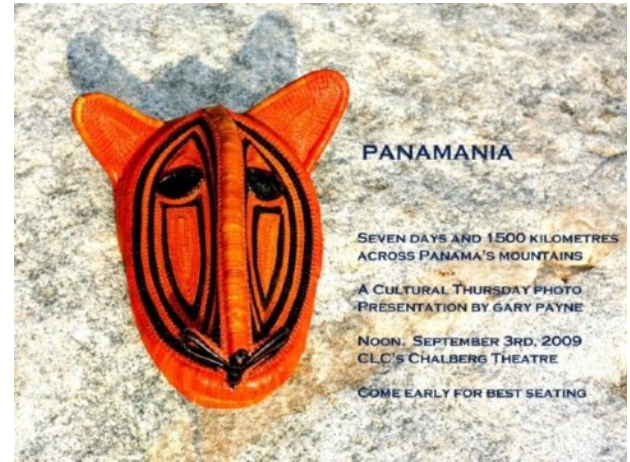
1989: "Minnesota Environmentalist of the Year" award, Sierra Club, Minneapolis.

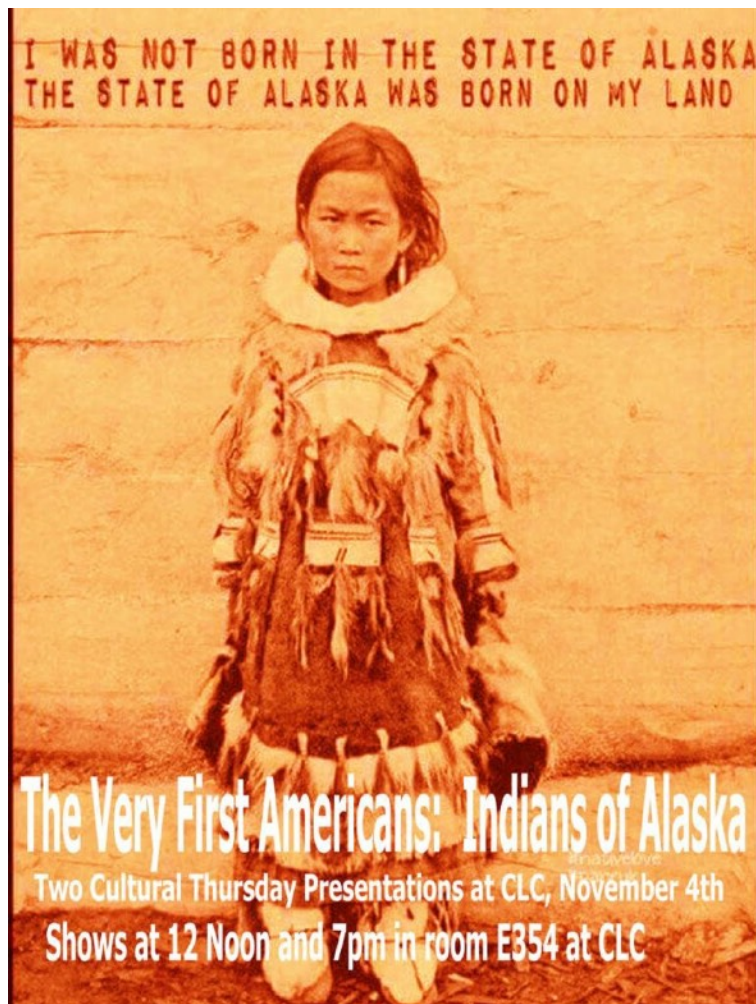
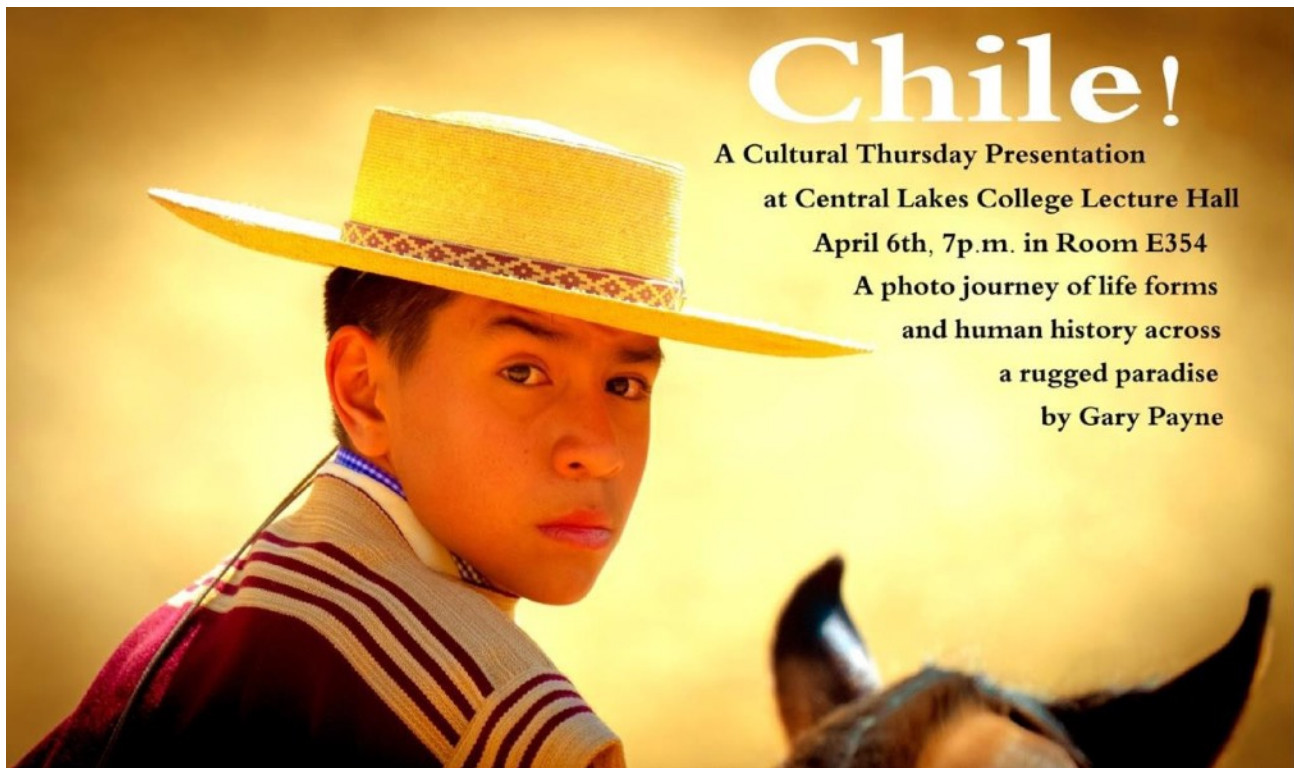
1989: Environmental Education Council Award, MN Environmental Ed. Board.

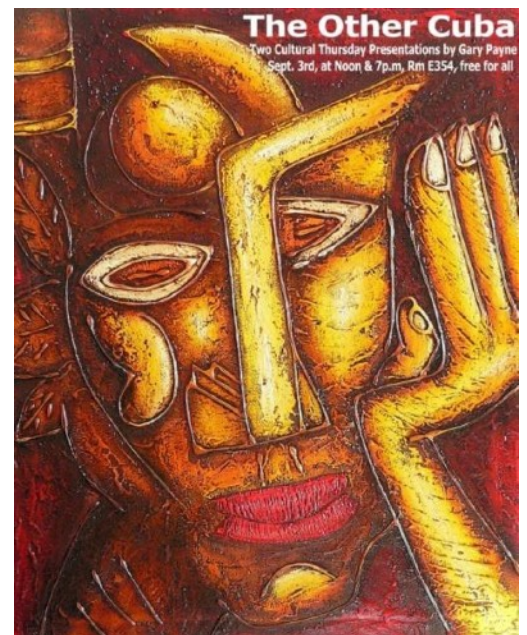
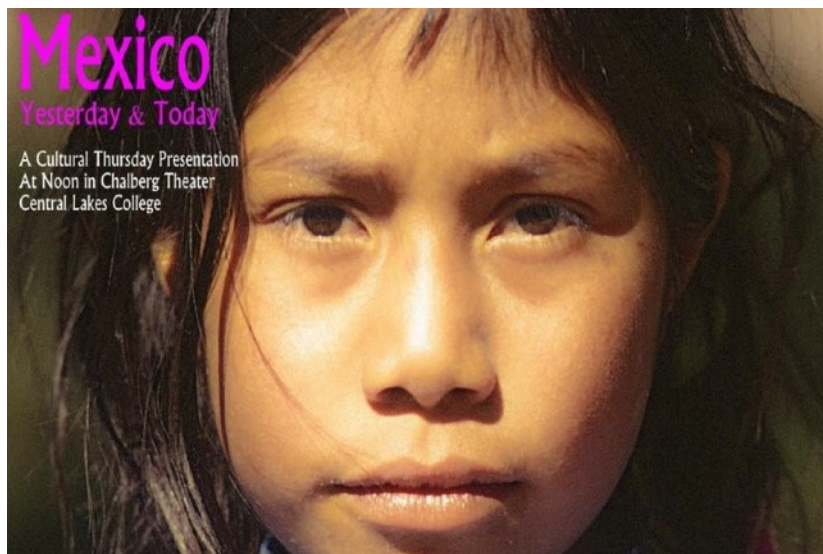
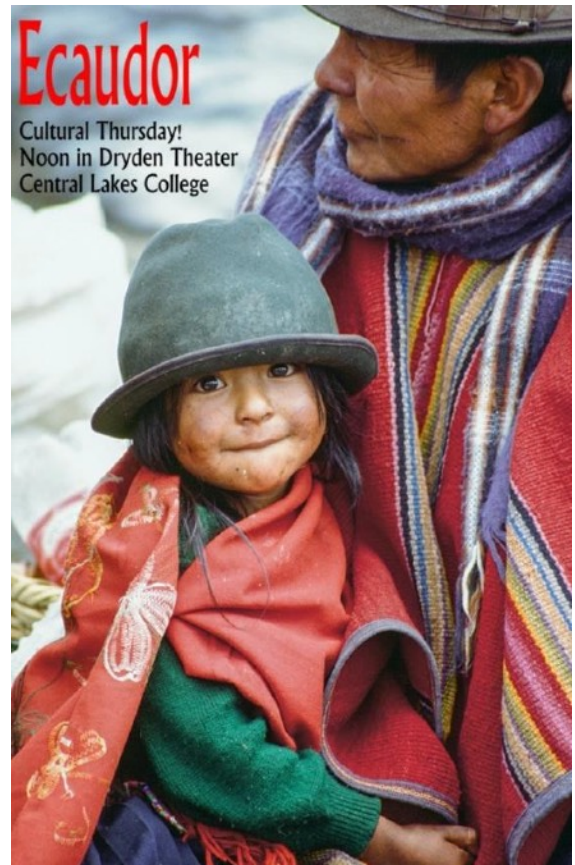
1987: Outstanding Service Award, Project Environment Foundation Minneapolis.

Cultural Presentation Posters









EARTHLINGS ON UNTRODDEN PATHWAYS

Cultural revelations from the Amazon to Oman, Somalia to Surinam



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Caracas, Venezuela, circa 2002

Above: Mary and I dropped in for the day on one of the Caracas public schools that blossomed after socialist Hugo Chavez was elected President in Venezuela. For many of these kids, this was their first chance to get an education. Some food was also provided to make sure they had the energy to study. **Below:** Camped at Standing



Rock Indian Reservation December 2016 during the protest of the Dakota Access Pipeline. Photo: ABC News reporter.



Above: both of my favorite traveling companions joined me on a medical mission to Ecuador in 2001. Son Sayer at far left with camera. See Chapter 3, p.16 for background. **Below:** Mary's photo (2002) of me with construction workers at a medical clinic Cuba had set up in Venezuela in trade for the latter nation's oil.





Photo: Mary Rosenberg, 2005

In the central **plaza** of Marrakech, Morocco with cobras and snake charmer.



Photo: Sayer Payne, 1998

Camped with son Sayer for a week with Quichua Indians and a Tarantula spider in Peru's Amazon jungle.

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There are many faces I've recorded as I/we traveled across over 30 nations. My object was not to make money from them, but to help others understand them. It's difficult for people to care about other people they've never seen. I almost always asked permission for closeup photos at the time but I don't have written evidence of that. If anyone feels that I have misused their personal image or their child's image, I will be eager to remove it at once.

I want to thank my son Sayer who began traveling with me at the age of 3 years (and decades since) for his companionship, good advice and willingness to drive into war zones in Chiapas, swat mosquitos in the Amazon and enter Bogota at midnight during the chaos that took place there.

Likewise, my wife Mary Rosenberg has shown equal courage and foolhardiness, walking with me through Somalia, feeding wild hyenas in the dark, hanging out with homeless poets in Georgetown Guyana, often sleeping in rental cars to be able to study dozens of countries on our teachers' salaries. She and Sayer both contributed great photos to this work. The planet and its people are amazing. I just hope we can learn some lessons from our fellow Earthlings.

With Love and Hope,

Gary Payne



With son (and future photographer) Sayer Payne in 1990, filming *Heritage for Sale* documentary for PBS.