

# Meet the Authors

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Mark Bjelland received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in civil engineering from the University of Minnesota and University of Washington, respectively. He obtained professional engineering licensure and worked for six years as a consulting engineer in the United States and Canada on transportation systems, environmental cleanups, and major urban redevelopments. Intrigued by the geographical questions he encountered in his work, he left engineering to earn a Ph.D. in geography from the University of Minnesota. He wrote his dissertation comparing deindustrialization, environmental justice, and Brownfields redevelopment in the U.S. and Canada. He has taught geography at Gustavus Adolphus College for eleven years where he chairs the geography department. As a visiting scholar in the Geography Department at the University of British Columbia, he studied urban planning in post-reunification Germany with a Fulbright Foundation German Studies award, and was awarded a U.S.-U.K. Fulbright Scholar Award to spend a year at Cardiff University in Wales researching the redevelopment of derelict industrial land and the creation of eco-communities. He loves to take geography students into the field and in addition to local field trips to farms, small towns, and urban and suburban neighborhoods in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, he has led field courses to the Pacific Northwest, British Columbia, England, and Wales. His research interests include urban and economic geography, environmental justice, urban environmental problems, and immigration and religious diversity. His interests have been reflected in book chapters and articles published in *The Professional Geographer*, *Research Journal of the Water Pollution Control Federation*, *Urban Geography*, and elsewhere.