

Vita

Rebecca Click Lambert

Rebecca Lambert is the daughter of Jonathan L. Click and Jane Snodgrass Reed and is the sister of Jonathan D. Click (born: April 7, 1972). She was born in Chillicothe, Ohio on August 13, 1968. Along with her family, she resided in Waverly, Ohio and received her high school diploma in 1986 from the Pike County Joint Vocational School and Waverly High School. She began her freshman year at Ohio University in Chillicothe, Ohio in the spring of 1996 and transferred to the University of South Carolina, Aiken, South Carolina (USCA) in summer of 1999, graduating *magna cum laude* in 2005 with a B.A. in Secondary Education Social Studies.

The years immediately following her graduation from high school were spent volunteering for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and working as secretary to a number of organizations. After starting college, she was placed in higher level administrative support positions in jobs held at the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) (formerly Lockheed Martin Utility Services) and the Medical College of Georgia (MCG). She worked full-time during her years as an undergraduate until having to leave her job as program administrator to the M.D./Ph.D. Program and the Molecular Medicine Graduate Program at MCG in December 2004 in order to student teach at Midland Valley High School. In spring of 2005, Rebecca taught a sophomore government class under the mentorship of Miss Myra Moseley.

While she was finishing her undergraduate degree, a number of USCA faculty along with friends and family encouraged Rebecca to attend graduate school. After visiting a close friend in Blacksburg, Virginia, the decision was made and she soon applied to Virginia Tech and was accepted into the College of Natural Resources, Department of Geography. She was awarded an assistantship and began her master's degree in fall of 2005 under the advisement of Dr. Korine Kolivras. Her master's thesis explores the potential roles that climate variability and awareness play in the emergence of Chagas disease within the United States. She employed a mixed-methods approach to her thesis by combining a climatological analysis in a GIS with a physician survey.

Rebecca hopes to utilize her GIS skills and knowledge of medical geography while working for a health organization and volunteering to help those in need. Also, along with her husband, Nevin, she hopes to one day volunteer as a teacher in a developing nation. She now resides in Evans, Georgia with her husband and step-children, Nathaniel and Mclain Lambert.