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**Education**

**Post-doctoral:** 7 professional development courses in urban and environmental planning, Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA.

**Ph.D.** Geography and Metropolitan Studies, Maxwell Graduate School, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.

**M.A.** Geography and Environmental Hazards, Clark University, Graduate School of Geography, Worcester, MA.

**B.A.** Major in Geography, Minor in Geology, Boston University, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston, MA.  
(Honors: Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Gamma Theta Upsilon)

**Professional Experience**

1. Graduate Professional Teaching and Research Assistantship in the Department of Geography, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.
2. Assistant Planner in the City and Town Planning Division of Universal Engineering Corporation and Carol Thomas Associates Community Planners, Boston, MA.
3. Professor, Geography Department, Framingham State University, Framingham, MA  
Academic Specialties in Geography  
Systematic Studies: Urban Geography, City and Town Planning, Environmental Hazards, Physical Geography, Historical Geography.  
Regional Studies: United States and Canada, New England.
4. Chair of the Geography Department, Framingham State University, Framingham, MA, 1999-2004.

**Courses taught at Framingham State University**

GEOG 110 World Regional Geography  
GEOG 203 Introduction to Physical Geography  
GEOG 230 Geography of Natural and Man-Made Hazards  
GEOG 250 Geography of the United States and Canada  
GEOG 251 Geography of New England  
GEOG 260 Introduction to Urban Studies and Planning

### Research Interests

Natural and man-made hazards, structure fires, fire incidence patterns in cities, fire hazard analysis, fire safety and fire prevention education.

City and town planning and environmental planning issues.

New England and Massachusetts geographical issues.

Landscape analysis and landscape photography.

### Professional Memberships

Association of American Geographers

New England-St. Lawrence Valley Geographical Society

National Council for Geographic Education

National Geographic Society

American Planning Association

National Fire Protection Association

### Selected Publications

Donnell, Robert P. 1997-1998. Editor, Volumes 27 and 28, **Proceedings** of the Annual Meetings of the New England-St. Lawrence Valley Geographical Society.

Donnell, Robert P. 1997. "Geographic Analysis of Urban Structural Fire Problems: The Case of the Salem, Massachusetts Conflagration of June 25, 1914," **Proceedings**, New England-St. Lawrence Valley Geographical Society, 27: 69-89.

Donnell, Robert P. 1996. Editor, "State of Massachusetts" section of the **Columbia Gazetteer of the World**, Columbia University Press, New York, NY.

Donnell, Robert P., Yaser Najjar and Habis Samawi. 1992. "Recreational Preferences among State Park Users in New England: A Case Study of the Massachusetts State Park System," **Studies in New England Geography**, Fall, 53 pages.

Donnell, Robert P., Yaser Najjar. 1989. "Housing Design Preferences and Housing Policy in North American Towns: A Case Study of Framingham, MA and its Rural Environs," **Resolving Rural Housing Policy Conflicts: Cases from Canada, United States, and Britain**, Ron Corbett, Editor, 19-46.

Donnell, Robert P., Robert French. 1986. "The Reuse of Old Forts on the Harbor Islands of Boston, MA and Portland, ME," **Proceedings**, New England-St. Lawrence Valley Geographical Society, 16: 89-97.

Donnell, Robert P. 1986. "Saving a Life: Smoke Detectors and the Law in Massachusetts," **Transition**, Quarterly Journal of Socially and Ecologically Responsible Geographers, Fall, 21-23.

Donnell, Robert P. 1977. "Locational Response to Catastrophe: The Shoe and Leather Industry of Salem, Massachusetts after the Conflagration of 1914," **Essex Institute Historical Collections**, 113: 105-116.