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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, Geography, 2014-present

University of Kentucky

M.A., Geography, 2014

Indiana University

Thesis: The politics of social determinants and the built environment in CDC chronic disease prevention.

B.S., Environmental Science / B.A., Spanish, 2010

Indiana University

Senior Thesis: The interactive effects of atrazine and flooding on soil nitrogen

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Geography, Political Geography, Political Ecology, Science and Technology Studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

GEO172: Human Geography, University of Kentucky (Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020)

- Primary instructor in charge of all aspects of the course: course design, lesson plans, lecturing, designing and grading assignments, and managing the course website.

GEO261: Global Dynamics of Health and Disease, University of Kentucky (Fall 2015, Winter 2016-2017, Winter 2019-2020)

- Led weekly recitation sections reviewing and discussing course content.
- Graded exams and essays.

GEO162: Global Environmental Issues, Indiana University (Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016)

- Led weekly discussion sections reviewing and discussing course content.
- Graded exams and class projects.

GEO255: Geography of the Global Economy, University of Kentucky (Fall 2014)

- Led weekly discussion sections reviewing and discussing course content.
- Graded exams and essays.

GEO208: Human-Environment Interactions, Indiana University (Fall 2012, Spring 2014)

- Assisted in group activities that occurred during primary lecture.
- Graded exams and written assignments.

GEO117: Physical Geography, Indiana University (Fall 2013)

- Led weekly laboratory sections where students completed lab experiments.
- Graded weekly lab assignments.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “Biopolitics interrupted: Legionnaires’ Disease and the Flint Water Crisis.” KOI Political Ecology Workshop, Bloomington, IN.
- 2019 “The “end” of the Flint Water Crisis: ontological conflicts and epistemic violence.” Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, KY.
- 2018 “Autocracy and ignorance: epistemic crises and struggles for care in Flint, MI.” Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 “A black reconstruction of Marx: irrationality and historical movement.” Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA.
- 2017 Panelist, Organizer. “Deleuze and Guattari’s Marxist political philosophy in geographical thought.” Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA.
- 2016 Panelist. “Futurity, Prefigurative Politics, Utopia.” Critical Geography Conference, Lexington, KY.
- 2016 “Bio-policing risk and the production of healthy space.” Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA.

- 2015 Panelist, “Producing Difference: State and the Everyday.” Critical Geography Conference, Lexington, KY.
- 2014 Panelist, “Doing Marxist Geography: The Relevance of Volume 1.” Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL.
- 2014 “The Biopolitics of Community Health Promotion: Behavioral Surveillance and the Construction of Healthy Spaces.” Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, KY.
- 2013 “The ‘Obesity Epidemic’ in the United States: Constructing and Implementing Medical Knowledge.” Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, KY.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

University of Kentucky Graduate Committee Representative, Department of Geography, 2019-2020
 Flint Community Survey Taskforce, “From Crisis to Recovery”, FlintCares, 2018
 Interviewer, “Meet the Candidates”, Flint Public Access Channel 17, 2017
 Event Organizer, Teach-In on the Trump Presidency, 2017
 University of Kentucky Graduate Student Union Officer, Department of Geography, 2014-2016
 Conference Organizer, Critical Geography Conference, Lexington, Kentucky 2015, 2016
 University of Kentucky External Relations Committee, Department of Geography, 2014-2015
 Board of Director, Bloomington Cooperative Living, 2013-2015
 Treasurer, Bloomington Cooperative Living, 2012-2013.
 Indiana University Colloquium Committee, 2012-2014

GRANTS AND AWARDS

University of Kentucky Dissertation Enhancement Award, 2017
 University of Kentucky Graduate School Academic Year Fellowship, 2017
 University of Kentucky Teaching Assistantship Scholarship, 2014-2018
 Indiana University Departmental Graduate Fellowship, 2014
 Indiana University Alumni Associate Instructor Teaching Award, 2014
 Indiana University Teaching Assistantship Scholarship, 2012-2015