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EDUCATION

- 2021 (expected) Doctor of Philosophy in Geography, University of Kentucky
Dissertation: *Gender and Remittances: Lived experiences of women in Oaxaca, Mexico*
Committee Chairs: Dr. Susan M. Roberts and Dr. Tad Mutersbaugh
- 2015 Master of Arts in Geography, Hunter College of the City University of New York
Thesis: *Mexican Hometown Associations in New York City: A Study of Transnational Solidarity*
Committee Chair: Dr. Marianna Pavlovskaya
- 2015 Certificate in Geographic Information Science. Hunter College of the City University of New York
- 2006 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Hunter College of the City University of New York

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED

- 2020 (under review). **Smyth, A.** “Challenging the financialization of remittances agenda through Indigenous women’s practices in Oaxaca.” *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*.
- 2019 **Smyth, A;** J. Linz, and L. Hudson. “A Feminist Coven in the University.” *Gender, Place & Culture*. 10.1080/0966369X.2019.1681367
- 2017 **Smyth, A.** “Re-Reading Remittances through Solidarity: Mexican Hometown Associations in New York City.” *Geoforum* 85 (October): 12–19. 10.1016/j.geoforum.2017.06.025.

ESSAYS

- 2021 (forthcoming in March). Linz, J and **A. Smyth.** “Interlude: Calling All Collectives, Interviews with Feminist Geography Collectives.” In *Feminist Geography Unbound: Intimacy, Territory, and Embodied Power*, edited by Banu Gökariksel, Michael Hawkins, Christopher Neubert and Sara Smith. Gender, Feminism, and Geography Book Series. Morgantown: West Virginia University Press.
- 2020 **Smyth, A.** “Mexican workers in US are sending record money home despite coronavirus-related economic shutdowns.” *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/mexican-workers-in-us-are-sending-record-money-home-despite-coronavirus-related-economic-shutdowns-138704>
- 2019 **Smyth, A.** “Centering Consent in Fieldwork.” Penn State Supporting Women in Geography. https://sites.psu.edu/swig/files/2019/04/Smyth_SWIG_essay_2019_v5-2k2nv6u.pdf
- 2010 Beauchamps, J.H. and **A. Smyth.** “Lakou: Haitian Identity in Housing.” In *New Haiti Villages*, edited by Steven Holl, 10-11. New York: Princeton Architectural Press.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020, 2016 University of Kentucky, Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies Travel Grant for Research
- 2019 P.E.O. Scholar Award
- 2018 National Science Foundation Geography and Spatial Sciences Program, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award (#1833226)
- 2018 Society of Woman Geographers, Evelyn L. Pruitt National Fellowship for Dissertation Research
- 2018 Economic Geography Specialty Group of the AAG, Graduate Research Award
- 2018 University of Kentucky, Dean's Competitive Graduate Fellowship

- 2018 University of Kentucky, Presidential Graduate Fellowship (nominee)
- 2017 Conference of Latin American Geographers, Field Study Award
- 2017 Middlebury Language School Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace (finalist)
- 2017, 2016 University of Kentucky, Department of Geography Barnhardt-Withington Research Award
- 2015 Society of Woman Geographers, New York City Chapter Fellowship
- 2014 Hunter College of the City University of New York, Master's Thesis Support Grant

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2020 University of Kentucky, Graduate Student Congress, Conference Travel Award
- 2020 El Cambalache winter workshop: Decolonial Methods in Social and Solidarity Economies, San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico
- 2019 University of Lausanne workshop: The Financialisation of Remittances (invited participant), Weggis, Switzerland
- 2019 Penn State's Supporting Women in Geography, Jennifer Fluri and Amy Trauger Student Essay and Creative Works Competition (second place)
- 2019, 2018 University of Kentucky, Graduate Student Incentive Program Award
- 2018 Visiting Scholar at the Instituto de Investigaciones Sociológicas at the Universidad Autónoma Benito Juárez de Oaxaca
- 2018 SIEG Summer Institute in Economic Geography, Ghent, Belgium
- 2018 Feminist Geographies Specialty Group of the AAG, Susan Hanson Dissertation Proposal Award
- 2018 Graduate Student Affinity Group of the AAG, Professional Development Award
- 2018, 2017 University of Kentucky, Department of Geography, Student Travel Funding Award
- 2017 *Abolition: a Journal of Insurgent Politics*, Abolish Border Imperialism Convergence Travel Funding Award
- 2017 Warwick Law School and Social Theory Centre, Critical Legal Conference Bursary
- 2017, 2016 University of Kentucky, Graduate School, Student Travel Funding Award
- 2015 Hunter College of the City University of New York, Department of Geography, Miriam and Saul B. Cohen Prize for Geographic Excellence
- 2015 Hunter College of the City University of New York, Shuster Award for Outstanding Master's Thesis (nominee)
- 2015 University of Kentucky, Teaching Assistantship (4 years)
- 2014 Hunter College of the City University of New York, Graduate Student Association, Conference Travel Award

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

- 2021 GEO 309 Introduction to GIS, University of Kentucky
- 2021, 2020 GEO 172 Human Geography, University of Kentucky
- 2017 GEO 324 Geography of Central and South America and the Caribbean, University of Kentucky
- 2017 GEO 323 Mexico: Environment, Politics & Society, University of Kentucky

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- 2016 GEO 221 Immigrant America, Dr. Patricia Ehrkamp, University of Kentucky

2016, 2015 GEO 109 Digital Mapping, Dr. Matthew Wilson and Dr. Matthew Zook, University of Kentucky
2015 Open Source GIS Practicum, Francis Donnelly, Baruch College of the City University of New York

GUEST LECTURER

2020 GEOG 141 Research Methods, Dr. Jessa Loomis, Clark University
2018 UKC 181 Social Justice and Civic Engagement, Dr. Rosie Moosnick, University of Kentucky
2018 GEO 323 Mexico: Environment, Politics & Society, Dr. Tad Mutersbaugh, University of Kentucky
2018 GEO 742 Preparing Future Faculty in Geography, Dr. Anna Secor, University of Kentucky
2017 GTECH 785 GIS Applications in Social Geography, Dr. Marianna Pavolovskaya, Hunter College of the City University of New York

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

2020 “Challenging the financialization of remittances narrative through women’s practices in Oaxaca.” Royal Geographical Society Annual International Conference, London, United Kingdom.*
2020 “Challenging ‘productive use’ in the financialization of remittances narrative through gendered communal labor in Oaxaca.” American Association of Geographers, Denver, CO.*
2020 “Refusal as Method.” Conference of Latin American Geographers, Antigua, Guatemala.
2019 “Accountability in Feminist and Decolonial Research Methods.” Kentucky Gender and Women's Studies Conference, Lexington, KY.
2017 “Undoing campus borders: student activism at the University of Kentucky.” Abolish Border Imperialism! - A Convergence for Abolition and Decolonization, Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN. Co-authored with Rory Barron.
2017 “A feminist coven in the university.” Kentucky Gender and Women's Studies Conference, Lexington, KY. Co-authored with Jess Linz.
2017 “This is super scary: Responses to the 2016 election at the University of Kentucky” Kentucky Gender and Women's Studies Conference, Lexington, KY. Co-authored with Rory Barron.
2017 “Praise for willful women: Getting through it and resisting the academy.” Critical Legal Conference, Coventry, England. Co-authored with Jess Linz.
2016 “Making Puebla York: Diaspora Spaces of Mexican Hometown Associations in New York City.” Making the City in Latin America symposium, Lexington, KY.
2016 “Tensions and Solidarity in Collective Remittance Sending: Mexican Hometown Associations in New York City.” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
2016 “Spaces of Solidarity: Mexican Hometown Associations in New York City.” Society of Women Geographers, New York, NY.
2015 “New Initiatives in Geospatial Data Resources.” City University of New York Teaching & Technology Conference, New York, NY. Co-authored with Francis Donnelly.

PANEL PRESENTATIONS

2020 “Modes of Study and World-Making in Geography: Convening a community of practice within and beyond education.” American Association of Geographers, Denver, CO. Co-organized by myself, Joe Bryan, Fiona Gladstone, and Tad Mutersbaugh with panelists Jennifer Casolo and Shaundra Cunningham.*

* Canceled due to COVID-19

- 2018 “A Feminist Coven in the University.” American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA. Co-organized by myself, Lauren Hudson and Jess Linz.
- 2017 “Strategy session: teaching against the global turn to the right.” Feminist Geography Conference, Chapel Hill, NC. Panelists: Lauren Duffy, Banu Gökariksel, Minako Kuramitsu, Eli Meyerhoff, Ann Oberhauser, Jenn Rice, Sara Smith, Farhana Sultana, and Risa Whitson.
- 2017 “Strategies for action and solidarity on our campuses amid contexts of state-sanctioned violence, repression, and hatred: a conversation.” Dimensions of Political Ecology, Lexington, KY. Co-organized by myself and Carrie Mott. Panelists: Blanka Angyal, Takami Delisle, Maxwell Hoffman, Veronica Miranda, Ingrid Nelson, and Ayanna Ogaldez.
- 2016 “Shaking up the University.” Conference on Critical Geography: Situated Solidarities, Lexington, KY. Co-organized by myself and Dugan Meyer. Panelists: Kelsey Brain, Marcia England, Jacob Ertel, and Matthew Rosenblum.
- 2015 “People Out of Place.” Conference on Critical Geography: Revisiting Minor Theory, Lexington, KY. Co-organized by myself and Leif Johnson. Panelists: Anna Cieslik, Jennifer McGibbon, Sarah Safransky, and Olivia Williams.

CONFERENCE & EVENT LEADERSHIP

- 2019 Workshop Organizer: “Xi'ik Xonta'ak para la revitalización del habla y la escritura del Ayuuk,” a Mixe-language workshop for children organized in cooperation with the Municipal Authority, the Committee of Elders, and the Committee for Ayuuk Revitalization. Oaxaca, México.
- 2017 Teach-In Organizer: “Teach-In on the Trump Presidency.” University of Kentucky.
- 2016, 2015 Conference Organizer: “Conference on Critical Geography.” University of Kentucky.
- 2015 Seminar Administrative Assistant: “Faculty Research Seminar on Neoliberalism.” Hunter College of the City University of New York.

SERVICE

PEER REVIEWER

- 2019, 2018 *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*
- 2017 *Journal of Latin American Geography*

DISCIPLINE

- 2017-2019 Feminist Geographies Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers

UNIVERSITY

- 2020 Graduate Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky
- 2020 Critical Pedagogy Working Group, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky
- 2020 Unsettling Your Syllabi Workshop, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky
- 2020 Graduate Student Mutual Aid, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky
- 2020 Applying for Grants & Awards Workshop, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky
- 2017 Committee to Reappoint the Chair, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky
- 2017, 2016, 2015 Graduate Geography Student Union, University of Kentucky
- 2017, 2016 Graduate Student Congress, University of Kentucky
- 2016 Co-author “Graduate Geography Student Union Statement” Appendix in the Department of Geography Self-Study for External Review, University of Kentucky
- 2016, 2015 Personnel Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky

2015, 2014, 2013 Graduate Geography Association, Hunter College of the City University of New York

PRESS COVERAGE

- 2017 “UK graduate students organize 'Trump Teach-In' as inauguration looms,” by Linda Blackford. *Lexington Herald Leader*. <https://www.kentucky.com/news/local/education/article126988819.html>.
- 2016 “Petition to make UK a 'sanctuary campus' gets 1,500 signatures,” by Linda Blackford. *Lexington Herald Leader*. <https://www.kentucky.com/news/local/education/article116492478.html>.
- 2015 Linz, Jess; Mott, Carrie; Snider, Mitchell; and **Smyth, Araby**. “Mural Debate on Campus Part of National Discussion.” Co-authored by myself, Jess Linz, Carrie Mott, and Mitchell Snider in *Kentucky Kernel*.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2017-present Reader, Advanced Placement geography exams, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ
- 2017-2018 Scorer, Spanish-language exams, Council for Aid to Education, New York, NY
- 2016 Consultant on *What We Have Built*, documentary film directed by Adrián Gutiérrez and Grace Remington for UnionDocs Collaborative Studio Fellowship, Brooklyn, NY
- 2014-2015 Research Assistant, Francis Donnelly, Geospatial Data Librarian, Baruch College of the City University of New York, New York, NY
- 2014-2015 Research Assistant on Mapping the Solidarity Economy in the United States (NSF #1340030), Dr. Marianna Pavlovskaya, PI, Geography, Hunter College of the City University of New York (with Dr. Craig Borowiak, Dr. Stephen Healy, Dr. Emily Kawano, Dr. Maliha Safri), New York, NY
- 2014 Communications Intern, Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs, New York, NY
- 2014 Editorial Intern, *Journal on Migration and Human Security* at the Center for Migration Studies, New York, NY
- 2006-2013 Director of Operations, Palo Santo, Brooklyn, NY
- 2009-2011 Online Editor, PEN American Center, New York, NY
- 2008-2010 Administrative Director, BAU Institute, New York, NY
- 2002-2006 Senior Secretary in the Office of Admissions, Weill Medical College of Cornell University, New York, NY

LANGUAGES

Spanish (Fluent)

- 2018, 2016 Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Ciudad México, México
- 2016 Universidad Autónoma Benito Juárez de Oaxaca, Oaxaca, México
- 2015 Centro Ollin Tlahtoalli, Oaxaca, México
- 2014 Proyecto Lingüístico Quetzalteco de Español, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala

Haitian Creole & French (Beginner)

- 2011 Port-au-Prince, Haiti
- 2005 Hunter College of the City University of New York Study Abroad in Paris, France

TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES

Advanced: ArcGIS, CartoDB, Leaflet, Mapbox, PostGIS, QGIS, SpatiaLite

Beginner: CSS, ENVI, HTML, Javascript, Python, R, SPSS

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2016-present Relational Poverty Network

2015-present Community Economies Research Network

2015-present Society of Woman Geographers

2014-present Conference of Latin American Geographers

2013-present American Association of Geographers