

# Jack Swab

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## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D.**, Geography, University of Kentucky, anticipated 2024  
Certificate, College Teaching and Learning, anticipated 2024

2022 **M.S.**, Library Science, University of Kentucky

2020 **M.A.**, Geography, University of Kentucky

2017 **B.S.**, Geography (Magna Cum Laude), The Pennsylvania State University  
**B.A.**, History (Cum Laude)  
Minors: Geographic Information Science, International Studies, & Environmental Inquiry  
Graduate of the Schreyer Honors College and the Paterno Fellows Program

St Catherine's College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, January-June 2016

## PUBLICATIONS

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2022 Swab, Jack and Giesecking, Jack. Toward Queering the Map 2.0: a Conversation with Michael Brown, Lawrence K. Knopp, and Bo Zhao. *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies*, 24(4), 416-435.

2019 Swab, John and Wilson, Matthew. Gwendolyn S. Curtis, curator of Kentucky's Largest Map Collection. *Journal of Maps and Geography Libraries*, 14:2-3, 105-108.

2019 Swab, John. "Mapping a Nation: Daniel Carter Beard's Time as a Surveyor for the Sanborn Map Company." *Abstracts of the ICA*, 1.

2019 Swab, John. Review of "The Feminist Bookstore Movement: Lesbian Antiracism and Feminist Accountability" by Kristen Hogan. *Antipode*, p. 1-6.  
[\[https://radicalantipode.files.wordpress.com/2019/05/14.-john-swab\\_ak.pdf\]](https://radicalantipode.files.wordpress.com/2019/05/14.-john-swab_ak.pdf)

- 2018 Swab, John and Babcock, Todd. Surveying Northeastern Pennsylvania: Contextualizing the Flower-Walker Collection at the Tioga Point Museum. *Journal of Maps and Geography Libraries*, 14:1, 9-20.
- 2018 Swab, John. Review of "Patents and Cartographic Inventions: A New Perspective for Map History" by Mark Monmonier. *Cartographic Perspectives*, 90, 110-112.

### In Progress Publications

[Early online] Swab, Jack. Review of "Cartography: The Ideal and Its History" by Matthew Edney. *Cartographic Perspectives*. Available at:  
<https://cartographicperspectives.org/index.php/journal/article/view/1735/2027>

[In Review] Swab, Jack. "Beyond "Clerical Cartography": Gender and the (Re)Production of Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps in the 1920s." Invited submission to *The Cartographic Journal*

[Submitted] Seitz, David; Cockayne, Daniel; Good, Ryan Z.; Hannum, Kathryn L.; Kroepsch, Adrienne C.; Rhodes, Mark; Swab, Jack; Worth, Nancy. "Critical geographers teaching and working in STEM higher education: reckoning with the institution and learning from each other." Submitted to the *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*

### Consulting Research

- 2018 Swab, John. Big Ten Academic Alliance/Penn State Maps Library Bibliometric Analysis Pilot Project. [Commissioned pilot project on distribution of map holdings at Penn State]
- 2014 Swab, John. *A Unified Water and Sewer Authority of Harford County: An Investigation into the Problem and Effectiveness of the Proposed Authority*. [Commissioned white paper for the Friends of Harford]

## AWARDS & HONORS

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- 2022 Carville Earle PhD Research Award, Historical Geography Specialty Group AAG
- 2022 Outstanding Geography Teaching Assistant Award
- 2022 People's Choice Award, GradTeach Live! Pedagogy Competition
- 2022 Rare Books and Manuscript Section, American Library Association Conference Scholarship
- 2020 Western Association of Map Libraries Diversity & Early Career Scholarship
- 2020 Kentucky Association of Mapping Professionals Scholarship

- 2020 Second Prize, National Collegiate Book Collecting Contest, Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America
- 2019 Ralph Brown Graduate Paper Award, Historical Geography Specialty Group AAG
- 2017 EMSAGE (Earth and Mineral Sciences Academy for Global Education) Award
- 2016 Jeff Gockley Memorial Award, Penn State Department of Geography
- 2015 Penn State University Libraries Information Literacy Award
- 2013 College of Earth and Mineral Sciences Phi Kappa Phi Freshman Poster Award

## **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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2022	J.B. Harley Research Fellowship in the History of Cartography	<b>\$3,300.00</b>
2021	U.S. National Commission to the Intl. Cart. Assn. Grant	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
2021	University of Wyoming American Heritage Center Travel Grant	<b>\$750.00</b>
2021	University of Kentucky Barnhart-Withington Fellowship	<b>\$993.00</b>
2021	University of Kentucky Dpt. of Geography Block Spring Fellowship	—
2020	Applied Geography Specialty Group Travel (Research) Grant	<b>\$150.00</b>
2019	Caxton Club of Chicago Book Studies Grant	<b>\$2,498.00</b>
2019	North American Cartographic Information Society Travel Grant	<b>\$500.00</b>
2019	Cartography Specialty Group Master's Student Award	<b>\$500.00</b>
2019	University of Kentucky Barnhart-Withington Fellowship	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
2019	Terry G. Jordan-Bychkov Award, Historical Geography SG	<b>\$200.00</b>
2019	Urban Geography SG Graduate Student Fellowship	<b>\$300.00</b>
2019	Intl. Cartographic Conference, Conference Organizers Grant	<b>\$900.00</b>
2019	U.S. National Commission to the Intl. Cart. Assn. Grant	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
2019	J.B. Harley Travel Grant, Intl. Conf. on the History of Cartography	<b>\$750.00*</b>
2018	University of Oklahoma Graduate Student Senate Travel Award	<b>\$600.00</b>
2018	University of Oklahoma Libraries Data Acquisition Grant	<b>\$4,560.00</b>
2015	Penn State Rodney Erickson Summer Discovery Grant	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
		<b>*Declined award</b>

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS**

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- 2022 Early HIV/AIDS Mapping and the Limits of Map Effectiveness in Public Health Communication. NACIS Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.
- 2022 *Form Follows Function: Height, Symbolism, and Function on University Campuses.* American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New York, NY

- 2021 *Intellectual Property and Maps: Legal Protections for Cartographic Works from the Nineteenth to the Twenty-First Century*. International Cartographic Conference. Florence, Italy
- 2021 *Queer Maps and Mapping Queerly*. NACIS Annual Conference. Oklahoma City, OK
- 2021 *Beyond "Clerical Cartography": Gender and the Production of Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps in the 1920s*. The Oxford Seminars in Cartography Conference on Women & Maps, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom
- 2020 *Creating Applied Geographic Knowledge: Geography's Contradictions*. Postgraduate Work on the Historical and Political Geography Nexus Conference, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, United Kingdom
- 2020 *Can Applied Geography be Critical?: A Case Study of the Target Corporation*. Applied Geography Conference. Zoom
- 2020 *Wither the Print Map?* (Lightning talk). Western Association of Map Libraries. Zoom
- 2020 *The Changing Construction of a Sanborn Map: Comparing Fire Insurance Map Construction over 60 Years*. Western Association of Map Libraries Annual Conference. Zoom
- 2020 *Making the Modern Food Distribution System: William Applebaum and Mid-Century Social Science Research*. Anthropology and Geography: Dialogues Past, Present and Future. London, UK [Cancelled due to COVID-19]
- 2020 *Inventing the Art & Science of Site Selection: William Applebaum and Mid-Century Geography*. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Denver, CO [Cancelled due to COVID-19]
- 2020 *Bringing Maps into Your Library! How Participatory Mapping Can Advance Social Justice, Provide New Digital Skills, and Add Programming to Your Library*. Kentucky Library Association/Special Library Association Joint Spring Conference. Lake Cumberland State Resort Park, KY (with Emily Barrett) [Cancelled due to COVID-19]

- 2019 *Hidden Costs: Towards a More Sustainable Digital Cartography*. NACIS Annual Conference. Tacoma, WA
- 2019 *Finding the Guide to My People: Queer Travel Guides and Maps from the 1960s to the 1990s*. Kentucky Gender and Women's Studies Conference. Lexington, KY
- 2019 *Mapping a Nation: Daniel Carter Beard's Travels as a Sanborn Surveyor*. International Cartographic Conference. Tokyo, Japan
- 2019 *The Model 501 Spatial Data Plotter: Making the Digital, Physical in the Mid-Twentieth Century*. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C.
- 2018 *A Road Not Taken: Computerized Raised Relief Mapping in the 1960s*. Southeast Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Johnson City, TN
- 2018 *The Model 501 Spatial Data Plotter: Making the Digital, Physical in the Mid-Twentieth Century*. NACIS Annual Conference. Norfolk, VA
- 2018 *Mapping Risk in Oklahoma and Indian Territories: The Rivalry Between the Clarkson Rating Bureau and the Sanborn Map Company*. International Society for the History of the Map Conference. Portland, ME
- 2018 *Palimpsest of the Map: Towards a History of the Sanborn Map Company*. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA
- 2018 *Palimpsest of the Map: Towards a History of the Sanborn Map Company and the Short Story of Sanborn in the Post-War Era*. Experimental Geography Studio Tea Hour. Norman, OK
- 2017 *Gordon Matta-Clark's Fake Estates & Underground Worlds on Film*. Experimental Geography Studio Tea Hour. Norman, OK
- 2017 *Exploring Gordon Matta-Clark's Fake Estates Through a Geographic Lens: A GeoHumanities Approach*. Southwest Division of the American Association of Geographer Meeting. Huntsville, TX

- 2017 *Indian Territory (pre-1890) Sanborn Maps of Oklahoma*. Invited Lecture for English 3113: Indigenous Cartography at the University of Oklahoma. Norman, OK
- 2017 *Meta-Mapping: Documenting the Expansion of the Sanborn Map Co. Empire*. University of Oklahoma Research Bazaar. Norman, OK
- 2017 *Mapping People Using Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps*. Pennsylvania GIS Conference. State College, PA (presented equally with Connor Henderson, Heather Ross, and Albert Rozo)
- 2017 *Building Community in the Countryside: The Development of Suburban Governance, 1893-1910*. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Boston, MA
- 2015 *Reduce to Ashes: Examining the Reemergence of the Business District in Early 20th Century Baltimore and San Francisco*. Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis. Stanford University, Stanford, CA
- 2015 *Streetcars and Suburbs of Baltimore: A Digital Humanities Approach*. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL

### **Sessions Organized**

- 2021 Queering the Map 2.0: A Roundtable About Interactivity, Temporality, & Ambiguity in Queer Digital Maps. Zoom. 5 May. Sponsored by the ONE Archives. Co-organized with Jack Giesekeing.
- 2020 Critically Assessing Business Geographies: Tools, Techniques, and Histories. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. 7 April. Sponsored by the Applied Geography, Business Geography, History of Geography, and Economic Geography Specialty Groups. [Cancelled due to COVID-19]
- 2020 Digital Political Ecologies. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. Lexington, KY. 28 February. Co-arranged with Julie Saperstein.

### **Panelist/Discussant**

- 2022 How to Make the Most of AAG Membership as a Student or Young Professional. Webinar. 7 June. Sponsored/organized by the AAG Professional Development Webinar Series. Fellow Panelists: Ali Alruzuq, Amina Naliaka, Katlin Stewart.

- 2022 JEDI & Specialty Groups. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Online Conference. 28 February. Sponsored by the Diversity & Inclusion Committee, AAG. Organized by Debs Ghosh and Wei Li. Fellow Panelists: Ronald Schumann, Lisa Marshall, and Paul McDaniel.
- 2021 JEDI is Listening: Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Geography Departments, A Listening Session. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Online Conference. 8 April. Sponsored by the Diversity & Inclusion Committee, AAG. Organized by Shannon O'Lear. Fellow Panelists: Ronald Schumann, Wei Li, and Mark Revell.
- 2020 Creative, critical, digital? Doing Digital GeoHumanities. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. 6 April. Sponsored by the Digital Geographies Specialty Group. Organized by Luke Bergmann and Jim Thatcher. Fellow Panelists: Harriet Hawkins, Clancy Wilmott, Isaac Rivera, Bo Zhao. [Cancelled due to COVID-19]
- 2020 Ten Years of DOPE: In the Classroom and Beyond. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. Lexington, KY. 29 February. Organized by Lisa Cliggett. Fellow Panelists: Sia Beasley, Theo Chen, Karen Fawcett, Trudy Kilgore, Alisha Mays, London Orzolek.

### **Sessions Chaired or Moderated**

- 2021 Retrospectives. NACIS Annual Conference. Zoom/Slack. 14 October. [Papers by: Brooke Marston, Aileen Buckley, David Nuttall, T. Wangyal Shawa]
- 2021 Queering the Map 2.0: A Roundtable About Interactivity, Temporality, & Ambiguity in Queer Digital Maps. ONE Archives. 5 May. [Panelists: Jack Giesekeing, Joseph Hawkins, Eric Gonzaba, Jeff Ferzoco, Lucas LaRochelle, and Megan Springate]
- 2020 Critically Assessing Business Geographies: Tools, Techniques, and Histories. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. 7 April. [Papers by John Swab, Monica Shukla-Belmontes, James Pick/Avijit Sarkar/Thomas Horan, Petr Grin, Richard Florida and Karen King] [Cancelled due to COVID-19]

2015 Historical GIS II: Using Geospatial Technologies to Map Journeys, Settlements and Communities. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. 24 April. [Papers by: John Swab, Courtney Kietzer]

### **Invited Workshops**

2021 *Urban In-sights: A Workshop in American Visual Culture and Literacy*. The Library Company of Philadelphia. Philadelphia, PA.

### **Organized Workshops**

2022 Managing Information Workflows for Writing, Research, & Data. Graduate-Led Working Group, AAG Virtual Summer Series (with Ian Spangler).

## **TEACHING**

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### **As Sole Instructor**

#### **University of Kentucky**

- Human Geography: Fall 2021, Winter 2021\*†, Spring 2022, Summer 2022\*, Fall 2022

### **As Teaching Assistant**

#### **University of Kentucky**

- Digital Mapping: Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020\*

#### **Penn State**

- Geography of International Affairs & Sport: Summer 2015
- First-Year Seminar in Geography: Fall 2014

\* Online Course

† Compressed Course

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### **Membership**

American Association of Geographers, 2015-  
North American Cartographic Information Society, 2018-  
Caxton Club of Chicago, 2020-

### **Leadership Roles**

2022-Present Vice-Chair, Cartography Specialty Group, AAG  
2020-2022 Student Councilor, American Association of Geographers



## **Committee Service**

- 2020-Present Student Representative, AAG Diversity & Inclusion Committee
- 2020-2021 AAG Ad-Hoc Committee on Specialty Groups
- 2019-2020 North American Cartographic Information Society Diversity Committee
- 2020-2021 Western Association of Map Librarians
- Scholarship Committee
  - Conference Organizing Committee

## **SERVICE**

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### **College-Level**

#### **University of Kentucky, College of Arts & Sciences**

- 2020-2021 DOPE Virtual Conference Organizer
- Organized and implemented online conference model via Zoom
- 2019-2020 Treasurer, Dimensions of Political Ecology (DOPE) Conference & Political Ecology Working Group
- Oversaw a conference budget of over \$25,000
  - Responsible for coordinating the acquisition of over \$16,000 in internal grants
  - Responsible for implementing new external fundraising efforts
  - Implemented Underrepresented Scholar Program and new tiered registration
  - Audited conference budget model and undertook financial modeling for sustainability
- 2019 DOPE Volunteer, Technology Support & Speaker Logistics

#### **Penn State, University Libraries**

- 2016-2017 Member, Student Advisory Group

### **Departmental-Level**

#### **University of Kentucky**

- 2022- Graduate Representative to the Library Committee
- 2021-2022 Graduate Representative to the External Relations Committee & TA Liaison
- 2020-2021 Graduate Representative to the Library Committee
- 2019-2020 Graduate Representative to the Graduate Committee
- 2018-2019 Graduate Representative to the Semple Day & Library Committees
- 2018 Co-organizer departmental participation and funding for SEDAAG Conference

## **Penn State**

2015-2017 Undergraduate Representative, Geography Curriculum Committee

## **External**

2012-2013 Student Member, Harford County Public Library Board of Trustees

## **NON-ACADEMIC & LIBRARY WORK**

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### **Completed External Appointments**

- 2021 Archival Assistant, University of Kentucky University Archive, Lexington, KY
- 2021 Intern, Faulkner Morgan Archive, Lexington, KY
- 2018 Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation, National Park Service, Boston, MA
- 2017-18 Lab Manager, Experimental Geography Studio, University of Oklahoma
- 2015-17 Maps/GIS Library Assistant, Penn State University Libraries
- 2015 Visiting Researcher, Stanford University Spatial History Project
- 2014 Visiting Student, Johns Hopkins University Department of Geography & Environmental Engineering
- 2014 Research Assistant, Penn State Department of Geography

### **Artistic Endeavors & Exhibitions**

- [Spring 2023] Exhibit on Queer Travel Guides (Title TBD). University of Kentucky Special Collections Research Center. Lexington, KY
- 2018 *(empty) lots*. May-June. Exhibition in the group show *Experimental Geography Studio*. Oklahoma City Contemporary Arts Center Showroom. Oklahoma City, OK
- 2018 *Crossroads Mall*. Photo submitted to the Cultural Geography Specialty Group Photo Contest. American Association of Geographers Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA
- 2017 *A Short History of Aerial Photography*. July-December. Donald W. Hamer Center for Maps & Geospatial Information, Penn State Libraries. University Park, PA

### **Library Research Resources Created**

#### **University of Kentucky, Special Collections Research Center**

2021 Finding Aid for the Papers of P.P. Karan, 1909-2014 (with Ruth Bryan)

#### **Penn State Donald W. Hamer Center for Maps & Geospatial Information**

- 2017 Atlas of Pennsylvania Historic Aerial Photography by Year for USDA (1937-71), NOAA (1944-2016), USGS (1941-2005)
- 2017 Index of USDA Aerial Photos Reels for Pennsylvania, 1955-Present

- 2017 Inventory of Historic Aerial Photos held by Pennsylvania Counties *\*led to the preservation of 600 historic aerial photos marked for destruction of Cambria County\**
- 2016 Mapping State College, PA with Sanborn Maps (with Connor Henderson)