

## GEORGE ANANCHEV

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am a critical human geographer and artist exploring the sociocultural dominance of the car and the ways in which the experience of car-based mobility contributes to cultural understandings of so-called nature and the natural. Today, I am particularly interested in the ways that meaning and feeling are infused in the discourses around the electric vehicle, its status as a climate mitigation strategy, and the extractive frontiers of the low-carbon mobility transition. What is the role of the emotional and affective in shaping how society thinks about the EV and its (in)capacity to reduce the harms of the climate crisis? How and to what ends are different ideas of nature evoked in the struggles to define green mobility futures? What role does the visual play? I aim to examine these questions by embracing theoretical and methodological perspectives espoused by the environmental humanities, emotional political ecology, creative geographies, and film & video.

### EDUCATION

- Current      **Ph.D. Geography**, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio  
                  Advisor: Dr. Becky Mansfield
- 2016         **M.A. Geography**, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
                  Thesis title: "Embodying the Regime of Automobility: A Phenomenology of the Driving Subject and the Affects of Governable Space" (<http://bit.ly/2fgVprY>)  
                  Thesis advisor: Dr. Kristin Sziarto  
                  GPA: 4.0
- 2012         **B.A. Geography** (summa cum laude), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
                  Minor in Anthropology  
                  Honors in the major  
                  Dean's Honor List (five semesters)  
                  GPA: 3.85

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2014-'16     *Teaching Assistant*, Geography 110 - The World: Peoples and Regions, UW-Milwaukee

### PUBLICATIONS

- Ananchev, G. (2013). "Perceptions of Landscapes of Movement: Phenomenology and the Archaeology of Roman Roads." *Environmental & Architectural Phenomenology*, 24(3):14-19.

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

2022	University Fellowship, OSU
2022	Fenburr Travel Scholarship, OSU
2021	ENGIE-Axium Graduate Fellowship, OSU
2015	Mary Jo Read Fellowship, UWM
2013	Phi Beta Kappa Society
2013	Mary Jo Read Award, UWM
2012	Mary Jo Read Fellowship, UWM

## **PRESENTATIONS**

2022	East Lakes Division AAG Conference, Muskegon Community College, Muskegon, MI
2022	Reports from the Field, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shared insights from fieldwork titled <i>Finding fuelscapes in the wild</i></li></ul>
2022	Works in Progress: A Gesture A Nod Film and Video Screening, Columbus, OH <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shared preliminary video work titled <i>Long Canyon #2</i></li></ul>
2021	Geoweeek 2021 Graduate Research Forum, The Ohio State University <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shared a retrospective presentation titled <i>Feeling Automobility in the Anthropocene</i></li></ul>
2017	University of Michigan 6th Annual Graduate Conference in U.S. History, Ann Arbor, MI <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presented thesis research, contributing an interdisciplinary voice as the only non-historian at the conference, participated in the <i>Science &amp; Technology</i> panel discussion</li></ul>
2016	Urban Studies Programs 21st Annual Student Research Forum, UW-Milwaukee <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participated in panel discussion investigating poverty, resilience, and community development in Milwaukee and presented research on neoliberalism and policing</li></ul>
2016	Department of Geography Colloquium Series, UW-Milwaukee <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presented thesis research to members of Milwaukee's academic community</li></ul>

## **SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP**

2021-present	Association of American Geographers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graduate member</li></ul>
2021-present	Geography Graduate Organization, The Ohio State University <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Faculty Meeting Representative ('22-'23)</li><li>• PhD Representative to the Graduate Studies Committee ('21-'22)</li></ul>
2015-'16	Lectures Committee, Department of Geography, UW-Milwaukee

- Contributed to organizing and decision-making process with faculty and graduate student members regarding selection and scheduling of colloquium speakers and events

- 2014-'16 Milwaukee Graduate Assistants Association, UW-Milwaukee
- Served in a campus-wide organizing effort around goals of recruitment, wage increase, and labor rights advocacy for graduate assistants

## TRAINING & BACKGROUND

2022 Graduate Teaching Orientation, Drake Institute for Teaching & Learning, OSU

- 2022 AAG Summer Series Workshops, online
- Critical Visual Methods for Fieldwork at a Distance
  - Film Geographies

- 2022 Home of the Brave Artist Residency, Cisco, Utah
- Carried out exploratory fieldwork as a scholar-artist in residence

## APPLIED WORK

- 2020-'21 *Medical Case Manager*, Lutheran Community Services NW, Portland, OR
- Collaborated with counseling program to provide culturally specific support to Slavic community and other immigrants and refugees impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic

- 2017 *Research Assistant*, Bay Ridge Consulting, Milwaukee, WI
- Supported principal consultant on research, database maintenance, public outreach efforts, writing copy, survey creation, and editing documents for a bus rapid transit pilot study and General Mitchell International Airport Sustainability Management Plan

- 2017 *Transportation Equity Intern*, Sierra Club, Milwaukee, WI
- Co-authored transportation equity report *Arrive Together: Transportation Access and Equity in Wisconsin* as a fact-checker and proofreader, resulting in a more consistent and robustly cited document for use in future transit advocacy

- 2014-'15 *Researcher*, Buildings-Landscapes-Cultures Field School, SARUP, UW-Milwaukee
- Collaborated with student researchers and community residents on an interdisciplinary research project and short-form audio documentaries focused on oral history and vernacular architecture in Milwaukee's Washington Park neighborhood