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### Education

2005	Ph.D. Geography, Department of Geography, University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
1999	M.A. Political Economy, Institute of Political Economy, Carleton University, Canada
1997	B.A. Honors, Department of Political Science, Carleton University, Canada
1996	B.A. Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Ottawa, Canada

### Appointments

2023-2027	Department Chair, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH
2022-2023	Interim Department Chair, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH
2022-2024	Research and Programming Leader, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH
2019-present	Professor, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2019-2021	Associate Director, Criminal Justice Research Center, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH
2012-2019	Associate Professor, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2013	Visiting Distinguished Professor, Institute of Political Economy, Faculty of Public Affairs, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada
2005-2008	Fellow, Center for Interdisciplinary Law and Policy Studies, Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2005-2012	Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

### Training

- 2024 American Association of Geographers, Department Leaders Workshop (June 17-18)
- 2023-2024 Big Ten Academic Alliance, Department Executive Officers Program (November 2-4)

### Professional Memberships

- 2015-present American Studies Association
- 2010-present Law and Society Association
- 2007-present International Studies Association
- 2005-present Canadian Association of Geographers
- 2005-present International Critical Geography Group
- 1999-present American Association of Geographers

### Research Areas

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| Political geography/critical geopolitics | Cocaine trafficking                    |
| Police, policing                         | Oceans, law of the sea                 |
| Immigration enforcement                  | U.S. Coast Guard and drug interdiction |
| Immigration law                          | Sites and practice                     |
| Police methodologies                     | Borders, boundaries                    |
| Detention and deportation                | Topology, topography                   |
| Racial profiling/traffic enforcement     | Law and geography                      |
| Mobility studies                         | Extraterritoriality and law            |

### Grants

External (pending)

N/A

Internal (pending)

N/A

External (successful)

- 2012-2014 National Science Foundation, Geography and Spatial Sciences, “The Devolution of Immigration Enforcement in the U.S. South and Its Impact on Newly Established Latino Communities” (\$51,261). PI: **Mat Coleman** (Geography, Ohio State). Co-PI: Angela Stuesse (Anthropology, University of South Florida)  
[https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD\\_ID=1125659](https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=1125659)

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2012-2014 National Science Foundation, Geography and Spatial Sciences, “The Devolution of Immigration Enforcement in the U.S. South and Its Impact on Newly Established Latino Communities” (\$62,988). PI: Angela Stuesse (Anthropology, University of South Florida). Co-PI: **Mat Coleman** (Geography, Ohio State)  
[https://nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD\\_ID=1125669](https://nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=1125669)

Internal (successful)

2025-2026 Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Faculty Research Grant. “To the Ends of the Earth: The Global Ocean and U.S. Extraterritoriality” (\$81,623). PIs: Kendra McSweeney (Geography, Ohio State) and **Mat Coleman** (Geography, Ohio State) and Kendra McSweeney (Geography, Ohio State).

2022-2024 Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Programming and Leadership competition, “The Legal Geopolitics of the Ocean” (\$12,000 research + \$21,600 program funding). PIs: **Mat Coleman** (Geography, Ohio State) and Kendra McSweeney (Geography, Ohio State).

2021 Mershon Center for International Security Studies, “High Seas: How U.S. Law Enforcement and Legal Systems Domesticize Extraterritorial Drug Trafficking” (\$9,600). PIs: **Mat Coleman** (Geography, Ohio State), Kendra McSweeney (Geography, Ohio State).

2016-2018 Humanities Institute, The Ohio State University, “Cultures of the Anthropocene” (\$6,000). PIs: Mat Coleman (Geography, Ohio State), Thomas Davis (English, Ohio State), Mary Thomas (Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Ohio State), Max Woodworth (Geography, Ohio State)

2014-2016 Antipode Foundation, “Grounding the Anthropocene: Sites, Subjects, and Struggles in the Bakken Oil Fields” (\$16,000). PIs: Bruce Braun (Geography, University of Minnesota), **Mat Coleman** (Geography, Ohio State), Mary Thomas (Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Ohio State), Kathryn Yusoff (Queen Mary University of London)

2014 Andrew Mellon Foundation, Global Midwest Initiative, “Grounding the Anthropocene: A Geontology of the Bakken Oilfields” (\$5,000). PIs: Bruce Braun (Geography, University of Minnesota), **Mat Coleman** (Geography, Ohio State), Thomas Davis (English, Ohio State), Mary Thomas (Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Ohio State), Max Woodworth (Geography, Ohio State)

2014 Center for Interdisciplinary Law and Policy Studies, Moritz College of Law, “Missing in Action: Recovering the Problem of Practice at the Heart of the National Security State” (\$5,880). PIs: Amna Akbar (Moritz College of Law, Ohio State), **Mat Coleman** (Geography, Ohio State), Inés Valdez (Political Science, Ohio State)

2012 Humanities Institute, The Ohio State University, “Precarity and the Social Contract” (\$8,000). PIs: Philip Armstrong (Comparative Studies, Ohio State), **Mat**

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**Coleman** (Geography, Ohio State), Shannon Winnubst (Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Ohio State)

2009 Mershon Center for International Security Studies, "Local Immigration Enforcement in North Carolina" (\$14,424). PI: **Mat Coleman** (Geography, Ohio State)

2009 Larry A. Brown Faculty Fellowship, "Local Immigration Enforcement in North Carolina" (\$5,000). PI: **Mat Coleman** (Geography, Ohio State)

#### External (unsuccessful)

2022 National Science Foundation, Law and Science, "The Legal Infrastructure of U.S. Maritime Drug Interdiction in the Western Hemisphere Transit Zone" (\$467,428). PI: Kendra McSweeney. Co PIs: Mat Coleman (Geography, Ohio State) and Ningchuan Xiao (Geography, Ohio State). Submitted January 15 2022; returned as unsuccessful May 26, 2022 with 'very good' rating.

### **Publications**

#### Books

**Coleman, M.** and Agnew, J.A. (eds.) 2018. *Handbook on the Geographies of Power*. London: Edward Elgar.

#### Peer-reviewed articles

McSweeney, K., **Coleman, M.**, The Ohio State University Interdiction Lab, and Berman, D. A. (2025). "The Challenge of Just Federal Sentencing for 'Boat Defendants'". *Federal Sentencing Reporter*. Vol. 37 (2): 103-123.

\*This article is the lead in a special issue dedicated to our research. It features six additional commentaries on our research by leading criminologists, legal scholars, and sentencing experts.

**The Ohio State University Interdiction Lab**, and Lessner, M. (2025). "Sentencing Research without USSC Data: Strategies and Lessons Learned". *Federal Sentencing Reporter*. Vol. 37 (2): 123-128. (McSweeney and I are 'The Ohio State Interdiction Lab'.)

Valdez, I., **Coleman, M.** and Akbar, A. 2020. Law, State, Violence: Grounding and Embodying the State of Exception. *Theory and Event*. Vol. 23 (4): 902-934.

**Coleman, M.** and Kocher, A. 2019. Rethinking the 'Gold Standard' of Racial Profiling: §287(G), Secure Communities and Racially Discrepant Police Power. *American Behavioral Scientist*. Vol. 63 (9): 1185-1220.

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- Abrego, L., **Coleman, M.**, Menjívar, C., Martínez, D. E., and Slack, J. 2017. Making Immigrants into Criminals: Legal Processes of Criminalization in the Post-IRRIRA Era. *Journal on Migration and Human Security*. Vol. 5 (3): 694-715.
- Coleman, M.** and Yusoff, K. 2017. Biopolitics, Geontology, and the Anthropocene: An Interview with Elizabeth Povinelli. *Theory, Culture & Society*. Vol. 34 (2/3): 169-185.
- Valdez, I., **Coleman, M.** and Akbar, A. 2017. Missing in Action: Practice, Para-Legality and the Nature of Immigration Enforcement. *Citizenship Studies*. Vol. 21 (5): 547-569.
- Coleman, M.** 2016. State Power in Blue (American Association of Geographers Plenary Lecture). *Political Geography*. Vol. 51 (1): 76-86.
- Coleman, M.** 2016. Methodology and Identity in Research on Police Practices: Reply to Shah, Williams, and Woodward (American Association of Geographers Plenary Lecture). *Political Geography*. Vol. 51 (1): 95-96.
- Coleman, M.** and Stuesse, A. 2016. The Disappearing State and the Quasi-Event of Immigration Control. *Antipode*. Vol. 48 (3): 524-543.
- Coleman, M.** 2015. U.S. Immigration Enforcement: Then and Now, There and Here (Special issue in honor of Anssi Paasi). *Nordia* Vol. 44 (4), 57-64.
- Stuesse, A. and **Coleman, M.** 2014. Automobility, Immobility, Altermobility: Surviving and Resisting the Intensification of Immigrant Policing. *City and Society*. Vol. 26 (1): 51-72.
- Coleman, M.**, Agnew, J., Murphy, A., Debrix, F., and Deudney, D. 2012. Reading Daniel Deudney's *Bounding Power: Republican Security Theory from the Polis to the Present*. *Political Geography*. Vol. 31 (3): 389-398.
- Coleman, M.** 2012. Immigrant Il-legality: Geopolitical and Legal Borders in the U.S., 1882-present (Special Issue: Migration, Mobility, and Geopolitics). *Geopolitics*. Vol. 17 (2):402-422.
- Coleman, M.** 2012. The Local Migration State: the Site-Specific Devolution of Immigration Enforcement in the U.S. South. *Law & Policy*. Vol. 34 (2): 159-190.
- Coleman, M.** and Kocher, A. 2011. Detention, Deportation, Devolution and Immigrant Incapacitation in the U.S., post-9/11. *The Geographical Journal of the Royal Geographical Society*. Vol. 177 (3): 228-237.
- Coleman, M.** 2011. Topologies of Practice. *Dialogues in Human Geography*. Vol. 1 (3): 308-311.
- Coleman, M.** 2011. Complex Sites. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. Vol. 29 (3): 399-408.
- Coleman, M.** 2009. What Counts as Geopolitics, and Where? Devolution and Immigrant Insecurity After 9/11. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*. Vol. 5 (99): 904-913.

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- Coleman, M.** and Grove, K. 2009. Biopower, Biopolitics and the Return of Sovereignty. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. Vol. 27 (4): 489-507.
- Thomas, M. and **Coleman, M.** 2009. The Power and Performativity of Bush's Mug. *Antipode*. Vol. 41 (1): 6-12.
- Coleman, M.** 2008. Power and Space in the Colonial Present. *Political Geography*. Vol. 27 (3): 354-359.
- Coleman, M.** 2008. Between Public and Foreign Policy: U.S. Immigration Law Reform and the Undocumented Migrant. *Urban Geography*. Vol. 29 (1): 4-28.
- Coleman, M.** 2008. U.S. Immigration Law and its Geographies of Social Control: Lessons from Homosexual Exclusion during the Cold War. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. Vol. 26 (6): 1096-1114.
- Coleman, M.** 2008. Immigratio=Criminale: L'Equazione Che Non Funziona. *Limes – Rivista Italiana di Geopolitica* 6: 169-178.
- Coleman, M.** 2007. A Geopolitics of Engagement: Neoliberalism, the War on Terrorism, and the Reconfiguration of U.S. Immigration Enforcement. *Geopolitics*. Vol. 12 (4): 607-634.
- Coleman, M.** 2007. Immigration Geopolitics Beyond the Mexico-U.S. Border. *Antipode*. Vol. 38 (1): 54-76.
- Coleman, M.** 2005. U.S. Statecraft and the U.S.-Mexico Border as Security/ Economy Nexus. *Political Geography*. Vol. 24 (2): 185-209.
- Coleman, M.** 2004. Geopolitics as a Social Movement: The Causal Primacy of Ideas? *Geopolitics*. Vol. 9 (2): 484-491.
- Coleman, M.** 2003. The Naming of Terrorism and Evil Outlaws: Geopolitical Place-Making After 11 September. *Geopolitics*. Vol. 8 (2): 87-104.
- Coleman, M.** 2002. Thinking about the World Bank's "Accordion" Geography of Financial Globalization. *Political Geography*. Vol. 21 (4): 495-524.

#### Special issue editor

2012. Migration, Mobility, and Geopolitics, *Geopolitics* Vol. 17 (2).

#### Book chapters

- Coleman, M.** and Kocher, A. (invited, forthcoming). Cop-speak, Immigrant Mobilities and Racial Profiling in the U.S.: How Racially Disproportionate Policing Drives Immigration Enforcement in the U.S. In *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Immigration Law*. Edited by K. Cope, S Burch Elias & J. Goldenziel. Oxford: Oxford University Press.  
<http://comparativeimmigrationlaw.org/toc/>

- Coleman, M.** and McSweeney, K. 2025. To The Ends of the Earth: the U.S. Coast Guard and Extraterritorial Drug Interdiction at Sea. *The Territorial Trap and Beyond: How John Agnew Transformed Geographic Thinking*. Edited by Michael Shin. Los Angeles: University of California Press.
- Coleman, M.**, Agnew, J.A., 2018. Introduction. In: *Handbook on the Geographies of Power*. Edited by M. Coleman & J. A. Agnew. London: Edward Elgar, 3-35.
- Coleman, M.**, Agnew, J.A., 2018. Power's Outsides. In: *Handbook on the Geographies of Power*. Edited by M. Coleman & J. A. Agnew. London: Edward Elgar, 393-399.
- Guevara, J.C., Stuesse, A., **Coleman, M.** 2017. I Used to Believe in Justice. In *Forced Out and Fenced In: Immigration Tales from the Field*. Edited by T. Golash-Boza. London: Oxford University Press: 185-192.
- Coleman, M.** and Stuesse, A. 2014. Policing Borders, Policing Bodies: The Territorial and Biopolitical Roots of U.S. Immigration Control. In *Placing the Border in Everyday Life*. Edited by R. Jones & C. Jones. London: Ashgate: 69-124.
- Coleman, M.** 2013. Intellectuals of Statecraft and Critical Geopolitics. In *Ashgate Companion to Critical Geopolitics*. Edited by K. Dodds, A. Ingram & M. Kuus. London: Ashgate: 493-508.
- Coleman, M.** 2012. From Border Policing to Internal Controls in the United States. In *The Companion to Border Studies*. Edited by H. Donnan & T. Wilson. Oxford: Blackwell: 419-437.
- Coleman, M.** 2011. Carl Schmitt's Deterritorialization of Enmity. In *Spatiality, Sovereignty and Carl Schmitt: Geographies of the Nomos*. Edited by S. Legg. London: Routledge: 127-142.
- Coleman, M.** 2008. Deserting Sovereignty? The Securitization of Undocumented Migration in the U.S. In *Geopolitics of American Insecurity: Terror, Power and Foreign Policy*. Edited by F. Debrix & M. Lacy. London, England: Routledge:107-125.
- Coleman, M.** and Agnew, J. A. 2007. The Problem with *Empire*. In *Space, Knowledge and Power: Foucault and Geography*. Edited by J. Crampton & S. Elden. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate: 317-340.
- Coleman, M.** 2005. Permeable Borders and Boundaries in a Globalizing World: Feeling at Home Amidst Global Poverty. In *Holding the Line – Borders in a Global World*. Edited by H. N. Nicol & I. Townsend-Gault. Vancouver, Canada: University of British Columbia Press: 293-307.
- Coleman, M.** 2004. The Naming of Terrorism and Evil Outlaws: Geopolitical Place-Making After 11 September. In *11 September and its Aftermath – The Geopolitics of Terror*. Edited by S. Brunn & D. Newman. London: Frank Cass: 87-104.

[Reviews/review forums](#)

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**Coleman, M.** 2021. Review forum: B. J. Jefferson, *Digitize and Punish: Racial Criminalization in the Digital Age* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2020) *The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe Canadien*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cag.12686>

Ehrkamp, P., **Coleman, M.**, Ashutosh, I., Conlon, D., Fluri, J. L., Nagel, C. R., Hyndman, J, and Wenona, G. 2018. Review forum: J. Hyndman and G. Wenona, *Refugees in Extended Exile: Living on the Edge* (London: Routledge, 2017). *The American Association of Geographers Review of Books*. Vol. 6 (2): 124-132.

**Coleman, M.** 2009. *Citizenship Across Borders: the Political Transnationalism of El Migrante* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press), by M. P. Smith and M. Bakker. *Progress in Human Geography*. Vol. 33 (6): 874-876.

**Coleman, M.** 2007. *State of Exception* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2005), by G. Agamben. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. Vol. 27 (1): 187-190.

#### Encyclopedia entries

**Coleman, M.** 2009. Sovereignty. In *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. Edited by R. Kitchin & N. Thrift. Oxford, UK: Elsevier: 255-261.

#### Public/Open Access Scholarship

McSweeney, K. and **Coleman, M.** 2025. *Drug Trafficking at Sea: The Extraordinary Story of Boat Defendants with Kendra McSweeney and Mat Coleman*. *Drugs on the Docket*. Season 3, Episode 5. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o0erLnsSlgA>

**Coleman, M.** 2021. *Teaching Race While White*. *Woke Pedagogies: An Arts & Sciences Approach to Excellence in Teaching*. Season 1, Episode 3. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/s1-e3-teaching-race-while-white-part-1/id1544977427?i=1000512296846>

**Coleman, M.** 2020. Close Quarters. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. Review forum: M. Seigel, *Violence Work* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2018), published August 24 <https://www.societyandspace.org/articles/close-quarters> (editor reviewed)

**Coleman, M.** 2018. From ‘Copspeak’ to ‘Copractice’. *Environment and Planning D: Society & Space*. Review forum: D. Correia and T. Wall, *Police: A Field Guide* (London: Verso, 2018), published October 30 <https://www.societyandspace.org/articles/review-by-mat-coleman> (editor reviewed)

Valdez, I., **Coleman, M.** and Akbar, A. (2017). Donald Trump says he’s just enforcing immigration law. But it’s not that simple. *Washington Post*, November 7. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/11/06/donald-trump-says-hes-just-enforcing-immigration-law-but-its-not-that-simple/?utm\\_term=.69080c5e46a2](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/11/06/donald-trump-says-hes-just-enforcing-immigration-law-but-its-not-that-simple/?utm_term=.69080c5e46a2)

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**Coleman, M.** (2017). Sanctuary Cities and Immigration Reform. National Public Radio's *All Sides with Ann Fisher*, January 31. <https://www.ohiochannel.org/video/all-sides-with-ann-fisher-1-31-2017-sanctuary-cities-and-immigration-reform>

**Coleman, M.** (2017). What is a Sanctuary City? Human Rights in Transit Podcast, The Ohio State University, March 27. <https://soundcloud.com/humanrightsintransit/episode-3-what-is-a-sanctuary-city>

Stuesse, A. **Coleman, M.** and Horton, S. (2016). Driving While Latino: For Immigrant Communities, Every Instance Behind the Wheel Becomes an Opportunity for Scrutiny at the Hands of Law Enforcement. *Huffington Post*, September 30. [https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/driving-while-latino\\_us\\_57ed6ce4e4b07f20daa1052f](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/driving-while-latino_us_57ed6ce4e4b07f20daa1052f)

Braun, B., **Coleman, M.** Thomas, M. and Yusoff, K. (2015). Grounding the Anthropocene: Sites, Subjects Struggles in the Bakken Oil Fields. November 3. <http://antipodefoundation.org/2015/11/03/grounding-the-anthropocene/>

**Coleman, M.** and Thomas, M. (2014). Interview with Walaa Alqaisiya and Lisa Bhungalia, *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* website, August 29. <http://societyandspace.com/material/interviews/interview-with-alqaisiya-and-bhungalia/>

**Coleman, M.** and Yusoff, K. (2014). Interview with Elizabeth Povinelli with Mat Coleman and Kathryn Yusoff. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* website, March 6. <http://societyandspace.com/2014/03/06/interview-with-elizabeth-povinelli-with-mat-coleman-and-kathryn-yusoff/>

**Coleman, M.** and Stuesse, A. (2013). Immigrant Policing, Not Immigration Enforcement. Prison Mini-Forum. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* website, September 24. <http://societyandspace.com/material/discussion-forum/the-us-carceral-society-forum/immigrant-policing-not-immigration-enforcement/>

#### Research visibility—media

Research on U.S. Coast Guard drug seizures cited in Kehrt, Sonner (2025). How Did the U.S. Patrol the Caribbean for Drug Smuggling Before It Started Blowing Up Boats? *The Warhorse* (Dec 18) <https://thewarhorse.org/coast-guard-caribbean-airstrike-drug-boats/>

Drug Trafficking at Sea: The Extraordinary Story of Boat Defendants with Kendra McSweeney and Mat Coleman. *Drugs on the Docket* podcast, Season 3, October 3, 2025. 47:28 min. <https://moritzlaw.osu.edu/faculty-and-research/drug-enforcement-and-policy-center/depc-education/drugs-on-the-docket-podcast>

#### Presentations

Invited

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- 2026 Panel, w/ Felicia Arriaga (CUNY) and Jackie Vimo (Montclair State University). New York University Law School Convening on Right-Sizing Traffic Enforcement. New York University, New York, NY (April 26, 27, 28)
- 2026 Panel, w/ Jennifer Eaglin, Sarah Brooks, Max Woodworth, Christopher Nichols, Ryan Fontanilla, Dakotia Rudesill, and Kendra McSweeney, Roddy Brett, and Eric Schoon. The Operation in Venezuela: Law, Oil, Geopolitics. Mershon Center for International Security Studies. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (Jan 15)
- 2025 Panel, w/ Kendra McSweeney, Roddy Brett, and Eric Schoon. Conflict, Criminality, and Criminalization. Mershon Center for International Security Studies. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (October 2)
- 2023 Colloquium. Copspeak, Racially Disproportionate Policing, and Immigration Enforcement in the U.S. Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University, New York, NY (April 11)
- 2023 Colloquium. Legal Extraterritoriality and U.S. Coast Guard Drug Interdiction in the Western Hemisphere. Department of Geography, Kent State University, Kent, OH (March 10)
- 2022 w/ Kendra McSweeney. The Legal Geopolitics of the Ocean. Mershon Center for International Security Studies. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (September 19)
- 2022 Panelist, via Zoom. Comparative Immigration Law. University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville, VA (May 11)
- 2018 Colloquium. Rethinking the 'Gold Standard' of Racial Profiling: §287(g), Secure Communities and Spatially Discrepant Police Power. Department of Geography, University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY (October 4-5).
- 2018 Presidential panel. Racial Profiling and the Closure of Law Enforcement. Presidential Panel on Immigration and Law Enforcement. American Sociological Association Meeting. Philadelphia, PA (August 11-14).
- 2018 Traffic Enforcement as Immigration Enforcement: The Criminalization of Immigrant Automobility in the U.S. Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics. University of Oregon. Eugene, OR (February 8-9).
- 2017 Keynote. Cold Casing Police Power: The Problem with Proving Racial Profiling. Center for the Study of Inequality and the Cornell Population Center. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (November 8-9).
- 2016 Workshop participant. Academic Convening on Border and Immigration Issues: Preparing Local and National Narratives on Border and Immigration for 2016 and

2017. Center for Inter-American and Border Studies & American Immigration Council, University of Texas, El Paso (April 27-29).
- 2015 Plenary lecture. State Power in Blue. *Political Geography* Annual Lecture. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL (April 25).
- 2015 Keynote. Blurring the Border: Deporting Denizens in the Twenty-First Century. Department of Sociology, University of California at Merced (April 17-18).
- 2015 Colloquium. The Disappearing State and the Quasi-Event of Immigration Control. Department of Geography, Indiana University (March 27).
- 2014 Colloquium. The Quasi-Event of Immigration Control. College of Social Work and Department of Geography, University of South Carolina (October 9-10).
- 2014 Workshop. Border Struggles: Ontologies, Epistemologies, and Practices. Department of Geography, University of Oulu. Oulu, Finland (September 9-13).
- 2014 Workshop. Translations of Security. Center for Advanced Security Theory, University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen, Denmark (May 20-22).
- 2014 Colloquium. Retreat from Social Reproduction? Immigration Enforcement in the U.S. South after 9/11. Department of Geography, University of California at Berkeley. Berkeley, CA (March 12).
- 2013 Colloquium. Retreat from Social Reproduction? Immigration Enforcement in the U.S. South after 9/11. F. Ross Johnson/Connaught Distinguished Speaker Series, the Centre for the Study of the United States, University of Toronto. Toronto, Canada (November 15).
- 2013 Colloquium. Retreat from Social Reproduction? Immigration Enforcement in the U.S. South after 9/11. Balsillie School of International Affairs. Waterloo, Canada (November 13).
- 2013 Keynote. Assessing the Police Role of the State in the U.S. South. Institute of Political Economy Summer Symposium, Carleton University. Ottawa, Canada (June 12).
- 2013 Keynote. Diffuse Militarism: the Politics and Practice of Detention and Deportation after 9/11. Border's Within Symposium. Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics, University of Oregon. Eugene, OR (May 5).
- 2013 Colloquium. 'Studying Up' the Migration State: Local Immigration Enforcement and Immigrant Insecurity in the U.S. South. Department of Geography, University of Oregon. Eugene, OR (May 4).
- 2013 Workshop. Geopolitics as Practice. Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University. New Brunswick, NJ (April 26-27).

- 2013 Colloquium. The Militarization of Interior Immigration Enforcement. Department of Geography, University of Arizona. Tucson, AZ (April 22).
- 2013 Keynote. Border Crossings: Transnationality, Citizenship, and Identity in Theory and Practice. ASPECT Graduate Student Conference. Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Blacksburg, VA (March 24-25).
- 2012 International Visiting Scholars Program. Race, Place and the Militarization of U.S. Immigration Enforcement. Department of Geography, Queen's University. Kingston, Canada (November 23).
- 2012 Public Talk. Blurring Civilian and Military Law Enforcement. COMPAS Conversations on Morality, Politics and Society, The Ohio State University. Columbus OH (May 11).
- 2011 Colloquium. The Geopolitics of Police: Community Entrapment and Racial Profiling in Central North Carolina. Department of Geography, University of Georgia. Athens, GA (November 4).
- 2011 Workshop. Immigrant Mobility and Racial Profiling in U.S. Deportation Policy. School of Law, University of California at Berkeley. Berkeley, CA (May 31).
- 2011 Colloquium. Deportation and Civic Stratification in the U.S., post-9/11. Department of Geography, University of Akron. Akron, OH (March 4).
- 2011 Colloquium. Immigrant Mobility and Racial Profiling in U.S. Deportation Policy. Department of Geography, University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY (February 11).
- 2011 Colloquium. Detention and Deportation in Context: State Power and Social Control in the U.S. South. Criminal Justice Research Center, The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH (January 14).
- 2010 Colloquium. Assembling National Security: the Local Contexts of U.S. Immigration Enforcement. Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, MN (December 6).
- 2010 Colloquium. Studying Up the Migration State: Local Immigration Enforcement and Immigrant Insecurity in the U.S. South. Department of Geography, University of Arizona. Tucson, AZ (November 12).
- 2010 Public Talk. The Making of Law and Latour on Networks. Ohio State Institute for Collaborative Research and Public Humanities, The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH (November 19).
- 2009 Colloquium. Critical Geopolitics, State Insecurities and the War on Terrorism. Institute of Political Economy, Carleton University. Ottawa, Canada (January 7).

- 2008 Colloquium. Territoriality, Law and Homosexual Exclusion During the Cold War. Department of Geography, University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY (December 5).
- 2008 Public Talk. Inherent Authority and the 287(g) Ruling After 9/11. Department of Political Science, New Mexico State University. Las Cruces, NM (March 31).
- 2007 Colloquium. Rethinking What Counts as Geopolitics. Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH (May 24).
- 2007 Colloquium. Immigration Geopolitics Before and After 9/11. Department of Geography, University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY (March 21).
- 2007 Colloquium. The Criminalization, De-judicialization and Devolution of Immigration Enforcement in the 'War on Terrorism'. Center for Interdisciplinary Law and Policy Studies, The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH (March 15).
- 2007 Public Talk. Enrollment and Abandonment: the Logics of Sovereign Power in U.S. Immigration Enforcement. Kirwan Institute for the Study of Ethnicity and Race, The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH (January 29).
- 2007 Panelist. Michael Hardt's Jefferson: What About Identity/Difference? Department of Comparative Studies, The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH (January 19).
- 2006 Colloquium. A Geopolitics of Engagement: The Urbanization and Regionalization of Immigration Policing in the War on Terrorism. Department of Political Science, University of Bielefeld. Bielefeld, Germany (February 6).
- 2005 Colloquium. The Mexico-U.S. Border as Security/Economy Nexus. Department of Political Science, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Blacksburg, VA (February 25).
- 2005 Colloquium. The Mexico-U.S. Borderland and the Geopolitics of Immigration Law. Department of Geography, The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH (February 10).
- 2005 Colloquium. The Figure of the Alien as Threat to U.S. Citizenship. Department of Geography, University of California Los Angeles. Los Angeles, CA (February 3).
- 2005 Colloquium. Local and Regional Immigration Enforcement in the 'War on Terrorism'. Department of International Relations, Lehigh University. Bethlehem, PA (January 11).
- 2004 Colloquium. U.S. Immigration Law Reform as Geopolitical Practice: The Alien as a Figure of Threat to U.S. Citizenship. Department of Geography, Queen's University. Kingston, Canada (January 10).

Conference presentations (\* denotes refereed conference)

- 2025 Law as a Tactical Strike: Legal Extraterritoriality and U.S. Coast Guard Drug Interdiction in the Western Hemisphere. International Studies Association Annual Meeting. Columbus, OH.
- 2025 Discussant. Legal Geography: Policing, Power, and Social Control. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL (May 23).
- 2025 The Extraterritorial Trap: Conceptualizing the Reach of Law in the U.S. Coast Guard's Drug War At Sea. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL (May 22).
- 2025 Discussant. Latinos and the Politics of Anti-Imperialism Toward Latin America. Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Columbus OH (March 28).
- 2023 The Extraterritorial Detainee Database and the U.S. Drug War at Sea. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Puerto Rico (June 3).
- 2023 The Legal Infrastructure of the U.S. Drug War at Sea. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Puerto Rico (June 2).
- 2019 Discussant. Author-Meets-Critics (Jenna Loyd and Alison Mountz). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. (April 6).
- 2019 Discussant. Author-Meets-Critics (Micol Seigel). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. (April 4).
- 2018 Keywords of Emergency: Police Roadblocks. American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA (November 8).\*
- 2018 Cold Casing Police Power and the Closure of Law Enforcement. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA (April 13).
- 2018 Panelist. The Border Wall and Beyond: Political and Geopolitical Implications. Panel Session. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA (April 12).
- 2018 Discussant. Author-Meets-Critics (David Correia and Tyler Wall). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA (April 12).
- 2018 Discussant. New Directions in Geographies of Policing, Detention, and Mass Incarceration. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA (April 11).
- 2017 Discussant. Author-Meets-Critics (Jennifer Hyndman and Wenona Giles). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Boston, MA (April 8).

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- 2017 Cold Casing Police Power and the Closure of Law Enforcement. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Boston, MA (April 7)
- 2017 Discussant. *Environment and Planning C: Politics + Space* Launch. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Boston, MA (April 6).
- 2016 'We're Getting Stopped Left and Right': Racial Profiling and Immigration in NC. University of Cincinnati Mini Conference on Policing and Race. Cincinnati, OH (January 29-30).\*
- 2015 Panelist. State Ethnographies. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL (April 24).
- 2013 Police State: the Limits of Critical Immigration Law Scholarship on Racial Profiling. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA (April 9).
- 2012 Critical Geopolitics' Deconstructive Paradox. International Studies Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA (April 4).\*
- 2012 Race, Place and the Militarization of U.S. Immigration Enforcement. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New York, NY (February 25).
- 2012 Discussant. Author-Meets-Critics (Gerard Ó Tuathail and Carl Dahlman). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New York, NY (February 27).
- 2012 Discussant. Author-Meets-Critics (Altha Cravey). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New York, NY (February 28).
- 2012 Discussant. Who Borders, and How? American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New York, NY (February 28)
- 2012 Measuring Racial Profiling and Immigration Enforcement in North Carolina. Political Geography Specialty Group Preconference. Poughkeepsie, NY (February 22).
- 2011 Discussant. Conceptualizing Migration-Related Detention. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA (April 21).
- 2011 La Migra/Policia: Lessons from the Merger of Criminal and Civil Law Enforcement in the U.S. South. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA (April 20).
- 2011 Discussant. Author-Meets-Critics (Daniel Deudney). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA (April 19).

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- 2011 Discussant. Bodies, Environment, Food. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA (April 19).
- 2011 The Erosion of Due Process Protections in U.S. Immigration Law. Sexuality and Space Specialty Group and Political Geography Specialty Group Preconference. Tacoma, WA (April 11).
- 2011 Deportation as Civic Stratification. International Studies Association. Montreal, Québec, Canada (March 17).\*
- 2010 Geographies of Racial Profiling and Immigration Enforcement. Law and Society Association. Chicago, IL (May 25).\*
- 2009 The Local Immigration Enforcement Tapestry: Evidence from North Carolina's 287(g) Programs. On the Margins of a Dream – Undocumented Hispanic Migration Conference, Connecticut College. New London, CT (October 16-18).
- 2009 Devolution and the 'Prosaic Geographies' of Immigration-Related Statecraft. International Studies Association. New York, NY (February 17).\*
- 2009 Spatializing Enmity: Schmitt's Meta-Cartographies of Conflict. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, NV (March 21).
- 2008 w/ Mary Thomas. The Performativity of Bush's Mug. 5th International Conference of Critical Geography. Mumbai, India (December 5).
- 2008 Sexuality and Border Control: Immigration Law as Social Control? European Social Sciences and History. Lisbon, Portugal (February 28).\*
- 2008 Critical Geopolitics' Foreign Policy-Centrism and the Devolution of Immigration Enforcement in the U.S. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Critical Geopolitics Conference. Durham, United Kingdom (September 23).\*
- 2008 New Spaces of Immigration Enforcement. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Boston, MA (April 19).
- 2008 Deserting Sovereignty? The Securitization of Undocumented Migration. International Studies Association. San Francisco, CA (March 28).\*
- 2007 w/ Mary Thomas. Bush's Mug. 14th Annual Critical Geography Conference. Lexington, KY (October 6).
- 2007 Exceptionality as the Rule: Agamben, Liberal Geopolitics, and Contemporary U.S. Immigration Law. European Social Science History. Amsterdam, Netherlands (March 24).\*
- 2007 Deserting Sovereignty, Sovereignty's Deserts. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting Conference. San Francisco, CA (April 21).

- 2007 Discussant. Livelihoods in a Neoliberal World. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA (April 20).
- 2007 Workshop participant. Autonomy and Precarity. Department of Comparative Studies, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (January 20).
- 2006 Discussant. Neoliberal Citizenship: Governance, Property and Economically Viable Subjects. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL (March 11).
- 2006 Discussant. Author-Meets-Critics (Derek Gregory). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL (March 10).
- 2006 What Counts as Geopolitics, and Where? The Urban Geopolitics of Immigration Enforcement. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL (March 9).
- 2005 The Plenary Power Doctrine and Urban Geopolitics After 9/11. 12th Annual Critical Geography Conference. Oxford, OH (October 29).
- 2005 Discussant. Critical Economic Geographies. 12th Annual Critical Geography Conference. Oxford, OH (October 29).
- 2005 Law and Geopolitical Practice in the Work of Carl Schmitt and Hans Morgenthau. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Boulder, CO (April 9).
- 2004 Categories of Danger in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA (March 18).
- 2003 'Just-in-Time' Security in the Borderlands. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA (March 6).
- 2002 Incoherent U.S. Foreign Policy Border Geographies, post-September 11 2001. International Boundaries Research Unit. Atlanta, GA (May).\*
- 2002 U.S.-Mexico Border Geographies: Money, Bodies and National Interest. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA (March 24).
- 2001 The Ungrounded Ground of a Geographically-Minded Environmental Ethics. American Association of Geographers. New York, NY (February 28).
- 2000 The Ins and Outs of Financial Flows: Thinking About the Geography of World Bank Development Solutions. International Studies Association (West). Portland, OR (October).\*

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- 2000 Workshop participant. Population, Security, and Critical Geopolitics. Environment, Population, and Conflict Research. University of California at San Diego, San Diego, CA (February).\*
- 1999 Permeable Boundaries and Borders in a Globalizing World. International Boundaries Research Unit. Vancouver, Canada (August).\*
- 1999 The Geography of Population Control Discourse: Environmental Degradation and the Paucity of IR's Scarcity-Conflict Methodology. Great Lakes Political Economy Conference. Binghamton, NY (April).\*

Other presentations

- 2017 A Panel Discussion of the Film *13<sup>th</sup>*, by Ana DuVernay, w/ Leslie Alexander (African American and African Studies, Ohio State) and Townsend Price-Spratlen (Sociology, Ohio State). Columbus Alternative High School (February 23).
- 2012 Panelist. Communities and Activism in Central Ohio Forum. Columbus, OH (May 3).
- 2011 Detention, Deportation, Devolution and Immigrant Incapacitation in the U.S., post-9/11. SUR (Strength, Unity, Respect) Latino and Multicultural Center, The Ohio State University (May 19).
- 2010 La Migra/Policia: 4 Lessons for Ohio from North Carolina. Latino Leadership and Talent Conference. Columbus, OH (October 14).
- 2009 Racial Profiling and Immigration Enforcement in the U.S. SUR (Strength, Unity, Respect) Latino and Hale Center for Diversity and Inclusion, The Ohio State University (January 15).
- 2008 Trends in Undocumented Migration and Immigration Enforcement in the U.S. Columbus Council on World Affairs (June 5).
- 2008 Basics About Undocumented Migration: An Election Year Primer. Lincoln Tower Students' Association, The Ohio State University (March 4).
- 2007 Developments in Immigration Law Since the 1980s and Why You Should Care. John Glenn Civic Leadership Council, The Ohio State University (November 7).
- 2006 Immigration Politics and the U.S.-Mexico Border Before and After 9/11. International Studies Students' Club, The Ohio State University (November 16).

<b>Service</b>
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Department (other than department chair)

2025-2026	Search Committee, CPT Assistant Professor Search (MGIST). Department of Geography, College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2025-2026	Search Committee, Tenure Track Assistant Professor Search (geoAI/Remote Sensing). Department of Geography, College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2025-2026	Faculty Peer Teaching Review. Dr. Sandy Wong, GEOG 3702 (Life and Death Geographies/Global Population). Course design and content review + observation of teaching + mentoring meeting. SP2026.
2024-2025	Faculty Peer Teaching Review. Dr. Huyen Le, GEOG 5103 (Intermediate Spatial Data Analysis). Course design and content review + observation of teaching + mentoring meeting. SP2025.
2023-2024	Faculty Peer Teaching Review. Dr. Jana Houser, GEOG 5941 (Synoptic Analysis and Forecasting). Course design and content review + observation of teaching + mentoring meeting. AU2023.
2022-2023	Co-chair. Development and Alumni Committee, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2022	Chair. Race, Inclusion and Social Equity Initiative (RAISE) Job Search, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (replaced in AU 2022 due to COI as interim department chair)
2020-2022	Anti-Racism Committee. Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH
2020-present	Promotion and Tenure Committee. Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH
2020-present	Graduate Studies Committee. Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH
2018	Job Search Committee (Urban Sustainability). Department of Geography and Sustainable and Resilient Economy. The Ohio State University, Columbus OH
2018	Chair. Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching Load and General Education Restructuring. Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH

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- 2014-2019 Honors Advisor. Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH
- 2015-2018 Promotion and Tenure Committee. Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2015-2019 Executive Committee. Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2014-2018 Chair. Undergraduate Studies Committee. Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH
- 2015 Geography Chair Search Committee. Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2011-2013 Chair. Visiting Speakers Committee. Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2011 Geography Chair Search Committee. Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2007-2011 Undergraduate Studies Committee. Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2006-2008 Graduate Studies Committee. Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

College/University

2026-2029	University Senate, Fiscal Committee
2026	Dean’s Advisory Committee Spring 2026. Strategic Philanthropic Initiative Working Session (March 27)
2025-2026	Chair, Director Search Committee, Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (reporting to ASC Dean David Horn)
2025	Post-Tenure Review Process Committee. Office of Academic Affairs, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (reporting to Vice Provost Helen Malone)
2025	Ad Hoc Committee on the Implementation of Federal and State Policies. College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (reporting to ASC Dean David Horn, ASC Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs Kristi Williams)

2024-2025	Chair, Department Chair Search Committee, Department of Political Science. College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (reporting to SBS Divisional Dean Ryan King)
2024-2025	Search Committee, Chief Advancement Officer. College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (reporting to ASC Advancement)
2023-2024	Search Committee, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs. College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (reporting to ASC Dean David Horn and NMS Divisional Dean Susan Olesik)
2023-2024	Taskforce on Strategic Enrollment and Revenue Generation. College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (reporting to A&H Divisional Dean Dana Renga and Associate Dean Trevon Logan)
2023-present	Center for Aviation Studies Advisory Board. College of Engineering, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2023-2024	Search Committee, Chief Advancement Officer. College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (reporting to ASC Advancement)
2023-2024	Search Committee, Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice. College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (reporting to Associate Dean Maurice Stevens)
2023	Faculty Judge. The Ohio State University Edward F. Hayes Advanced Research Forum. February 24. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2022-present	Divisional College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Executive Committee. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2022-present	Center for Urban and Regional Analysis (CURA) Advisory Committee. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2022-2023	Search Committee, Center for Aviation Studies Directorship. College of Engineering, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH
2022	Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Faculty and Graduate Student Research Grant Competition review panel. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2022-2023	Chair (2 <sup>nd</sup> term). Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel. College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (relinquished in August 2022 due to departmental chairship)

2021-2022	Chair. Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel. College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2020-2023	Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee (2 <sup>nd</sup> term). College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2020-2021	Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel (2 <sup>nd</sup> term). College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2017-2020	Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee. College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2017-2020	Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel. College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2012-2017	Criminal Justice Research Center Oversight Committee. College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2014-2016	Faculty Senator, University Senate. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2013	Strategic Plan Implementation Committee for Experiential Learning. College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2011-2013	Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Selection Committee. Center for Latin American Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2012	Urban Studies Strategic Working Group. College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2011-2012	Conversations on Morality, Politics and Society Planning Committee. College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2006-2012	Faculty Judge. Annual Denman Undergraduate Research Forum, University Honors and Scholars Center, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2010	Undergraduate Experience Grants Selection Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, OSU

Student groups

2016-2018 Faculty Advisor. Bread and Roses Book Club, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

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- 2015-2017 Faculty Advisor. United Students Against Sweatshops, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2012-2016 Faculty Advisor. Geography Graduate Organization, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

### Mentoring

- 2017-2018 Second Year Transformation Experience Project Faculty Mentor. Responsible for stewarding 18 second year students through the process of applying successfully for the \$2,000 second year fellowship for internships, research, and/or education abroad <https://step.osu.edu/>
- 2013 Mentor for Underrepresented Junior Faculty. Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute, Criminal Justice Research Center, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2012 Mentor for Underrepresented Junior Faculty. Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute, Criminal Justice Research Center, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

### Disciplinary

- 2024-2025 Member, American Association of Geographers Arrangements Committee for the 2025 AAG Annual Meeting (Detroit, MI)
- 2013-2016 President Emeritus and Executive Board Officer. Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC
- 2011-2013 President. Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC
- 2009-2011 Secretary Treasurer. Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC
- 2009-2011 Chair. Undergraduate Student Paper Award Committee, Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC
- 2007-2009 Executive Board Officer. Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC

### Editorial service

- 2022-present Editorial board. *SPECTRA* (Social, Political, Ethical and Cultural Theory Archives)

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2022-present	Chair, Editorial Board Executive Committee, <i>Geographical Analysis</i>
2017-present	Editorial board. <i>Environment and Planning C: Politics &amp; Space</i>
2015-2019	Editorial board. <i>Annals of the American Association of Geographers</i>
2014-present	Lead co-editor. <i>Geographies of Justice and Social Transformation</i> book series, University of Georgia Press
2015-2019	Editorial board. <i>Southeastern Geographer</i>
2014-present	Editorial board. <i>Political Geography</i>
2013-2015	Editorial board. <i>Geographies of Justice and Social Transformation</i> book series, University of Georgia Press
2011-2015	Editorial board. <i>Environment and Planning D: Society &amp; Space</i>
2006-2017	Editorial board. <i>Geography Compass</i>

### Reviewing

Journals ACME; Annals of the American Association of Geographers; Antipode; Arab World Geographer; Cambridge Review of International Affairs; Citizenship Studies; Crime, Law and Social Change; Environment and Planning A; Environment and Planning C: Politics & Space; Environment and Planning D: Society & Space; European Journal of International Relations; Gender, Place and Culture ; Geoforum; Geographical Bulletin; GeoJournal; Geography Compass; Geopolitics; International Journal of Urban and Regional Research ; International Migration Review; Journal of Historical Geography; Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology; Law & Policy; Political Geography; Police Quarterly; Professional Geographer; Progress in Human Geography; Race/Ethnicity; Security Dialogue; Social and Cultural Geography; Territory, Politics, Governance; Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers

Presses My editorial service is centered on the [Geographies of Justice and Social Transformation](#) book series at the University of Georgia Press. This is a premier book series in human geography. I was brought on as a co-editor in 2014; I have been the senior editor at the series since 2015. Prior co-editors include Nik Heynen (UGA, 2009-2015) and Sapana Doshi (University of California Merced, 2015-2021). Current co-editors include Ishan Ashutosh (Indiana University, 2021-present) and Lieba Faier (University of California Los Angeles, 2025-present).

In this role I solicit and develop book projects; manage peer review and editorial evaluation; manage revisions; work closely with co-editors and staff at UGA; advocate for authors; and, maintain quality across the series as a whole.

To date I have edited 55 books at UGA.

Year	Manuscripts in print
2026	2
2025	7
2024	3
2023	8
2022	2
2021	1
2020	5
2019	7
2018	2
2017	7
2016	5
2015	5
2014	1
Total	55

Duke University Press  
Temple University Press

Grants National Science Foundation, Geography and Spatial Sciences (WI 2009, SP 2010, SP 2011, WI 2011, WI 2012, SP 2012, AU 2013, AU 2014, SP 2017, AU 2018)

National Science Foundation, Open Research Area (AU 2013)

National Science Foundation, Geography and Spatial Sciences, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (WI 2008, SP 2017)

Tenure review University of Minnesota (2016), UCLA (2016), UCLA (2019), University of Texas El Paso (2019), University of Tennessee (2019), University of Wisconsin-Madison (2019), Durham University (2020)

Full professor review UMass Boston (2020), Penn State University (2020), Syracuse University (2021), UCLA (2021), Dartmouth (2024), University of Arizona (2024), West Virginia University (2024)

Conference organization

2013 w/ Adam Moore (Geography, UCLA) and Reece Jones (Geography, University of Hawaii). Political Geography Specialty Group (PGSG) Pre-Conference, Los Angeles, CA (April 8).

2012 w/ Joseph Nevins (Geography, Vassar) and Reece Jones (Geography, University of Hawaii). Political Geography Specialty Group (PGSG) Pre-Conference, Poughkeepsie, NY (February 22-23).

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- 2011 w/ Larry Knopp (Geography, University of Washington) and Jason Dittmer (Geography, University College of London). Political Geography Specialty Group (PGSG) Pre-Conference (joint conference with Sexuality and Space Specialty Group), Tacoma, WA (April 10-11).
- 2010 w/ Gerard Toal, Gerry Kearns and Jason Dittmer. Political Geography Specialty Group (PGSG) Pre-Conference, Alexandria, VA (April 11-13).
- 2006 w/ Mary Thomas (Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies, Ohio State) and Joel Wainwright (Geography, Ohio State). 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Critical Geography Conference, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (October 13-15).

#### Panel organization

- 2019 Author-Meets-Critics (Natalie Oswin). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. (April 4).
- 2018 Author-Meets-Critics (David Correia and Tyler Wall). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA (April 12).
- 2013 w/ Michael Collyer (Geography, University of Sussex), Deirdre Conlon (Geography, University of Leeds), and Elisa Pascucci (Geography, University of Sussex). Geopolitics of Mobility and Immobility (5 sessions). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (April 9-10).
- 2011 w/ Jill Harrison (Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder), Lise Nelson (Geography, Penn State) and Monica Varsanyi (Geography, CUNY). New Immigrant Destinations in the U.S. (6 paper sessions). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (April 13 2011).
- 2011 Labor, Immigration, and Enforcement. Sexuality and Space Specialty Group and Political Geography Specialty Group Preconference, Tacoma WA (April 11).
- 2008 w/ Monica Varsanyi (Geography, CUNY). Immigration Through Many Lenses: Contemporary Research on Immigration in Geography. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (April 19).
- 2007 Statecraft, Violence, and World Geopolitics (3 paper sessions). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (April 1).
- 2005 w/ Joshua Barkan (Geography, University of Georgia). Law, Geography, and Genealogy (2 paper sessions). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boulder, CO (April 9).

2005 Spatialities of Governance. 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Critical Geography Conference, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (October 14).

<b>Teaching</b>
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Teaching awards and recognition

2018-2019	Nominee and finalist, College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award
2014-2015	Inductee, Ohio State University Academy of Teaching ( <a href="http://academy.osu.edu/">http://academy.osu.edu/</a> )
2013-2014	Awardee, Ohio State University Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching
2013-2014	Awardee, Ohio State University Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor
2012-2013	Nominee, College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award
2008-2009	Nominee, Ohio State University Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor

Undergraduate teaching

ARTS AND SCIENCES 1138: Freshman Seminar (Race, Space and Police)	<i>This seminar offers undergraduate, first year students a critical introduction to the everyday of police power in the U.S., with a focus on the racialization of modern American policing. Students explore the basic contours of police power in the U.S. context, as well as the history, technologies, policies, laws, and practices behind the racialization of police work.</i>	AU 2017, AU 2018, AU 2020 (online), AU 2021
GEOG 2100: Human Geography	<i>This course introduces students to essential concepts and topics of human geography, including the interconnectedness of people and places, interactions between society, culture, and nature, and the relationships between development, difference, and inequality.</i>	SP 2013, SP 2015, SP 2016, SP 2017, SP 2018, SP 2019, SP 2020 (hybrid)
GEOG 3600: Space, Power and Political Geography	<i>This course introduces students to the complex interaction of space and power by surveying a suite of issues relating to cultural, economic and political governance in the 20th and 21st centuries. Throughout, an emphasis is placed on how the study of space requires dealing with the</i>	AU 2005, SP 2006, AU 2006, WI 2008, SP 2008, SP 2009, WI 2010, SP 2010, WI 2011, SP 2012, AU 2015, AU 2016, AU 2017, AU 2020

	<i>politics of race, class, gender, sexuality, and nationality.</i>	(online), SP 2022, SP 2023, SP 2024, SP 2025, AU 2026
GEOG 3601: World Politics and the Modern Geopolitical Imagination	<i>This course focuses on the generally neglected, rich and highly contested tradition of geopolitical research in Geography from the classical imperial period forward.</i>	SP 2009, SP 2010, SP 2011, WI 2011, WI 2012, AU 2012
GEOG 3701: The Making of the Modern World	<i>This course surveys the key forces that constitute the world as we know it, over the past 500 years: plantation economics, settler colonialism, the birth of industrial capitalism, the growth of the bureaucratic machinery of the state, the rise of mass social movements, war, and migration.</i>	AU 2015, AU 2016, AU 2017, AU 2018, AU 2019, SP 2020 (online), SP 2021 (online), SP 2021 (online), AU 2021, AU 2022
GEOG 4100: Geographic Inquiry	<i>This reading-intensive capstone seminar examines major past as well as current chapters in the edifice of human geographic thought as well as provides students with an account of the political, economic, and socio-cultural contexts of various approaches in human geography.</i>	SP 2011, SP 2012, SP 2013, SP 2020 (online), SP 2021 (online), SP 2022, SP 2024
GEOG 4101 Undergraduate Research and Professionalization	<i>This reading-intensive course introduces students to the ins and outs of research, including networking with professors, proposal writing, IRB protocols, and funding. The class also gets students ready for the job market by getting them to think about possible careers and by better understanding the larger context of having a Geography-based career.</i>	AU 2018

**Graduate teaching**

GEOG 8601: Topics in Political Geography (Race and Police Power)	Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH	SP 2019
GEOG 8601: Topics in Political Geography (The Topological Turn)	Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH	AU 2014
PE/PS 5195A: Politics, Law and Territory	Department of Political Science, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada	SU 2013

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PE/PS 5501A: Critique of Everyday Life	Department of Political Science, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada	SU 2013
GEOG 7101: Research Design	Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH	WI 2012, AU 2012
GEOG 8100: Development of Geographic Thought	Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH	AU 2024, AU 2025, AU 2026
GEOG 8601: Topics in Political Geography (Henri Lefebvre's Critique of Everyday Life)	Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH	WI 2010
GEOG 8601: Topics in Political Geography (Michel Foucault's Lectures at the <i>Collège de France</i> )	Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH	WI 2009
GEOG 8601: Topics in Political Geography (Biopolitics, Genealogy, and Archaeology)	Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH	SP 2008
GEOG 8601: Topics in Political Geography (Law and Geography)	Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH	SP 2007
GEOG 8601: Topics in Political Geography (Empire and Imperialism)	Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH	SP 2006

## Advising

### Postdoctoral advising

Lisa Bhungalia 2014-2016	College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Diversity Postdoctoral Fellow. Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
Ishan Ashutosh 2011-2013	College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Diversity Postdoctoral Fellow. Co-advised w/ Nancy Ettlinger (Geography). Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

### Ph.D. student advising

### Current

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Mabel Bustamante 2025-present *Title TBD.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.  
Jublee Handique 2023-present *Borderland Economies and Borderland Violences.* Co-advised w/ Madhumita Dutta (Geography). Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Report on candidacy exam dated 11/10/2025.

Completed

Jennifer McGibbon 2016-2021 *SESTA/FOSTA, Sex Work, and the State.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Report on final examination dated 04/30/2021. Report on candidacy exam dated 9/21/2018. Report on final examination dated 4/27/2021.

Ashley Toenjes 2015-2020 *Locating Palestine.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Report on candidacy exam dated 10/30/2018. Report on final examination dated 11/17/2020.

Austin Kocher 2011-2017 *Notice to Appear: A Geography of U.S. Immigration Courts.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Report on final examination dated 05/03/2017.

Nicholas Crane 2008-2014 *The 'Open Wound' of 1968: Precarious Youth and Student Activism in Mexico City.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Report on final examination dated 05/13/2014.

Kevin Grove 2007- 2011 *Governing Social and Ecological Contingency: Fashioning Resilient Subjects through Disaster Management Policy and Practice in Jamaica.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Report on final examination dated 08/27/2011.

M.A. student advising

Current

N/A

Completed

Sher Ali Khan 2020-2023 *Pashtun Migrants in Lahore and Pakistani Urban Geopolitics.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Report on final examination dated 02/09/2023.

Brookes Hammock 2017-2019 *Policing the Opioid Crisis.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Report on final examination dated 04/20/2019.

Laura Rivas 2016-2018 *Mobility, Labor Management and Citizenship Regimes: The Denationalization of Dominicans of Haitian Descent.* Department of

Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Report on final examination dated 04/11/2018.

Zack Paganini  
2015-2017  
*Underwater: Using Ethnography to Investigate Intersections of Race and Resilience in the Case of the National Flood Insurance Program in Canarsie, Brooklyn.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Report on final examination dated 04/07/2017.

Robert Heyman  
2011-2013  
*Fort/City El Paso: Examining the Military-Urban Interface.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Report on final examination dated 04/01/2013.

Lauren Hines  
2011-2013  
*Moving out of the Shadows: Resistance and Representation in the Struggle for Migrant Rights.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Report on final examination dated 04/02/2013.

Austin Kocher  
2009-2011  
*Inside Interior Immigration Enforcement: Understanding Policing and Removals from 287(g) Counties.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Report on final examination dated 06/27/2011.

Joseph Lewis  
2005-2006  
*Problematizing Borders: The Intersection of Political, Cultural, and Economic Factors Producing Disputed International Borders.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Co-advised w/ Ed Malecki (Geography). Report on final examination dated 06/05/2006.

Zoe Pearson  
2008-2010  
*Environmental Security in the Ecuadorian Amazon: Waorani, Oil, and Environment.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Co-advised w/ Kendra McSweeney (Geography). Report on final examination dated 06/09/2010.

#### Undergraduate student thesis advising

##### Current

##### Completed

Yasmine Skalli,  
2024-2025  
*Detangling Power: Rethinking State Security and Community Resilience in Muslim Detroit.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Research funded with a \$3,000 Ohio State Honors Undergraduate Research Scholarship.

Larkin Cleland,  
2020-2023  
*Redeveloping Informal Neighborhoods and the Remapping of Cairo.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Research funded with a \$5,000 Ohio State Honors Undergraduate Research Scholarship.

- Michelle Hablitzel 2015-2016 *It's Not Just Black and White: Gentrification in Over-the-Rhine.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Research funded with a \$1,000 Ohio State Social and Behavioral Sciences Undergraduate Research Scholarship.
- Maegan Miller 2011-2013 *America's Nicest City? Homelessness, Anti-Homeless Ordinances, and Policing in Columbus OH.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Research funded with a \$3,000 Ohio State Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Scholarship and a \$1,000 Ohio State Social and Behavioral Sciences Undergraduate Research Scholarship.
- Christopher Gordon 2008-2010 *Planning the Green State on a Sinking Ship: Sea Level Rise in the Maldives.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Research funded with a \$4,000 Ohio State Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Scholarship and a \$1,000 Ohio State Social and Behavioral Sciences Undergraduate Research Scholarship.

Graduate student committee membership

Current

- Emily Tingler 2025-present Candidacy committee Department of Geography, The Ohio State University. Advisor: Becky Mansfield (Geography). Report on candidacy exam dated 5/12/2026.
- Mehr Mumtaz 2025-present Candidacy committee Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University. Advisors: Reanne Frank, Eric Schoon.
- Nayoung Ko 2024-present Candidacy committee City and Regional Planning, Knowlton, The Ohio State University. Advisor: Jennifer Clark, Knowlton School of Architecture. Report on candidacy exam dated 11/18/2025.

Completed

**Ph.D. Committees**

- Ariel Rawson 2017-2021 Candidacy committee *Black Fungibility and the PosthuMan: Becoming Microbial Geographies.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Becky Mansfield (Geography). Report on candidacy exam dated 09/11/2018.
- Dissertation committee Report on final examination dated 05/03/2021.
- Shaida Akbarian 2019-2021 Dissertation committee *The Thirst of the World: Blackness and Ontology Between Earthly Sovereignty and the Oceanic Abyss.* Department of African American and African Studies, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Advisor: Franco Barchiesi (African American and African Studies). Report on final examination dated 04/08/2021.

Deondre Smiles 2017-2020	Candidacy committee  Dissertation committee	<i>Decolonized Afterlife': Towards A New Understanding of the Political Processes Surrounding Indigenous Death.</i> Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Kendra McSweeney (Geography). Report on candidacy exam dated 12/11/2018. Report on final examination dated 07/02/2020.
Navid Farnia 2017-2019	Dissertation committee	<i>Confronting Empire, Repressing Struggle: Race and the U.S. National Security State, 1959-1980.</i> Department of African American and African Studies, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Kwaku Korang (African American and African Studies). Report on final examination dated 06/28/2019.
Kira Williams 2018	Dissertation committee	<i>Arriving Somewhere, Not Here: Exploring and Mapping the Relationship between Border Enforcement and Migration by Boat in the Central Mediterranean Seas, 2006 to 2015.</i> Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Advisor: Alison Mountz (Balsillie School of International Affairs). Report on final examination dated 04/19/2018.
Nolan Kline 2012-2015	Dissertation committee	Nolan Kline, <i>Health Outcomes and Local Immigration Enforcement in Atlanta GA.</i> University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. Advisor: Angela Stuesse (Anthropology, UNC Chapel Hill). Report on final examination dated 04/23/2015.
Christine Biermann 2011-2014	Candidacy committee  Dissertation committee	<i>A Strangely Familiar Forest: The Politics of Restoring the American Chestnut in Appalachia.</i> Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Becky Mansfield (Geography). Report on candidacy exam dated 06/08/2011. Report on final examination dated 04/02/2014.
Seung-Ook Lee 2009-2012	Candidacy committee  Dissertation committee	<i>Is China Colonizing North Korea? Unraveling Geopolitical Economy in the Production of Territory.</i> Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Joel Wainwright (Geography). Report on candidacy exam dated 07/21/2010. Report on final examination dated 04/05/2013.
Zoe Pearson 2010-2015	Candidacy committee  Dissertation committee	<i>Coca Eradication Policies in Bolivia and Its Effects on Quechua Social Reproduction.</i> Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Kendra McSweeney (Geography). Report on candidacy exam dated 05/17/2011. Report on final examination dated 11/12/2015.

Joshua Kurz 2010-2014	Candidacy committee  Dissertation committee	<i>The Figure of the Refugee</i> . Department of Comparative Studies, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Philip Armstrong (Comparative Studies). Report on candidacy exam dated 06/24/2013. Report on final examination dated 04/07/2014.
Tahseen Kazi 2010-2014	Candidacy committee  Dissertation committee	<i>Leadership in State Genesis: Creative Falsification, Guardianship, and the Crystallization of Sovereign Authority</i> . Department of Comparative Studies, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Eugene Holland (Comparative Studies). Report on candidacy exam dated 04/24/2012. Report on final examination dated 04/04/2014.
Marc Auerbach 2009-2011	Candidacy committee	<i>The Dilemmas of Capital and the Struggle for Solidarity: Geographic Perspectives on the UAW New Directions Movement</i> . Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Kevin Cox (Geography). Report on candidacy exam dated 09/23/2011.
Andrew Culp 2009-2013	Candidacy committee  Dissertation committee	<i>Escape</i> . Department of Comparative Studies, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Eugene Holland (Comparative Studies). Report on candidacy exam dated 06/07/2011. Report on final examination dated 07/25/2013.
Caleb Gallemore 2010-2011	Candidacy exam	<i>Shattering Resilience: Complex Networks, Hierarchy, and the Erosion of Polycentric Ecological Institutions</i> . Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Darla Munroe (Geography). Report on candidacy exam dated 03/10/2011.
Fletcher Chmara- Huff 2009-2011	Candidacy committee  Dissertation committee	<i>Human Territoriality in Conservation Conflicts: Territorial Tactics of Marine Reserves in the Bahamas</i> . Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Becky Mansfield (Geography). Report on candidacy exam dated 06/04/2009. Report on final examination dated 10/26/2011.
Christy Rogers 2007-2011	Candidacy committee  Dissertation committee	<i>From Gautreaux to MTO: Racial Discipline and Neoliberal Governance in Housing Policy</i> . Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Mary Thomas (Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies). Report on candidacy exam dated 01/18/2008. Report on final examination dated 05/05/2011.
Theresa Wong 2007-2010	Candidacy committee	<i>Making the Mekong: Nature, Region, Postcoloniality</i> . Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Joel Wainwright (Geography).

	Dissertation committee	Report on candidacy exam dated 07/20/2007. Report on final examination dated 05/21/2010.
Michael Ewers 2007-2010	Candidacy committee	<i>Post-Oil Knowledge: The Acquisition of Human Capital for Transition in the Arab Gulf States</i> . Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH.
	Dissertation committee	Advisor: Ed Malecki (Geography). Report on candidacy exam dated 02/11/2008. Report on final examination dated 05/24/2010.
Rohit Negi 2007-2009	Candidacy committee	<i>Copper Capitalism Today: Space, State, and Development in Northwestern Zambia</i> . Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Kevin Cox (Geography). Report on candidacy exam dated 04/06/2007.
	Dissertation committee	Report on final examination dated 07/24/2009.
Jason Davis 2006-2011	Candidacy committee	<i>Reconsidering Antarctic Bioprospecting through Territorialities of Science, Property, and Governance</i> . Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Becky Mansfield (Geography).
	Dissertation committee	Report on candidacy exam dated 01/11/2006. Report on final examination dated 02/24/2011.
Nurcan Atalan-Helick 2006-2010	Candidacy committee	<i>Seeds of Change: The State, The Politics of Development, and Conservation in Neoliberal Turkey</i> . Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH.
	Dissertation committee	Advisor: Becky Mansfield (Geography). Report on candidacy exam dated 07/16/2007. Report on final examination dated 11/30/2010.

**M.A. Committees**

Alejandro Andonaegui 2021-2022	Thesis committee	<i>Resisting Datafication: Protest Enclosure and Indirect Action</i> . Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Advisor: Nancy Ettlinger (Geography). Report on final examination dated 04/10/2022.
Max Martin 2021-2022	Thesis committee	<i>Far Right Social Movements in Finland</i> . Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Advisor: Kenneth Madsen (Geography). Report on final examination dated 04/17/2022.
Tyler Adams 2010-2011	Thesis committee	<i>'We do not want this sickness!': Religion, Postcolonial Nationalism and Anti-Homosexuality Politics in Uganda</i> . Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Mary Thomas (Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies). Report on final examination dated 05/24/2011.

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Andrew Culp 2007-2009	Thesis committee	<i>War in the Age of Biopolitical Production: How Smart Bombs and National Anti-War Organizing is Changing the Face of War.</i> Department of Comparative Studies, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Eugene Holland (Comparative Studies). Report on final examination dated 05/20/2009.
Marc Auerbach 2006-2008	Thesis committee	<i>Managing Primitive Accumulation: Land Reform, Development, and the State in Contemporary Mexico.</i> Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Kevin Cox (Geography). Report on final examination dated 08/01/2008.
Esin Duzel 2006-2008	Thesis committee	<i>Searching the State within: Effects of September 12 Coup on Olkiicii Movement in Turkey.</i> Department of Comparative Studies, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Philip Armstrong (Comparative Studies). Report on final examination dated 05/23/2008.
Nicholas Crane 2006-2008	Thesis committee	<i>Rethinking 'Non-capitalist Spaces' as Entangled Spaces of Politics: The Emergence of 'Punk Houses' Through Practices of Self-Formation and Encounters with Difference.</i> Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Nancy Ettliger (Geography). Report on final examination dated 07/28/2008.
Eveily Freeman 2005-2007	Thesis committee	<i>Inside-Out of Africa.</i> Department of Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Kendra McSweeney (Geography). Report on final examination dated 06/11/2007.

Graduate School faculty representative

Ayodeji Richard Olugbuyiro 2023		<i>An Enduring Paradigm of Resistance: The Resurgence of Negritude in Contemporary Black Portuguese Poetry.</i> Department of Spanish and Portuguese, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisors: Pedro Schacht Pereira (Spanish and Portuguese) and Adeleke Adeeko (English). Report on final examination dated 07/13/2023.
Erica Lynn Maletic 2020		<i>Integrating Volatile and Trace Element Geochemistry to Evaluate Sources of Volcanism in Oceanic and Continental Rift Environments.</i> School of Earth Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. Advisor: Thomas Durrah (Earth Sciences). Report on final examination dated 12/15/2020.
Norman Reid Groves		<i>Determining Features Sufficient for Protein Trafficking to the Plant Inner Nuclear Membrane and Identification of Putative Nuclear Envelope-</i>

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- 2019 *Associated Proteins in Arabidopsis Thaliana*. Department of Molecular Genetics, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Advisor: Iris Meier (Molecular Genetics). Report on final examination dated 04/25/2019.
- Ah Ran Koo  
2017 *Being and Becoming in the Space Between: Co-Created Visual Storying through Community-Based Participatory Action Research*. Graduate Program in Arts Administration, Education and Policy, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Advisor: Karen Hutzler (Arts Administration, Education and Policy). Report on final examination dated 04/14/2017.
- Sridhar  
Vedachalam  
2011 *Attitudinal, Economic and Technological Approaches to Wastewater Management in Rural Ohio*. Department of Environmental Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Advisor: Karen Macl (Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering). Report on final examination dated 03/03/2011.
- Ai Chen  
2009 *Sealing Borders with Wireless Sensors*. Department of Computer Science and Engineering, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Advisor: Ten-Hwang Lai (Computer Science and Engineering). Report on final examination dated 11/20/2009.

Undergraduate student committee membership

- Frenken, Harrison  
2025-2026 *Investigating Decadal and Interannual Variability of the Llaca Glacier, Peru, Using Differential GPS and Drone Photogrammetry*. Department of Geography, The Ohio State University (advisor: Bryan Mark, Geography)
- Tricia Diangelo  
2021-2022 *Culture Theory Demonstrated through Black Cinema: Jordan Peele and Nia da Costa*. Department of Comparative Studies, The Ohio State University (advisor: Franco Barchiesi, Comparative Studies)
- Fatima Dahir  
2020-2021 *#SomaliMeToo: The Somali-American Relationship with Police and Restorative Justice in the Face of Sexual Violence*. Department of Geography, The Ohio State University (advisor: Madhumita Dutta, Geography)
- Jaret Waters  
2020-2021 *Refugees in Roraima: (Im)mobility of Venezuelan Migrants in Brazil*. Departments of Spanish, Portuguese, Economics and Geography, The Ohio State University (advisor: Kendra McSweeney, Geography)
- Eyako Heh  
2020-2021 *No Privacy, No Peace? Technological Surveillance and the Spatial Struggle of Black Lives Matter Protests*. Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University (advisor: Joel Wainwright, Geography)
- Kenza Kamal  
2018-2019 *Enclosed for Business: Nation-Building through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor*. International Studies, The Ohio State University (advisor: Madhumita Dutta, Geography)

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- Maeve Scully  
2018-2019  
*Visual Methods of Geographic Analysis of Gentrification in Columbus, Ohio.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University (advisor: Darla Munroe, Geography)
- Patrick Cleary  
2018-2019  
*Through the Periscope: Arrighi, Galeano, and the World System.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University (advisor: Joel Wainwright, Geography)
- Sandra Lackmann  
2017-2018  
*Advocacy or Abuse? The Role of U.S. Immigration Law in the Lives of Asylum-Seeking Central American Women.* International Studies, The Ohio State University (advisor: Kendra McSweeney, Geography)
- Amber Dock  
2016-2018  
*Subjectively Objective: Scientific Justification as a Power Strategy.* Department of History, The Ohio State University (advisor: Christopher Otter, History)
- Zack Paganini  
2014-2015  
*Underwater: Entangled Governmentalities and the Emergence of Counter-Resilient Practices in Post-Hurricane Sandy Canarsie, Brooklyn.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University (advisor: Nancy Ettliger, Geography)
- Katherine Preto  
2014-2015  
*Food Sovereignty, Glocalization, and Scale: Perspectives from the U.S. and France.* Department of Comparative Studies, The Ohio State University (advisor: Nina Berman, Comparative Studies)
- Colleen Durfee  
2014-2015  
*Economic Geography and the Role of Socio-Natural Subjectivity in Capitalism: the Development of Fracking Wastewater Disposal Wells in Ohio.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University (advisor: Joel Wainwright, Geography)
- Timothy Adams  
2013-2014  
*Razing Residences and Removing Residents: The Mentalities of Public Housing Demolition in Poindexter Village.* Department of Geography, The Ohio State University (advisor: Nancy Ettliger, Geography)
- Jacob Bogart  
2013-2014  
*Help or Detriment? The Role of International Non-Governmental Organizations in Post-Earthquake Haiti.* Department of Comparative Studies, The Ohio State University (advisor: Nina Berman, Comparative Studies)