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CURRENT POSITION

2021-present Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Planning, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2015-2021 Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Planning, Appalachian State, NC

2013-2015 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Geography
Director, Irish Studies Program, DePaul University, Chicago, IL

2011-2013 Adjunct Professor, joint appointment, Departments of Geography and International Studies
DePaul University, Chicago, IL

2011-2013 Visiting Professor, Political Science Department, Dominican University, Chicago, IL

GRADUATE EDUCATION

2006-2011 Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Doctorate awarded 2011
Dissertation: "Galicia's Hurricane: The Politics of Regional Representation"
Advisor: Robert Ostergren; Committee members: Yi-Fu Tuan, Robert Kaiser, Kris Olds, Juan Egea, Sam Dennis
Fields: Political and cultural geography, migration, nationalism, place marketing, Spain's transition from dictatorship to democracy, terrorism and peace, qualitative methods

2004- 2006 Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Masters awarded in 2006
Thesis: "'Constructing' Contemporary European Regional Identities in Spanish-Galicia"
Advisor: Robert Ostergren
Fields: Political, cultural and historical geography, migration, nationalism, identities,

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Dempsey, Kara E. (2021). "Migrant agency and counter-hegemonic efforts among asylum seekers in the Netherlands in response to geopolitical control and exclusion," *Geopolitics*.
doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2021.1912019

Dempsey, Kara E. and Myadar, Orhon. (2021). "Making and unmaking refugees: Geopolitics of social ordering and struggle within the global refugee regime: An Introduction," *Geopolitics*.

Handwerger, L. R., Runkle, J. R., Leeper, R., Shay, E., Dempsey, K., & Sugg, M. M. (2021). "An Assessment of Social and Physical Vulnerability to Hydroclimate Extremes in Appalachia", *Natural Hazards*.

- Dempsey, Kara E. (2020). "Spaces of Violence: A typology of the Political Geography of violence against migrants seeking asylum in the EU," *Political Geography* 17 (102157): 1-10.
- Dempsey, Kara E. (2020). "Fostering grassroots civic nationalism in an ethno-nationally divided community in Northern Ireland," *Geopolitics*. [10.1080/14650045.2020.1727449](https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2020.1727449)
- Dempsey, Kara E. and McDowell, Sara (2019). "Disaster Depictions and Geopolitical Representations in Europe's 'Migration Crisis,'" *Geoforum*, 98: 153-160.
- Dempsey, Kara E. (2018). "Negotiated positionalities and ethical considerations of fieldwork on migration: Interviewing the interviewer," *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies* 17 (1): 88-108.
- Anderson, L., Dempsey, K.E, Shay, E. and Sugg, M. (2018). "Understanding Key Informant Experiences and Perceptions of the 2016 Drought and Wildfires in Western North Carolina," *Weather, Climate and Society*. 11(1) <https://doi.org/10.1175/WCAS-D-18-0061.1>
- Dempsey, Kara E., Qureshi, M., Ondoma, S., and Dempsey, R., (2017). "Effect of Geopolitical Forces on Neurosurgical Training in Sub-Saharan Africa," *World Neurosurgery*, Feb 6. DOI:10.1016/j.wneu.2017.01.104
- Dempsey, Kara E. (2016). "Competing Claims & Nationalist Narratives: A City/State Debate in a Globalizing World", *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie*, 107 (1): 33-47.
- Dempsey, Kara E. and Wilbrand, S., (2016). "The Role of the Region in the European Landscape Convention," *Regional Studies*, 51 (6): 909-919. DOI: 10.1080/00343404.2016.1144923
- Dempsey, Kara, E. (2012). "'Galicia's Hurricane' Actor Networks and Iconic Constructions," *Geographical Review*, 102 (1): 93-102.

ACADEMIC BOOKS

- Dempsey, Kara E., *The Geopolitics of Ireland: Conflict, Nationalism and Reconciliation*. Under an advanced contract with *Routledge Press*.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- Dempsey, Kara, E. (2018). "Creating a Place for the Nation in Dublin: The Republic of Ireland's Garden of Remembrance," in (eds.) Hagen, Josh and Diener, Alexander. *The City as Power: Urban Space, Place, and National Identity*. Rowman & Littlefield.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATION SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW

- Dempsey, Kara E. "Concealed productions of structural violence: Cultural flagships and place competition in post-authoritarian Spain."

- Dempsey, Kara E. "Geopolitical spaces of belonging and exclusion in refugee camps in the EU."

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Nationalism and Geopolitics
- Geopolitics of religion (e.g. the Muslim World, political Islam and Christianity)
- Conflict, paramilitary violence and reconciliation efforts
- International migration
- Sustainability (e.g. social, environmental, water and food)
- Health Geographies in developing nations
- Politics of place, architecture and representation
- Place marketing and city networking
- Human Geography (Political, Cultural, Historical and Urban)

RESEARCH FIELD WORK

2018-present	Geopolitics of asylum camps within the European Union
2017-present	Climate & Social and Environmental Justice dialogues in Appalachia, North Carolina
2017	Migration and Integration Ethnographic Research in Asylum Camps, Iceland
2016	Migration “Crisis” Ethnographic Research in Asylum Camps: Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands
2015-present	“Shared” spaces in divided neighborhoods in Belfast, Northern Ireland
2014	Memorial Landscape Research, Dublin, Republic of Ireland
2013	International Migration and migrant labor in Spain, Catalonia, Spain
2012	European Union Environmental Landscape Policies, Catalonia, Spain
2011	Medical and Social Geography Research, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
2010	Political and Cultural Geography Research, Belfast and Derry, Northern Ireland
2008	Invited Visiting Researcher, University of Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, Spain
2008	Dissertation Field Research, Santiago de Compostela Archives and Capitol Library, Galicia, Spain
2006	Master’s Thesis Field Research: Universidad de Santiago de Compostela Library, Galicia, Spain

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2020	William C. Strickland Outstanding Junior Faculty Award, Awardee, \$1,000.
2020	College of Arts and Sciences Academy of Outstanding Teachers, Nominee.
2020	Richard N. Henson Outstanding Advisor Award in CAS, Nominee.
2020	Spring 2020 URA Research Grant, Appalachian State University, \$1,000.
2019	NSF GSS Understanding connections between mobility, transportation and quality of life in refugee communities in Tucson, Arizona, unfunded.
2019-2020	Graduate Research and Mentorship Grant, Appalachian State, \$20,000.
2019	CAS Research/Proposal Development Summer Grant, \$5,000
2019	Nominated for William C. Strickland Outstanding Junior Faculty Award
2019	Faculty Resigned Research Grant, Appalachian State University, Spring 2019
2018	Faculty Research Summer Grant, Appalachian State University, \$5,000
2018	Office of Research Faculty Grant, Appalachian State University, \$8,300
2018	Wayne D Duncan Teaching Fellowship Awardee, Appalachian State University –

- Awarded to 1 faculty member annually for teaching excellence, **\$3,500.**
- 2018 Voted one of “Appalachian State Top 10 Professors” by students via OneClass!
- 2017-2018 Graduate Research and Mentorship Grant, Appalachian State, **\$20,000.**
- 2018 NSF grant “Activation Local Capacity for Access to Food and Water,” unfunded.
- 2018 CONCERT grant, “Mountain Resilience and Climate Dialogues in the Southern Appalachian Mountains,” Appalachian State University, **\$4,500**
- 2017 College of Arts and Science Teaching Award Nominee, Appalachian State University
- 2017 Best Academic Advisor Award, Appalachian State University, **\$1,000.**
- 2016 Graduate Research Assistant Mentorship Program Grant, Appalachian State, **\$20,000.**
- 2016 RIEEE Cluster Grant “Vulnerable Populations,” Appalachian State University, **\$4,000.**
- 2016 College of Arts and Sciences Student and Faculty Excellence Award, Appalachian State University, **\$2,000.**
- 2016 Appalachian State College of Liberal Arts and Science Teaching Award, early nominee
- 2016 Board of Trustee Grant for International Research “Shared spaces in Ireland,” Appalachian State University, **\$5,200.**
- 2016 Research Council Grant, “Divided Neighborhoods in Belfast,” Appalachian State University, **\$2,250.**
- 2015 RIEEE Cluster Grant “Mountain Vulnerability,” Appalachian State University, **\$3,500.**
- 2014 DePaul “Diversity Grant,” DePaul University, **\$5,000.**
- 2013 College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award for Contingent Faculty, DePaul University, Chicago - Awarded to 2 Contingent Faculty in the college, **\$4,000.**

GRADUATE STUDENT GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2011 Capstone PhD. Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison -Awarded to 4 Graduate Students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2011 Research Grant, Center for Culture, History and Environment, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2010 Graduate Student Mentor Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2010 University Honored Instructor Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2010 University Teaching Writing Fellowship, “Writing instruction across the University”
- 2010 Vilas Conference Travel Grant Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2009 Vilas Travel Grant Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2009 Trewartha Graduate Travel Award, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin
- 2008 Vilas International Travel Grant, Vilas Foundation, University of Wisconsin
- 2008 Trewartha Graduate Research Grant, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin
- 2008 International Studies Travel Grant, “Place Identity, Monumental Landscapes and Regional Transformations,” Division of International Studies, University of Wisconsin
- 2008 First Place Graduate Student Paper Award, “Architecture, Symbol and Identity: Spanish Monuments and Contested Regional Representations,” Association of American Geographers Political Geography Specialty Group

- 2008 First Place Graduate Student Paper Award, “Constructing Contemporary European Regional Identities,” Association of American Geographers European Specialty Group
- 2008 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2007 Trewartha Conference Travel Award, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2006 Trewartha Conference Travel Award, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2005 NAVE Travel Scholarship, “Reinventing Region: Defining Region through the Built Environment and Cultural Performance,” Latin American & Caribbean Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison

NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 2021-present President, Political Geography Group, AAG
- 2019-2021 Vice President, Political Geography Group, AAG

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 2016-2017 Department of Geography and Planning Cartography Hire Search Committee
- 2013-2015 Director of the Irish Studies Program, DePaul University
 - Within one academic year: increased the number of declared Irish Studies students by 400%, organized and hosted Irish heritage week for the university and public, managed program budget, supervised student employee, established a student internship program at the Chicago Consulate of Ireland, co-hosted multicultural events with other interdisciplinary departments, and launched a study abroad programs for DePaul students in Ireland.

TEACHING INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE

- Human Geography (Political, Urban, Cultural, Historical, Religious and Social)
- International Migration
- Nationalist Movements and Paramilitary Violence
- Sustainability (environmental, food and water, security, social)
- Regional (Spain, Portugal, North Africa, Middle East, Ireland, Europe/EU, BREXIT, Latin America)
- Political Science (Comparative, Democracy, Authoritarian)
- Global Studies, Globalization, and/or International Relations
- Religion, Culture and Politics
- Politics of Film
- Liberal Studies (Politics through Literature, Art, and Film)
- Qualitative methods

Department of Geography and Planning, Appalachian State University

Fall 2020

GHY 1020: *Geographic Diversity and Globalization*

- An examination of global issues including sustainability and social justice, geospatial analysis, multiculturalism, global population pressures, religion, technology and culture change, rural versus urban development, and international trade, political identity and international conflict.

GHY 3017: *Spain and North Africa*

- Emphasis on political and cultural connections via Colonialization. Examination of the politics, religion, health, history, culture, of Spanish, Portuguese and, North African society, particularly regarding geopolitical efforts and connections between Africa, Europe, and Latin America.

GHY 1040: *Introduction to Human Geography*

- Study of spatial patterns and human society focusing on the geospatial aspects of cultural, political and global dimensions of human language, human-environment interaction, economy, religion and government. This course is a celebration of human diversity.

Summer 2020-2021 GHY 4230: *Political Geography – online course*

- Spatial aspects of territoriality, boundaries, voting patterns, government programs, formation of political units, political development and integration, and environmental policy.

GHY 1040: *Introduction to Human Geography*

- Spatial patterns of human society focusing on spatial dimensions of human language, economy, religion and government, this course is a celebration of human diversity.

Spring 2021-2015 GHY 4230: *Political Geography*

- Spatial aspects of territoriality, boundaries, voting patterns, government programs, formation of political units, political development and integration, and environmental policy.

GHY 3011: *Geography of Europe - Past & Present*

- An examination of the key social, political and economic institutions, history, and cultural landscapes of Europe. This course explores Europe's great diversity, inhabitants, languages, religions, political organizations and everyday life. It also focuses on efforts to bring about political, economic and social integration and the challenges raised by such efforts.

GHY 1040: *Introduction to Human Geography*

- Spatial patterns of human society focusing on spatial dimensions of human language, economy, religion and government, this course is a celebration of human diversity.

Fall 2019-2016 GHY 1020: *Global Geographic Diversity*

- An examination of global issues including sustainability, multiculturalism, global population pressures, religion, technology and culture change, rural versus urban development, and international trade, political identity and international conflict.

GHY 3017: *Political and Cultural Connections: Spain and North Africa*

- Examination of the politics, religion, history, culture, and society of Spain, Portugal and North Africa, and Arabia particularly regarding geopolitical efforts and connections between Africa, Europe, and Latin America.

GHY 1040: *Introduction to Human Geography*

- Study of human society focusing on cultural, political and global dimensions of human language, economy, religion and government, this course is a celebration of human diversity.

Fall 2015

GHY 5130: *Human Geography Seminar*

- An investigation of key social, political and economic institutions of Europe. By investigating Europe at the city, region, state and supra-national level, this seminar will examine its diversity, including the history and distribution of its inhabitants, languages, religions and political structures. This course also focuses on historic and contemporary efforts to bring about political, economic and social integration, and the challenges raised by such efforts.

GHY 4230: *Political Geography*

GHY 1020: *World Regional Geography*

Departments of Geography and Global Studies, DePaul University, Chicago, IL

*Teaching load included 7-8 courses per year plus 1 summer course

Spring 2015 GEO 218: *Geography of Spain and Portugal*

- Examination of the history, culture, politics and society of Spain and Portugal, particularly regarding geopolitical efforts and connections with Latin America, Africa and Europe

GEO 204: *Global Geography of Religion*

- Political and historical analysis of the development and diffusion of major world religions throughout history as well as contemporary interactions of the Abrahamic faiths and its affect on American foreign relations

Winter 2015 GEO 201: *Geopolitics*

- Survey of theories of geopolitics and international relations, international security and organization, regional integration, nationalism, state formation and conflict. Case studies from Europe and the US provide opportunities to assess theoretical approaches and profile the security and foreign policy concerns of the U.S.

GEO 218: *Geography of Spain and Portugal*

IRE 100: *Introduction to Irish Studies*

- Interdisciplinary introduction to Irish Studies; the history and politics of Ireland; the role of religion; Irish mythology and literature; the Irish Diaspora; and the location of Ireland today in a complex and interdependent global political economy

Fall 2014 GEO 170: *Global Cultural Landscape*

- A critical examination of how people, through their cultural processes, change the earth's landscapes and conceptualize culture, space and place

GEO 204: *Geography of Religion*

Spring 2014 GEO 201: *Geopolitics and Multiculturalism*

GEO 218: *Geography of Spain and Portugal*

Winter 2014 GEO 204: *Geography of Religion*

GEO 218: *Geography of Spain and Portugal*

IRE 100: *Introduction to Irish Studies*

Fall 2013 GEO 204: *Geography of Religion*

GEO 218: *Geography of Spain and Portugal*

Summer 2013 GEO 204: *Geography of Religion*

Spring 2013 GEO 218: *The Iberian Impact*

- Historical and political analysis of the Iberian Peninsula focusing on geopolitics, trade, settlement and culture

LSP 200: *Multiculturalism in the United States: Critical Cultural Geography*

- Political and cultural analysis of dimensions of multiculturalism, including ethnicity, race, class, gender, language and religion in the United States, as considered in the context of the global community

Political Science Department, Dominican University, River Forest, IL

POSC 246: *Democracy and Authoritarianism*

- Survey of a variety of modern political systems, particularly focusing on the antithesis of democracy and authoritarianism and scholarship on authoritarian regimes, including their institutional features, strategies for survival, and prospects for change

Winter 2013 Department of Geography, DePaul University, Chicago, IL

GEO 204: *Geography of Religion*

LSP 200: *Multiculturalism in the United States: Critical Political Geography*

Fall 2012 GEO 218: *The Iberian Impact*

INT 341: *Europe in History and the Modern World*

- Political and geographical survey of the social, political and economic institutions, history and cultural landscapes of Europe in relation to the current European crisis

Political Science Department, Dominican University, River Forest, IL

POSC 262: *Politics and Film*

- An investigation of the relationship between politics and film such as government propaganda, a director's depiction of events, and the relationship between the political environment and creation/reception of a film

Summer 2012 GEO 204: *Geography of Religion*

Spring 2012 GEO 204: *Geography of Religion*

INT 341: *The History of European International Relations*

- Survey of European society, politics, economy, history and cultural landscapes

Winter 2012 GEO 218: *The Iberian Impact*

INT 150: *Global Connections: International Relations*

- Introduction to international perspectives on politics, culture, global health and urbanism

Fall 2011 GEO 170: *Earth's Cultural Landscape*

- A critical examination of how people, through their cultural processes, change the earth's landscapes and conceptualize culture, space and place

INT 395: *Conflict and Working for Peace: Ireland's Troubles*

- Political, cultural and religious analysis of the history and contemporary situation of Ireland's tumultuous "Troubles"

Spring 2010 Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

GEOG 349: *Geography of Europe*

- Historical, cultural, political, urban, physical/environmental geographic analysis of Europe

Spring 2009 GEOG 101: *Introduction to Human Geography and Globalization*

- Introduction to human geography through an investigation of political, cultural, economic and urban geographic themes and case studies

Fall 2009 GEOG 349: *Geography of Europe*

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

Responsible for teaching weekly discussion sections emphasizing case studies based on lecture material

2011 Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

GEOG 120: *Introduction to the Physical Environment*

2005-2010 GEOG 101: *Introduction to Human Geography*, Writing Intensive Course

2006-2010 Head Teaching Assistant, responsible for coordinating 6 teaching assistants

STUDY ABROAD INSTRUCTOR

- Summer 2017 Study abroad course on the Migration “Crisis” in Europe, Refugee and Asylum Camps, Netherlands, Denmark and Sweden
- Summer 2016 Study abroad course on the conflict and reconciliation efforts in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Appalachian State University
- Summer 2013 Co-led Study abroad course on urbanization and travel literature in the Republic of Ireland for DePaul University
- Summer 2010 Organized and led University of Wisconsin-Madison trip for undergraduates to study the political forgiveness process from sectarian violence in Northern Ireland

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 “Asylum camps as geopolitical spaces of embodied violence and migrant agency,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Seattle/hybrid online
- 2021 Panelist – Author meets Critic: “Fair Trade Rebels,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Seattle/hybrid online
- 2020 (National Conference canceled due to Covid)
- 2019 “A Selective Place for the Nation: Employment of urban commemorative space in Dublin”, Association of American Geographers Conference, DC.
- 2018 “The EU’s Securitization of Migration and Violence,” Association of American Geographers Conference, New Orleans
- 2017 “Migrant Struggles, Violence, and the European Migration “Crisis,” Political Geography Specialty Group Annual Conference, Harvard University
- 2017 “Experiences of violence along migration and in asylum camps: The European Migration Crisis,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Boston.
- 2016 “Media Perceptions and public reception of Europe’s Migration “Crisis,” Association of American Geographers Conference, San Francisco.
- 2016 “‘Shared’ Spaces in Post-Conflict Belfast,” Association of American Geographers Conference, San Francisco.
- 2015 “Politics, Place, Commemoration and Reconciliation”, Association of American Geographers Conference, Chicago.

- 2014 “Creating a place for the Nation: The Republic of Ireland’s Garden of Remembrance”, Association of American Geographers Conference, Tampa, Florida.
- 2012 “Media mayhem: Newspapers and Regional Politics in Galicia, Spain,” Association of American Geographers Conference, New York.
- 2011 “Monumental endeavor of “collective impression management”: Galicia, Spain’s international place-making efforts,” Association of American Geographers, Seattle.
- 2011 "Galicia's Hurricane": Representation, Politics and Culture on the Landscape”, Indiana State University Landscape Conference, Bloomington.
- 2010 “Spanish Regions and Regional Identities in Contemporary Europe,” Europe and the Mediterranean Conference, Center for European Studies Training of K-12 teachers, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2010 “Marketing place: Employment of the European City of Culture Celebration in 2000,” Department of Letters and Science Tourism and Culture Conference, Madison.
- 2010 “Politics “grounded” in place: Discourses of representation and politics on the European landscape,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Washington, DC.
- 2009 “Re-making” place: Santiago de Compostela’s Employment of the 2000 European City of Culture Celebration,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Las Vegas.
- 2008 “Architecture, Symbol and Identity: Spanish Monuments, Museums and Galicia’s Regional Representations,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Boston.
- 2008 Panelist “Eternal sunshine of the spotless mind: place and the construction of memory in Europe,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Boston.
- 2007 “Performance, monuments and identities: Spanish-Galician regional tensions,” Association of American Geographers Conference, San Francisco.
- 2007 “Performing Identity: Galician heritage, dance, and ‘its’ Cathedral,” Geography Student Symposium, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2006 “Constructing contemporary European regional identities: Spanish-Galicia’s Cidade da Cultura,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Chicago.
- 2006 “Identidades Regionales en Europa,” Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2018 College of Business Annual Award Ceremony Keynote Speaker, “Global forces, social justice, politics, and the global economy,” Appalachian State University.
- 2015-2014 Guest Lecturer, “Spanish Business Practices” Department of Modern Languages and

Literature, Carroll University, Waukesha.

- 2013 Guest Lecturer, “Physical Geography of the Burren in West Ireland” Study Abroad Trip in Ireland for DePaul University, Galway.
- 2013 Guest Lecturer, “Spanish in Academic Research and Business Foundations”, Department of Modern Languages and Literature, Carroll University, Waukesha.
- 2012 Guest Lecturer, “Monumental Endeavors: Contested “Global” Architecture in Santiago de Compostela, Spain”, DePaul Geographical Society, Chicago.
- 2012 Guest Lecturer, “Spanish for Business Professionals”, Department of Modern Languages and Literature, Carroll University, Waukesha.
- 2012 Guest Lecturer, “ Political Battles and Iconic Architecture: Place Making Efforts in Contemporary Spain, International Studies Department, DePaul University, Chicago.
- 2011 Guest Lecturer, “Employment of Languages in Academia”, Department of Modern Languages and Literature, Carroll University, Waukesha.
- 2010 Guest Lecturer, “European Medieval Urbanism”, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison.
- 2010 Guest Lecturer, “Politica, Paisaje, y Cultura”, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison.
- 2008 Invited Annual Hibdon Honorary Lecturer, “Cultural Identity in Architecture: ‘Spain’s City of Culture’,” Central Missouri University.
- 2007 Guest Lecturer, “European Cultural Geography,” Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2021-present **President**, Political Geography Specialty Group and PGSG Conference, American Association of Geographers
- 2020 Invited Committee Member for the American Association of Geographers 2020 “*Ethnonationalism and Exclusion Around the World*” Theme Selection Committee
- 2021 Manuscript reviewer for *Space, Place, and Policy*
- 2020-2018 Manuscript reviewer for *Geopolitics*
- 2020-2018 Manuscript reviewer for *Dialogues in Human Geography*
- 2020-2018 Manuscript reviewer for *Political Geography*
- 2020-2018 Manuscript reviewer for *Refugee Studies*
- 2020-2018 Manuscript reviewer for *ACME: Critical Geographies*
- 2020-2018 Manuscript reviewer for *Geoforum*

- 2019-2021 **Vice President** of the Political Geography Specialty Group and PGSG Conference, American Association of Geographers
- 2018 **Co-editor** of the Special Issue on “Geopolitics of Making and Unmaking Refugees” for *Geopolitics*, December 2018.
- 2017 Organizer and Chair of “Contextualizing the effects of the European Migration “Crisis,” American Association of Geographers Conference, Boston
- 2017 Chair and Head Judge of “Best Political Geography Book” Award for the Political Geography Specialty Group
- 2017 Chair of “Geopolitics of Finance Sessions,” Political Geography Specialty Group Annual Conference, Harvard University
- 2017 Manuscript reviewer for peer-reviewed international journal, *Journal of Geography*.
- 2014-2017 President of European Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
- 2016 Organizer and Chair of “European Migration Crisis Series,” (3 sessions) American Association of Geographers Conference, San Francisco
- 2016 Manuscript reviewer for peer-reviewed international journal, *Landscape Research*
- 2014 Book reviewer for *After the Agreement: Life in contemporary Northern Ireland* by Sarah Tuck
- 2015-present Board Member of Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
- 2015-present President of European Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
- 2015 Panelist for “Rebirth of Region,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Chicago
- 2015 Manuscript reviewer for *Geopolitics*, peer-reviewed international journal,
- 2015 Organizer for “Addressing new political and socio-cultural challenges in Europe,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Chicago
- 2014-2015 Local coordinator for 2015 Political Geography Specialty Group pre-conference, DePaul University, Chicago
- 2014-2015 Local Arrangements Committee for the Association of American Geographer

Conference, Chicago

- 2014-present Travel Grant Award Committee, Political Geography Specialty Group, AAG
- 2014 Paper Session Coordinator for “Addressing new political and socio-cultural challenges in Europe since the 2007-2008 financial crisis,” Association of American Conference, Chicago
- 2014 Organized and hosted a university and city-wide week long Irish-American Heritage and Women’s History Month lecture and performance series, including “Daughters of Eire” musical and heritage performance and “St. Patrick: Biocidal Lunatic or First Irish Ecologist?” by Dr. Liam Heneghan, DePaul University, Chicago
- 2014 Paper Session Coordinator for two sessions, “Politics and the implementation of landscape laws and regulations” and “The Current State of Migration in Europe”, Association of American Geographers Conference, Tampa
- 2014-present Committee co-chair for Student Travel Award for the Political Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers
- 2013-2015 Vice President of the European Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers
- 2013-present Board Member of the Landscape Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers
- 2013 Paper Session Chair and Coordinator, “The Current Status of Immigration in Europe”, Association of American Geographers Conference, Los Angeles, California
- 2012 National Science Foundation (NSF) Reviewer for a NSF Proposal and Merit Review
- 2012 Discussant, “German Economy in the EU”, International Studies Department, DePaul University
- 2012 Organized and hosted university-wide lecture and National Public Radio (NPR) interview on Peace in Northern Ireland with Reverend Bill Shaw, recipient of the Order of the British Empire for his work in Northern Ireland
- 2012 Paper Session Chair and Coordinator, “The European Union Today”, Association of American Geographers Conference, New York City, New York
- 2011 Paper Session Chair and Student Paper Competition Panel Judge, Association of American Geographers West Lakes Division Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois
- 2011 Paper Session Chair and Coordinator, “Integration in the European Union”, Association of American Geographers Conference, Seattle, Washington
- 2010 Paper Session Chair and Coordinator, “Society, Landscape, and Politics,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 2009-2011 Graduate Representative, Association of American Geographers European Geography Specialty Group

- 2008-2009 Graduate Representative, Association of American Geographers, Political Geography
- 2008 Paper Session Chair and Coordinator, “European identities II: Analyzing Representations of Difference and Identity,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Boston

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2021-present Curriculum and T&P Committee, Appalachian State University
- 2019-2020 Search Committee Member for Department Chair, Appalachian State University
- 2019-present **Chair**, Speaker Committee, Appalachian State University
- 2018 **Co-Chair, Master Thesis**, “Media and Discourse: DeFacto State Development, Nagorno-Karabakh and the Vardenis-Martakert Highway,” Appalachian State University
- 2018 **Committee Member, Master Thesis**, “Adolescents in Crisis: A Spatial Exploration of Mental Distress Using Data from Crisis Text Line,” Appalachian State University
- 2018 **Committee Member, Honors Thesis**, “A Proposed Model for Childhood Malaria,” Appalachian State University
- 2018-present Honor & Awards Committee, Appalachian State University
- 2017 **Committee Member, Master Thesis**, “Historical Investigations employing GIS to map the Mexican Railroad 1905-1915, Appalachian State University
- 2017 **Chair**, Masters Comprehensive Exam Committee, Appalachian State University
- 2017 Co-organizer and participant for statewide panel discussion for “Mountain Vulnerability Research,” May 2017, Appalachian State University
- 2016 Global Studies and International Migration Panel organizer and presenter, Appalachian State University
- 2016 Committee Member for Masters Comprehensive Exam Committee, Appalachian State University
- 2016 Search Committee Member for Tenure-Track Faculty Position, Appalachian State University
- 2015 Speaker, “Politics, Place and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland” for International

- 2014 Education Week, Appalachian State University
Organized and hosted a university-wide lecture on “Contemporary Ireland” given by Consul General of Ireland, Aidan Cronin, DePaul University
- 2014 Co-organized a university-wide lecture, “Evangelical Protestantism and the Making of Victorian Belfast” by Dr. Sean Farrell from Northern Illinois University
- 2013 Master’s Defense Committee Member, International Studies Department, DePaul Univ.
- 2010 Chair of University of Wisconsin-Madison Interdisciplinary Dissertation Writing Group
- 2009 Coordinator of Graduate Mentoring Program, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2008 Geography Symposium Coordinator, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2007-2008 Visiting Speakers Committee Graduate Coordinator, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2007- 2008 Instructor for new Geography Teaching Assistants, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2005-2006 Graduate Affairs Representative, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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- 2021-present **President**, Political Geography Specialty Group
- 2019-2021 Vice President - Political Geography Specialty Group
- 2014-2017 President - European Specialty Group
- 2014-present Board Member - Political Geography Specialty Group
- 2008-present Member - Landscape Specialty Group
- 2008-present Member - Cultural Geography Specialty Group
- 2014 Local host for Political Geography Specialty Group annual conference
- 2009-present Sigma Delta Pi National Spanish Honor Society, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Wisconsin-Madison
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NON-ACAMEDIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016-present Habitat for Humanity Board Member, Watauga County

- 2015-present Appalachian State University Chorale
- 2015-2011 DePaul University Choir
- 2013-2015 Big Shoulders Charity Fund Executive Board Member, Chicago
- 2011 Operating Room Circulator, Dar Es Salaam, Africa
- 2010-2011 Translator, St. Vincent's community housing project, Madison
- 2010-2011 Fundraiser and volunteer coordinator, Habitat for Humanity Young Professionals
- 2008-2011 Volunteer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum, Madison
- 1994-2009 Translator, "Medical Mission Ecuador", Ambato, Ecuador
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