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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2021-present | Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Planning, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina                            |
| 2015-2021    | Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Planning, Appalachian State  |
| 2013-2015    | Director, Irish Studies Program, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois   |
| 2012-2013    | Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Dominican University, Chicago, Illinois                                       |
| 2011-2013    | Visiting Assistant Professor, joint appointment, Departments of Geography and International Studies, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois |
| 2010-2011    | Course Instructor, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison   |

### EDUCATION

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| 2006-2011 | Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Doctorate awarded 2011<br>Dissertation: "Galicia's Hurricane: The Politics of Regional and State Contestation"<br>(Robert Ostergren, Yi-Fu Tuan, Robert Kaiser, Kris Olds, Juan Egea, Sam Dennis) |
| 2004-2006 | Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Masters awarded in 2006<br>Thesis: "'Constructing' Contemporary European Regional Identities in Spanish-Galicia"  |
| 1999-2003 | University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A. - Spanish; European Studies - Awarded in 2003,<br>Graduated with Distinction. Study Abroad Research Undergraduate Thesis-Mexico, 2002   |

### ACADEMIC BOOKS – PEER-REVIEWED

Dempsey, K.E. (2022). *An Introduction to the Geopolitics of Ireland: Conflict, Nationalism and Reconciliation*. Routledge. ISBN 9780367692650.

\*Awarded the 2022 American Conference (ACIS) Irish Studies Donnelly Prize for History and Social Science Book, Honorable Mention.

Dempsey, K.E. and Myadar, O. eds. (2023). *Making and Unmaking Legal Refugees: Geopolitics of the Geneva Convention's Global Regime*. Routledge. ISBN 9781032452708.

Flint, C., and Dempsey, K.E. eds. (2024). *Making Geographies of Peace and War*. Routledge. ISBN 9781032385983.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Dempsey, K.E.** and Myadar, O. (2026). “Geographies of Displacement, Belonging, and Home.” *Geographical Review*. Forthcoming publication.
- Dempsey, K.E.** and Bose, P. (2025). “Political Geography of Governance in Geopolitical Camps.” *Political Geography*. Invited article for Special Issue: *Bodily Autonomy, Gender, and Geopolitics*. 119, 103316. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2025.103316>
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2025). “Empowering Change: Resettled Agency in Grassroots Advocacy Organizations” as part of Special Issue: *Geopolitics of Displacement and the Geneva Convention* in *Geographical Review*. [doi.org/10.1080/00167428.2025.2469798](https://doi.org/10.1080/00167428.2025.2469798).
- Brown, H. and **Dempsey, K.E.** (2025). “Spatial Distribution of Social Media Topics Regarding COVID-19 and Related Public Health Policies.” *Geographical Review*. 1–22. (**\*student-led research and writing**) <https://doi.org/10.1080/00167428.2025.2498341>
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2024). “Espaços de violência: Uma tipologia da geografia política da violência contra migrantes que procuram asilo na UE” in *Geografi a Política, Geopolítica e Gestão do Território: Agendas, Atores e Pesquisas IV CONGEO*.
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2023). “Infrasecular” Geographies and the Multifaceted Significance of a European Shrine Cathedral,” *Journal of Cultural Geography*. doi: [10.1080/08873631.2023.2194841](https://doi.org/10.1080/08873631.2023.2194841).
- DeBoom, M., Dahlman, C., Dowler, L., Holland, E., Murphy, A. and **Dempsey, K.E.** (2023). “Reading **Kara E. Dempsey’s** *An Introduction to the Geopolitics of Conflict, Nationalism, and Reconciliation in Ireland*.” *Political Geography* (102999). [doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2023.102999](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2023.102999)
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2022). “Concealed Productions of Structural Violence: A Cultural Flagship in Post-Authoritarian Spain,” *Social and Cultural Geography*. doi: [10.1080/14649365.2022.2114533](https://doi.org/10.1080/14649365.2022.2114533)
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2021). “Multiple forms of agency and counter-hegemonic efforts in the Netherlands in response to geopolitical control and exclusion,” *Geopolitics*. [doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2021.1912019](https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2021.1912019)
- Dempsey, K.E.** and Myadar, O. (2021). “Making and unmaking resettlement: Geopolitics of social ordering and struggle within the global regime: An Introduction,” *Geopolitics*. [doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2021.1924552](https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2021.1924552)
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2020). “Spaces of Violence: A typology of the Political Geography of violence against those seeking asylum in the EU,” *Political Geography* 17 (102157): 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2020.102157>
- Dempsey, K.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, K.E.** and McDowell, Sara (2019). “Disaster Depictions and Geopolitical Representations in Europe’s ‘Crisis,’” *Geoforum*, 98: 153-160. [doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2018.11.008](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2018.11.008)
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2018). “Negotiated positionalities and ethical considerations of fieldwork: Interviewing the interviewer,” *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies* 17 (1): 88-108. <https://acme-journal.org/index.php/acme/article/view/1568>
- Anderson, L., Bonevac, A., Thompson, 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) [DOI.org/10.1175/WCAS-D-18-0061.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/WCAS-D-18-0061.1) (\* student-led research and writing)
- Dempsey, K.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](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wneu.2017.01.104)
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2016). “Competing Claims and Nationalist Narratives: A City/State Debate in a Globalizing World”, *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie*, 107 (1): 33-47. [DOI:10.1111/tesg.12127](https://doi.org/10.1111/tesg.12127)
- Dempsey, K.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](https://doi.org/10.1080/00343404.2016.1144923)
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2014). “‘Galicia’s Hurricane’ Actor Networks and Iconic Constructions,” *Geographical Review*, 102 (1): 93-102. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/23208626>

## CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- Dempsey, K.E.** (2026). “Mapping Sectarian Segregation in the Classroom” in (eds.) Kendrick and Theobald. *The Oxford Handbook of Geography for Educators*: Oxford Press. Forthcoming publication.
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2026). “Peace” in (ed.) Flint. C. *Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Geopolitics*. Edward Elgar Press. 137-140. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781803928821.00041>.
- Dempsey, K.E.** and K. Foote. (2024). “Constructive politics of political geography: From specialty group to ‘Community of Practice’ in (eds.) Menga, F. and K. Grove. *Political Geography in Practice*. Palgrave Academic Press. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-69899-6\\_16](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-69899-6_16).
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2024). “Geographies of Violence” in (ed.) Warf, B. *Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. Springer Press. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-25900-5\\_289-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-25900-5_289-1)
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2023). “Forging Shared Space for Building Peace,” in (eds.) Flint, C. and **K.E. Dempsey** *Making Geographies of Peace and Conflict*. Routledge.
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2023). “Agency and Counter-Hegemonic Efforts Among Recently Resettled in the Netherlands in Response to Geopolitical Control and Exclusion,” in (eds.) **Dempsey, K.E.** and Myadar, O. *Making and Unmaking Legal Refugees: Geopolitics of the Geneva Convention’s Global Regime*. Routledge.

Flint, C. and **K.E. Dempsey** (2023). "Introduction: Making Geographies of Peace and Conflict" in (eds.) Flint, C. and **K.E. Dempsey** *Making Geographies of Peace and Conflict*. Routledge.

Myadar, O. and **K.E. Dempsey** (2023). "Introduction: Making and Unmaking Legal Convention Refugees." in (eds.) **Dempsey, K.E.** and Myadar, O. *Making and Unmaking Legal Refugees. Geopolitics of the Geneva Convention's Global Regime*. Routledge. Routledge.

**Dempsey, K.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 ARTICLES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

Phillips, E.N. and **Dempsey, K.E.** "Tactical Agents and Gendered Targets: Embodied Paradox of female IRA members during the Troubles." Submitted and under review. (\* **student-led research and writing**).

Hope, G. and **Dempsey, K.E.** "Geopolitics of assistance and asylum in the United States." Submitted and under review. (\* **student-led research and writing**).

**Dempsey, K.E.** "Why representation matters in the global regime since the 1951 Geneva Convention." Submitted and under review.

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

\*Plenary and Invited Lectures listed in Invited Plenary Speaker/Off Campus Lectures section\*

2025	<i>George L. Mosse Research Award</i> , International Mosse Research Association of European Studies, Madison, Wisconsin and Berlin, Germany
2023	American Conference Irish Studies (ACIS) <i>Donnelly Prize for History and Social Science Book, Honorable Mention</i> , for <i>An Introduction to the Geopolitics of Ireland: Conflict, Nationalism and Reconciliation</i> .
2023	<i>BOARD OF GOVERNORS Appalachian State University Excellence In Teaching Award</i> , Appalachian State University
2023-2024	<i>Emerging Research Scholar Award</i> , National Political Geography Organization (PGSG), American Association of Geographers
2022	<i>Teacher of the Year Award</i> , College of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University
2021	Inducted into the <i>ACADEMY OF OUTSTANDING TEACHERS</i> , College of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University
2021	<i>Outstanding Emerging Research Scholar</i> , Political Geography International Journal
2020	<i>William C. Strickland Outstanding Junior Faculty Award</i> , College of Arts and Sciences
2018	<i>Wayne D. Duncan Appalachian State University Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching</i> , Appalachian State University

2018	Voted one of “ <i>Appalachian State Top 10 Professors</i> ” elected by students on OneClass
2013	<i>College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award</i> , DePaul University
2011	<i>Capstone PhD. Excellence in Teaching Award</i> , University of Wisconsin-Madison
2008	<i>Best Ph.D. Student Research Paper Award</i> , National Political Geography Organization (PGSG), American Association of Geographers Annual Conference
2008	<i>Best Graduate Student Research Paper Award</i> , European Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
2008	<i>Outstanding Teaching Award</i> , Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2026	National Science Foundation (NSF), HEGS: “ <i>Collaborative Research: Threads of Change: Cashmere Markets, Environment, and Pastoral Decision-Making in Mongolia</i> ,” (#2612685) (PI: K. Dempsey at Appalachian State University, O. Myadar, PI at University of Hawaii at Mānoa). Pending review.
2025	George L. Mosse European Fellowship, George L. Mosse Foundation and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. External Grant.
2025	Research Innovation & Collaboration Exchange Fellowship (RICE). National East-West Scholar Center, Washington, DC. Awarded; but agency later determined funds were no longer available due to budget constraints. External Grant.
2023-2025	2023-2025 Graduate Research Assistant Mentor (GRAM) Awardee, “Geopolitics of the United States, Venezuela and Colombia,” Cratis D. Williams School of Graduate Students, Appalachian State University.
2023	Appalachian State Virtual International Program Award (VIP of OIED), “Global Resettlement and Climate” Quality Enhancement Plan.
(2023	BOARD OF GOVERNORS Appalachian State University Excellence in Teaching Award, Appalachian State University)
2022	Office of International Education and Research Grant (OIED), “Geopolitics of Resettlement in Oceania” Appalachian State University.
2022	College of Arts and Science Student and Faculty Excellence Grant (SAFE) “Best Practices for Resettlement in Oceania,” Appalachian State University.
2022	Online Teaching Excellence Institute (OTEI), Appalachian State University.
(2022	Teacher of the Year Award, College of Arts and Sciences)
2021	Outstanding Emerging Research Scholar Grant, Political Geography International Journal, Elsevier. External Funds.
2020	Undergraduate Research Associate (URA) Research Grant to support Taylor Lundquist, Appalachian State University.

2020	National Science Foundation (NSF), RUI GSS: “Understanding connections between mobility, transportation and quality of life in refugee communities in Tucson, Arizona,” (#1951754) (Dempsey PI, App State & Myadar co-PI, University of Arizona, co-PI) ranked as Competitive, but not funded. External Grant.
(2020	William Strickland Outstanding Junior Faculty Award)
2019	College of Arts and Science Research/Proposal Development Summer Grant, Appalachian State University
2019	Faculty Resigned Time Grant, Office of Research, Appalachian State University.
2018-2020	Graduate Research and Mentorship Grant (GRAM) Program Award [Co-Pi: Dr. Maggie Sugg, Dr. Elizabeth Shay] “Southern Appalachian Mountain Vulnerability and Resilience” Cratis D. Williams School of Graduate Students, Appalachian State University.
2018	College of Arts and Science Faculty Research Summer Grant, “Political Geography of Forced Resettlement in Europe,” Appalachian State University.
2018	Wayne D. Duncan Teaching Fellowship Prize for Teaching Development, “Undergraduate Teaching Excellence” Appalachian State University.
2018	National Science Foundation (NSF) NRT “Empowering Local Communities for Access to Food and Clean Water” (#1850324). [Shay and Dempsey PI, Kowalczyk and MacNamara Co-PI, M. Sugg & A. Hege, Senior Personnel]. Not funded. External Grant.
2018	University Research Council Grant (URC), “Forced Resettlement in the European Union,” Appalachian State University.
2018	Conducting Complex Research Together (CONCERT) Grants,” [Drs. Dempsey, Shay, Sugg] Vulnerability and Resilience in the Southern Appalachian Mountains,” Appalachian State University’s Research Institute for Environment, Energy, and Economics (RIEEE).
2017	United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-G2016-STAR-A2 EPA “From Collective Knowledge to Action: Water Resources, Public Health, and Adaptive Planning in a Rural Mountain Environment,” [PI M. Sugg, co-PIs Dempsey, Runkle, and Shay]. Not funded. External Grant.
2017	Conducting Complex Research Together (CONCERT) Grants,” [Drs. Dempsey, Shay, Sugg] Vulnerability and Resilience in the Southern Appalachian Mountains,” Appalachian State University’s Research Institute for Environment, Energy, and Economics (RIEEE).
2016-2018	Graduate Research Associate Mentor (GRAM) Program Award, [Co-Pi: Dr. Maggie Sugg, Dr. Elizabeth Shay] “Identifying Climate Vulnerability and Community Resilience in the Southern Appalachian Mountains,” Cratis D. Williams School of Graduate Students, Appalachian State University.

- 2016 Conducting Complex Research Together (CONCERT) Grants,” [Drs. Dempsey, Shay, Sugg] Vulnerability and Resilience in the Southern Appalachian Mountains,” Appalachian State University’s Research Institute for Environment, Energy, and Economics (RIEEE).
- 2016 Board of Trustee Grant for International Research “Shared spaces and sectarian segregation in Ireland,” Appalachian State University.
- 2016 University Research Council Grant (URC), “Safe Spaces in Divided Neighborhoods in Belfast,” Appalachian State University.
- 2016 College of Arts and Science Student and Faculty Excellence Grant (SAFE), “Mapping Sectarianism in Northern Ireland,” Appalachian State University.
- 2016 Undergraduate Research Assistantship Awards, “Sectarianism and Peace in Belfast,” (Victoria Olender) Office of Student Research, Appalachian State University.
- 2016 Conducting Complex Research Together (CONCERT) Grants,” [Drs. Dempsey, Shay, Sugg] Vulnerability and Resilience in the Southern Appalachian Mountains,” Appalachian State University’s Research Institute for Environment, Energy, and Economics (RIEEE), supplemental summer award
- 2015 Beacon Project, “The Beacon Project: “Moral Exemplars, Space and Human Morality,” [Co-Pi: Dr. Andrew Monroe] Templeton Trust. Not funded. External Grant.
- 2014 DePaul “Enhancing Student Education Grant,” DePaul University.
- 2011 Capstone PhD. Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison -Awarded to 4 Graduate Students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2010 University Teaching Writing Fellowship, “Writing instruction across the University,” University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2008 International Studies Travel Grant, “Place Identity, Monumental Landscapes and Regional Transformations,” University of Wisconsin.
- 2008 First Place Graduate Student Paper Award, “Constructing Contemporary European Regional Identities and National Divisions,” Association of American Geographers, European Specialty Group.
- 2007 National Science Foundation (NSF) DDRI (#0825675) Doctoral Dissertation Research: National Monumental Landscapes and Regional Transformation. (PI: R. Ostergren, co-PI; Dempsey). External Grant.
- 2005 Tinker-NAVE Field Scholarship, “Reinventing Region: (Re)Defining Region,” Tinker-NAVE Research Society. External Grant.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Nationalism and Geopolitics
- Peacebuilding
- Geopolitics of religion
- Conflict, paramilitary violence and reconciliation efforts
- International legally-documented refugees
- Health Geographies in developing nations
- Politics of place, architecture and representation
- Human Geography (Political, Cultural, Historical and Urban)

## RESEARCH FIELD WORK

2025	Archival research, George Mosse Research Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2023	Geopolitics of resettlement, New Zealand (Auckland, Hamilton, and Christchurch)
2017-*ongoing	Geopolitics of European Union and resettlement law
2017	Drought dialogues in Appalachia, North Carolina
2017	Migration and Integration Ethnographic Resettlement Research, Iceland
2016	Ethnographic Research on EU resettlement: Sweden, Denmark, Germany, and the Netherlands
2015-*ongoing	“Shared” spaces in divided neighborhoods in Belfast, Northern Ireland
2014	Memorial Landscape Research, Dublin, Republic of Ireland
2013	Tourism employment resettlement in Catalonia, Spain
2012	European Union 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
2009	Archival Urban Plans, University of Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, Spain
2009	Dissertation Field Research, Santiago Archives and Capitol Library, Spain
2007	Master’s Thesis Field Research: Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

## NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

<b>2023-present</b>	<b>AAG Honors Committee, American Association of Geographers</b>
2023-present	Mentor and Reviewer, Political Geography Annual Early Career Workshop Mentor
<b>2023-2025</b>	<b>President Emeritus, Political Geography Group, AAG</b>
<b>2021-2023</b>	<b>President, Political Geography Group, AAG</b>
2019-2021	Vice President, Political Geography Group, AAG
2015-2017	President, European Specialty Group, AAG

## EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

*Geographical Review*, 2024-present

## EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE WITH EDITED JOURNALS AND BOOKS

2024-2026	<b>Co-Editor - Dempsey, K.E. and Myadar, O. eds. (2026). <i>Geopolitics of Displacement</i>. Special issue in <i>Geographical Review</i>.</b>
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- 2022-2023      **Co-Editor - Dempsey, K.E.** and Myadar, O. eds. (2023). *Making and Unmaking Legal Refugees: Geopolitics of Geneva Convention's Global Regime*. Routledge. ISBN 9781032452708.
- 2022-2023      **Co-Editor - Flint, C., and Dempsey, K.E.** eds. (2023). *Making Geographies of Peace and War*. Routledge. ISBN 9781032385983.
- 2020-2021      **Co-Editor- Dempsey, K.E.** and Myadar, O. eds. (2022). "Unmaking of Resettlement within the Geneva Convention's Global Regime" Special Issue in *Geopolitics*. doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2021.1924552

#### INVITED PLENARY SPEAKER/OFF-CAMPUS LECTURES

- 2025      **Annual Distinguished Speaker**, George L. Mosse Foundation and University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries, "Geographic variability of asylum throughout the European Union." Annual Fellowship Lecture Series, Madison and Berlin.
- 2025      "Sectarianism and peacebuilding in post-conflict societies," Invited Guest Lecturer, Université de Montréal, Montreal, Canada.
- 2025      "Contested Nationalism across time on the island of Ireland" Invited Guest Lecturer, Department of Geography, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- 2025      "Is there peace in sectarian in post-conflict Northern Ireland? Geographic distributions of peace building," Invited Guest Lecturer, School of Public Service, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2024      **Plenary Speaker**, "Geographies of Violence Across Scale," Brazilian Political Geography Conference IV CONGEO, Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil
- 2024      **Plenary Panel Speaker-** "Geopolitics of Violence and Peacebuilding Efforts in Post-Conflict Ireland," International Geographers Union (IGU) Political Geography Conference, Belfast, Northern Ireland
- 2024      **Plenary Speaker**, National Political Geography Organization (PGSG), American Association of Geographers Conference, Manoa, Hawaii.
- 2024      "Geopolitics of Regional Nationalism in Modern Spain," Invited Guest Lecturer, Carroll University, Waukesha, Wisconsin.
- 2024      "Sectarian Segregation, Paramilitary Violence, and a Fragile Peace," Department of Geography, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hawaii.
- 2024      "Methodology and Challenges of International Peacebuilding," Invited Guest Speaker, Utah State University
- 2023      **Senator G. Mitchell Distinguished Speaker** "What the 25<sup>th</sup> University of the 1998 Peace Agreement means today," Queens University, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

- 2023 **Yi-Fu Tuan Distinguished Lecturer** – “25 Years after the Good Friday Peace Agreement: Peacebuilding in a divided Ireland,” University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- 2023 **Wisconsin Public Radio Academic Book Author Interview** – “25th Anniversary of the Belfast Agreement with Kara Dempsey” *A Public Affair*. Wisconsin Public Radio. April.
- 2023 “Positive Peacebuilding in grassroots community centers,” University of North Carolina-Greensboro, North Carolina.
- 2023 “Spaces of Peacebuilding in Ireland,” Invited Guest Lecturer, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada.
- 2023 “Frozen reconciliation? Peacebuilding efforts in divided Ireland,” Invited Guest Lecturer, Walker Institute of International and Area Studies, University of South Carolina.
- 2023 “Why the walls remain - Northern Ireland after the 1998 Peace Agreement,” Invited Lecturer, Palmetto Forum, Palmetto Club - Columbia, South Carolina.
- 2023 “Exclusionary nationalism: residential segregation and asylum camps in Europe,” Invited Guest Speaker, University of Arizona, Tucson.
- 2023 **O’Donovan Distinguished Lecturer**, “Why walls with a Peace Agreement? Northern Ireland 25 years later.” DePaul University, Chicago.
- 2022 “International Peacebuilding Methodologies from the Field,” Invited Guest Speaker, Peace Institute, Utah State University.
- 2022 “Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution,” Invited Guest Speaker, Department of Geography, Northern Illinois University.
- 2022 “Reflections on International Peacebuilding,” Invited Guest Speaker, Peace Institute, Utah State University.
- 2018 **Walker College of Business International Awards Luncheon Keynote Speaker** Annual Award Ceremony, “Global forces, geopolitics, and the global economy,” Walker College of Business, Appalachian State University.
- 2015 “Politics, Place and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland,” International Education Week, Appalachian State University.
- 2015 Guest Lecturer, “Spanish Business Practices” Department of Modern Languages and Literature, Carroll University, Waukesha.
- 2014 Guest Lecturer, “Spanish Nationalism and peacebuilding” 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, “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.

#### PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 “Empowering Change and Agency in Grassroots Advocacy Organization,” Political Geography Specialty Annual Meeting, Detroit.
- 2025 “Peacebuilding after Brexit in Northern Ireland,” American Irish Studies Conference, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina.
- 2025 “Geopolitics of Teaching Nationalism and Globalizations,” American Association of Geographers Conference, Detroit.
- 2025 “Violence of forging nationalist identities: Custodianship of bodies” panelist for Author Meets Critics session for R. Carter-White & C. Minca’s *A Spatial Theory of Camp*. American Association of Geographers Conference, Detroit.
- 2024 **Plenary Panel Speaker**- Geopolitics of Violence and Peace in Post-Conflict Ireland, International Geographers Union Political Geography Conference, Belfast, Northern Ireland
- 2023 **AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS – (Author)** “Introduction to the Geopolitics of Conflict, Nationalism, Reconciliation in Ireland” American Association of Geographers Conference, Denver
- 2023 “Forging shared spaces for building peace: Corrymeela, Northern Ireland,” American Association of Geographers Conference, Denver

- 2022 “International peacebuilding and human agency,” Association of American Geographers Conference, New York City/hybrid online
- 2021 “Geopolitical spaces of embodied violence and agency,” American Association of Geographers Conference, Seattle/hybrid online
- 2021 Author meets Critic: “Fair Trade Rebels,” panelist, American Association of 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,” American Association of Geographers Conference, DC.
- 2018 “The European Union’s Securitization through Violence,” American Association of Geographers Conference, New Orleans
- 2017 “Violence and Peacebuilding in the European Union from 2016-2018” Political Geography Specialty Group Annual Conference, Harvard University
- 2017 “Experiences of violence along resettlement routes: The European Union and its Crisis,” American Association of Geographers Conference, Boston.
- 2016 “Media Perceptions and public reception of resettlement plans,” American Association of Geographers Conference, San Francisco.
- 2016 “‘Shared’ Spaces in Post-Conflict Belfast,” American Association of 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.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2025-present	<b>American Council of Learned Societies</b> grant reviewer
2025	Book reviewer and back cover endorsement “ <i>Thinking Like a Route: Counter-geographies of Informal Migration in the Balkans</i> ” edited by Minca and Weima.
2024-present	<b>Board Member</b> , <i>Geographical Review (Journal)</i>
2023-present	<b>(AAG) American Association of Geographers Award &amp; Honors Committee</b>
2023-2025	<b>President Emeritus</b> , Political Geography Specialty Group and PGSG Conference, American Association of Geographers
2021-2023	<b>President</b> , Political Geography Specialty Group and PGSG Conference, American Association of Geographers
2020	Invited Committee Member for the American Association of Geographers 2020 “ <i>Ethnonationalism and Exclusion Around the World</i> ” Theme Selection Committee
2025-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i>
2024-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Annals of the American Association of Geographers</i>
2024-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Journal of Refugee Studies</i>
2024-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Territory, Politics, and Governance</i>
2024-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Geographical Review</i>
2024-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Geography Compass</i>
2023-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i>
2023-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Space and Polity</i>
2022-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Social &amp; Cultural Geography</i>
2021-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Space, Place, and Policy</i>
2018-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Geopolitics</i>
2018-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Dialogues in Human Geography</i>
2018-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Political Geography</i>
2018-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Refugee Studies</i>

2018-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>ACME: Critical Geographies</i>
2018-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Geoforum</i>
2017-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Journal of Geography</i>
2016-present	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Landscape Research</i>
2019-2021	<b>Vice President</b> of the Political Geography Specialty Group and PGSG Conference, American Association of Geographers
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.
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
2014	Book reviewer, <i>After the Agreement: Life in contemporary Northern Ireland</i> by Sarah Tuck
2015-present	<b>Voting Board Member</b> of Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
2015	Panelist and Panel Organizer for “Rebirth of Region,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Chicago
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 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

#### MENTORING - ADVISOR TO GRADUATE STUDENT THESIS

2023-2025	<b>CHAIR</b> to Gloria Hope, <i>Master Thesis (my GRAM Student)</i> – “Geopolitics of the United States: A comparative study of geopolitical relations with Colombia and Venezuela.” Spring 2025.
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2023-present	Committee Member, <i>PhD Dissertation</i> , English Department's Jean Hall's on "Autoethnography and the role of place in writing."
2021-2022	<b>CHAIR</b> to Harrison Brown, <i>Master's Thesis</i> , Department of Geography and Planning, "Spatial distribution of twitter discussion topics regarding covid-19 and related public health policies."
2021-2022	<b>CHAIR</b> to Caity Duncan, <i>Master's Thesis</i> , Department of Geography and Planning, "Assessing the relationship between sociodemographic variables and adult asthma rates at the county regional-division level in the contiguous United States."
2019-2020	Committee Member to Leah Handwerger, <i>Master's Thesis</i> , Department of Geography and Planning, "An Assessment of social and physical vulnerability to hydroclimate extremes in Appalachia."
2017-2018	<b>CO-Chair</b> , David Vines, <i>Master's Thesis</i> , Department of Geography and Planning, "The media makes the discourse: De facto state development, Nagorno Karabakh and the Vardenis-Martakert Highway." (Co-Chair with Dr. Schroeder)
2017-2018	Committee Member, Lauren Andersen, <i>Master's Thesis</i> , Department of Geography and Planning, "An assessment of wildfire vulnerability in Western North Carolina."
2016-2017	Committee Member to Laura Thompson, <i>Master's Thesis</i> , Department of Geography and Planning, "Adolescents in Crisis: A spatial exploration of mental distress using data from Crisis Text Line."
2016-2017	Committee Member to Jesse Andrews, <i>Master's Thesis</i> , Department of Geography and Planning. "A Practicum on Uncertainty: Creation of an HGIS Database"
2012- 2013	Committee Member to Caheri Aguilar-Arriagada, <i>Master's Thesis</i> , "Introducing flexibility in the admission requirements for membership of Eurozone countries." International Studies Department, DePaul University.

#### ***Advisor to Undergraduate Honors Thesis***

2025-present	<b>CHAIR</b> to Lexi Christiansen, <i>Honor's Thesis</i> , "Linguistic impact of contested politics in Japan."
2024-2025	<b>CO-CHAIR</b> to Emerson Phillips, <i>Honor's Thesis</i> , "Women in paramilitary and peacebuilding in Belfast during the Troubles." (Co-Chair with Dr. Mary Valante)
2020- 2021	<b>CHAIR</b> to Taylor Lundquist, <i>Honor's Thesis</i> , "The role of media and government in refugee acceptance rates in Sweden."
2019-2020	<b>CHAIR</b> to Max Martin, <i>Honor's Thesis</i> , "Resurgence of ultra-nationalist and right-wing extremist groups in Sweden."
2017-2018	Committee Member to Victoria Haynes, <i>Honor's Thesis</i> , "Geopolitics and the multigenerational narratives of Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Jhumpa Lahiri."

2017-2018      Committee Member to Margaret Smith, *Honor's Thesis*, "Splenocytes from young mice proliferate and protect immunocompromised mice against death from malaria infection."

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2025-            Appalachian State and Queens University Belfast partnership and MOU Committee, Appalachian State University

2024-present    QEP CLI Pathways to Resilience Implementation Committee Faculty committee member

2023-2025      **Committee Member, PhD Thesis** Jean Hall's PhD Dissertation on Autoethnography and the role of place in writing

2023-2024      **CHAIR**, College of Arts & Sciences Academy of Outstanding Teachers Committee, Appalachian State University

2023-present    Guest speaker in Watauga grade schools – Geography, Resettlement, and Local Agency, Green Valley School, North Carolina

2023-present    Grant Reviewer - Appalachian State's Peer Assisted Grant Review Enterprise (**PARE**), Appalachian State University

2023-present    Transfer Student Mentor, Appalachian State University

2018            **CHAIR**, College of Arts & Sciences William Strickland Outstanding Junior Faculty Award Committee, Appalachian State University

2018-present    Honor & Awards Committee, Appalachian State University

2017            Co-organizer and participant for University panel discussion for "Mountain Vulnerability Research," May 2017, Appalachian State University

2016            Global Studies and International Migration Panel organizer and presenter, Appalachian State University

2015            Speaker, "Politics, Place and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland" for International Education Week, Appalachian State University

2014            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

## DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

### **\*In addition to regular Department Committee Service and Student Mentorship**

2026-2027	Graduate Comprehensive Exam Committee
2025-2026	Search Committee, Department Chair, Department of Geography & Planning
2024-2026	Post Tenure and Review (PTR) Committee Member
2024	Search Committee, "Cluster" Hire for Physical Geography and Hire for Climatology (50+hours due to the Cluster hire for two positions)
2024-2025	Planning Program Advisory Committee Member
2023-2024	<b>Chair</b> , Appointment, Promotion and Tenure (APT) Department Committee
2023-2024	Search Committee, Online GIS Hire, Department of Geography & Planning
2022-2024	Tenure and Promotion (T&P) Regulation Review Committee
2021-2023	Curriculum Committee and T&P Committee
2019-2024	<b>Chair</b> , Speaker Committee, Department of Geography & Planning
2019-2020	Search Committee, Department of Geography and Planning Hire for Chair
2017	<b>Chair</b> , Graduate Comprehensive Exam Committee
2016-2017	Search Committee, Department of Geography and Planning Cartography Hire
2013-2015	<b>Director</b> of the Irish Studies Program, DePaul University - Within one academic year: (In addition to regular Department/Program/Institute responsibilities) 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 TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

- High Impact Classroom Teaching Techniques Training Workshop (CETLSS), March 2025, Appalachian State University
  - Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning for Student Success Workshop (CETLSS) training for Quality Flipped Pedagogical Expertise, February 2025, Appalachian State University
  - Students' Mental Health First Aid Training Certification 2024, Appalachian State University
  - Developing Culturally Responsive Learning Environments at Appalachian State University 2024
  - Pedagogical and Methodological Teaching Training 2023
    - AAG Mapping Training with Trubel & Co., 2023.
    - Colombia University Teaching Excellence summer-long workshop (MOOC) "Excellent Teaching: Supporting Students in College Classrooms" 2021
    - Appalachian State University's Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning for Student Success summer-long teaching workshop, 2022.
- \*Developed 3 new courses and innovated 4 department courses**

## Teaching Interests

- Human Geography (Political, Urban, Cultural, Historical, Religious and Social)
- 1951 Geneva Convention
- Peacebuilding and Peace Studies
- Nationalist Movements and Paramilitary Violence
- 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
- Liberal Studies (Politics through Literature, Art, and Film)
- Qualitative methods

### Department of Geography and Planning, Appalachian State University

Fall 2025

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 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 3017: *Mediterranean Empires and Globalization*

- 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 2035: Geographies of 1951 Geneva Convention and 1967 Protocol

- Explores key geography themes and questions pertaining to mobility and displacement with specific attention to various social and practices. Students will explore spatial patterns of transit corridors from key states of origin such as Africa, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia into Europe into the European Union.

Fall 2021-2024 GHY 3011: *Geography of Europe - Past & Present*

GHY 3017: *Mediterranean Empires and Globalization*

GHY 1040: *Human Geography and Peacebuilding*

- Study of spatial patterns and human society focusing on the geospatial aspects of social, cultural, political and global dimensions of human language, human-environment interaction, economy, religion and government.

Summer 2020-2025 GHY 3230: *Political Geography*

- 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*

Spring 2015-2026 GHY 4230: *Political Geography*

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

GHY 1040: *Introduction to Human Geography*

Fall 2019-2016 GHY 1020: *Global Regional Geography*

- An examination of global issues including 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*

GHY 1040: *Introduction to Human Geography*

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.

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*

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, University of Wisconsin-Madison**

- 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 2026    (forthcoming) Co-leading "Walkable Scotland" with Dr. Elizabeth Shay, Faculty-Led Education Abroad Program, Appalachian State University.
- Summer 2016    Trained Appalachian State University student researcher for fieldwork on 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 MEMBERSHIP

Association of American Geographers:

2023-2021 President – National Political Geography Organization (PGSG of the AAG)  
2019-2021 Vice President - National Political Geography Organization (PGSG)  
2014-2017 President - European Specialty Group (ESG)  
2014-present Board Member - Political Geography Specialty Group (PGSG)  
2008-present Member - Landscape Specialty Group (LSG)  
2008-present Member - Cultural Geography Specialty Group (CGSG)  
2014 Local host for National Political Geography Organization annual conference, Chicago

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2009-present Sigma Delta Pi National Spanish Honor Society, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
2007-present Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, University of Wisconsin-Madison

## NON-ACAMEDIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020-present Volunteer, Medical Translator at local hospital  
2016-2019 Habitat for Humanity Board Member, Watauga County  
2015-2019 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

- Volunteer on annual week-long medical training program and pediatric surgeries as a Spanish-English translator and Operating Recovery Room attendant